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for the County of Los Angeles

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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

May 10, 2017

Present:

Donald Dear, First Vice-Chair

Kathryn Barger
Margaret Finlay
Janice Hahn
Gerard McCallum
David Ryu
David Spence

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Judith Mitchell, Alternate
Joe Ruzicka, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

Paul Novak, AICP; Executive Officer
Erik Conard, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard Close

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate
Sheila Kuehl, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by First Vice-Chair Donald Dear.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Vice-Chair Donald Dear.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (E.O.) read an announcement, asking that persons who made a campaign contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the past twelve (12) months rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such campaign contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

The E.O. read an announcement, asking if any Commissioner had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure and recusal from any item on today's agenda.

Supervisor Barger disclosed that she received campaign contributions from Fourstar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc., and recused herself from Agenda Item 9.b. The two contributions of \$1,500 each were received on October 24, 2016.

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore-in four (4) members of the audience who planned to testify.

5 INFORMATION ITEM(S) – GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 56751 & 56857 NOTICE

- a. Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Amendments to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 – Malibu, and the West Basin Municipal Water District Spheres of Influence; Detachment from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29 – Malibu and the West Basin Municipal Water District; and Annexation to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District).

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and Filed.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY

AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY,
HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
SPENCE, DEAR
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSED: 8/0/0

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of April 12, 2017.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of April 2017.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.
- d. Approved revised Minutes of March 8, 2017 (on page 18).

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY,
HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
SPENCE, DEAR
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, RYU, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSED: 8/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District, the Artesia Cemetery District, the Downey Cemetery District, the Little Lake Cemetery District, and the Wilmington Cemetery District.

The E.O. noted that the Agenda package contained the staff report, resolutions, maps, and the MSR for each of the five cemetery districts located in Los Angeles County. The E.O. indicated that there were slight errors on three of the cemetery district maps (revised copies were provided to all Commissioners): Antelope Valley Cemetery District, Downey Cemetery District, and Wilmington Cemetery District.

[Commissioner Ryu arrived at 9:12 a.m.]

The E.O. noted that, as stated in Chapter Two of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, the Legislature authorized the creation of cemetery districts in 1909. Public cemeteries are unique public agencies that provide a cost benefit to the residents who live within the district boundaries because they are significantly less expensive than private cemeteries. Cemetery districts have limited budgets, and district Boards are sensitive to rate increases. They are further constrained because, unlike private cemeteries, public cemetery districts, by law, are not allowed to sell markers or headstones. While cemetery districts do not provide essential services (e.g. fire protection or retail water), they do provide public services to those residents, particular to individuals with limited means, who are facing difficult decisions upon the passing of a loved one.

Three of the five cemetery districts were formed in the 1920s, and two were formed in the 1950s. All of the cemeteries predate district formation, with burials going back to the late 1800s. The oldest cemetery is the Wilmington Cemetery, which was established in 1857.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on the Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update for the Cemetery Districts (Antelope Valley Cemetery District, Artesia Cemetery District, Downey Cemetery District, Little Lake Cemetery District, and Wilmington Cemetery District).

The E.O. noted that the staff recommendation is to reconfirm the existing Sphere of Influence (SOI) boundaries for the Artesia Cemetery District and the Little Lake Cemetery District. Neither district is likely to expand its boundaries nor will file future annexations with LAFCO.

The E.O. also noted that the staff recommendation is to expand the SOI boundaries for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District and the Wilmington Cemetery District. These SOI expansions will accommodate future annexations for each of the districts to receive additional revenue (the Antelope Valley Cemetery District has already filed an annexation proposal with LAFCO). The Wilmington Cemetery District's Board plans to file an annexation proposal with LAFCO in the near future.

In addition, the staff recommendation is to expand the SOI boundaries for the Downey Cemetery District (DCD) to include the remaining portion of the City of Downey (City). At present, only about sixty-percent (60%) of the City of Downey is within the Downey Cemetery District's SOI boundaries. This creates confusion for the public to why they live in the City but do not live within the boundaries of the Downey Cemetery District. Staff confirmed with the City of Downey that the City has no objections to the expansion of the Downey Cemetery District's SOI boundaries. Initially, the Cemetery District Draft MSR recommended a dissolution of the DCD and creation of a subsidiary district of the City of Downey (all of Downey Cemetery District's assets would be transferred to the City of Downey). LAFCO staff confirmed with

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representatives of the City of Downey that the City does not support the DCD dissolution at this time. The Downey City Council intends to research current and deferred maintenance issues, status of existing infrastructure, and to clarify certain financial issues associated with the DCD. For this reason, the staff recommendation is for the Commission to consider a dissolution in the future, and for the E.O. to continue to work with City staff and the Downey Cemetery District's Board of Directors.

The E.O. stated that LAFCO staff has worked closely with Supervisor Hahn's office regarding the Downey Cemetery District and the Wilmington Cemetery District; and worked closely with Supervisor Antonovich's office regarding the Antelope Valley Cemetery District. The E.O. thanked all five cemetery districts for their cooperation and input with LAFCO staff in the preparation of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR.

Supervisor Hahn thanked the E.O. and LAFCO staff for all their work in preparing the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR.

Supervisor Hahn stated that three of five the cemetery districts are located within her supervisorial district: the Artesia Cemetery District (reconfirmed SOI boundaries with no changes to the district's boundaries); the Downey Cemetery District (amended SOI to include the remaining portion of the City of Downey); and the Wilmington Cemetery District (amended SOI boundaries will facilitate the district to receive additional revenue).

Supervisor Hahn stated that she recently toured the Wilmington Cemetery. She noted that there were sinking graves, the landscaping is in need of attention, and district representatives voiced the inability to provide in-ground burials due to the lack of record keeping. The revenue currently generated for the Wilmington Cemetery District (WCD) is not adequate to maintain the cemetery property as a historical gem. Supervisor Hahn stated that she is pleased with the staff recommendation to expand the Wilmington Cemetery District's SOI boundaries to facilitate an annexation which would increase revenue for the WCD. Supervisor Hahn asked how soon will the Wilmington Cemetery District receive the additional revenue. The E.O. stated if the annexation is completed by December 1, 2017, the additional revenue will accrue starting July 2018. It depends how quickly the tax transfer resolution is processed with the County Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The E.O. suggested that the Supervisor Hahn work closely with the CEO to expedite the tax transfer resolution.

The E.O. thanked Alisha O'Brien for her great work in preparing the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

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The Commission took the following actions with respect to each of the five-named cemetery districts:

- Adopted the May 10, 2017 Cemetery Districts Municipal Service Review;
- Adopted the recommended determinations required for a Municipal Service Review as contained in both the staff report and the MSR pursuant to Government Code Section 56430;
- Adopted the recommended determinations required for the Update of the Spheres of Influence as contained in both the staff report and the MSR pursuant to Government Code Section 56425;
 - a. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Adopting the MSR and SOI for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District; Resolution No. 2017-17RMD.
 - b. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Adopting the MSR and SOI for the Artesia Cemetery District; Resolution No. 2017-18RMD.
 - c. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Adopting the MSR and SOI for the Downey Cemetery District; Resolution No. 2017-19RMD.
 - d. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Adopting the MSR and SOI for the Little Lake Cemetery District; Resolution No. 2017-20RMD.
 - e. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Adopting the MSR and SOI for the Wilmington Cemetery District; Resolution No. 2017-21RMD.
- Directed the Executive Officer to add the words “Amended May 10, 2017” to the official LAFCO SOI maps for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District, the Downey Cemetery District, and the Wilmington Cemetery District; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to add the words “Reconfirmed May 10, 2017” to the official LAFCO SOI maps for the Artesia Cemetery District and the Little Lake Cemetery District.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: BARGER
AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY,
HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN: NONE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- b. Annexation No. 2015-06 to the Newhall County Water District (Tesoro), Amendment to the Newhall County Water District Sphere of Influence (SOI).

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 2015-06 to the Newhall County Water District (Tesoro), Amendment to the Newhall County Water District Sphere of Influence (SOI).

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determination, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 2015-06 to the Newhall County Water District (Tesoro), Amendment to the Newhall County Water District Sphere of Influence (SOI); Resolution No. 2017-22RMD.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: BARGER
AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY,
HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN: NONE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- c. Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree), Amendment to the Newhall County Water District Sphere of Influence (SOI).

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree), Amendment to the Newhall County Water District Sphere of Influence (SOI).

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determination, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree), Amendment to the Newhall County Water District Sphere of Influence (SOI); Resolution No. 2017-23RMD.

MOTION:	RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN:	NONE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES:	9/0/0

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Legislative Update.

The E.O. swore-in one (1) additional member of the audience who planned to testify.

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The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

Joan Dunn (former Vice President, Newhall County Water District) came before the Commission. Mrs. Dunn stated that the Valencia Water Company (VWC) is not included in SB 634, but should be represented and included in the proposed consolidation of the Newhall County Water District (NCWD) and the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA). Mrs. Dunn stated that she believes that the new proposed amendments to SB 634 create a dictatorship and that the bill has not been processed democratically. Mrs. Dunn suggested that the Commission review the new proposed amendments to SB 634.

Ed Dunn (former Director and President, Newhall County Water District; and a former Director, Castaic Lake Water Agency) came before the Commission. Mr. Dunn stated that he believes SB 634 is a convoluted bill, and suggested that the Commission oppose SB 634.

Carmillis "Cam" Noltemeyer (Treasurer, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment) came before the Commission. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that she appreciates that the staff recommendation is for the Commission to retain the "oppose until amended" position on SB 634. She stated that she believes there are still significant concerns about the bill. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that the staff report incorrectly refers to the "Santa Clarita Water District" when in fact the new proposed agency name is the "Santa Clarita Valley Water District". She also voiced that the Valencia Water Company should be represented in the proposed consolidation. Mrs. Noltemeyer stated that according to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Valencia Water Company recently changed from a private entity to a public entity. CLWA was projected to make \$80 million in interfund loans. Mrs. Noltemeyer noted that, as of March 7, 2017, the Castaic Lake Water Agency increased their personnel cost by \$785,000. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that she believes that the proposed consolidation is not a cost-benefit to the public.

Mrs. Noltemeyer provided copies of the following documentation to the Commission: Castaic Lake Water Agency Memorandum, dated March 7, 2017; Santa Clarita Water Division, Financial Plan and Recommended Water Rates, dated June 21, 2013; Upper Santa Clara Valley Joint Powers Authority, Annual Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016; Eminent Domain Settlement Agreement among Castaic Lake Water Agency, the Newhall Land and Farming Company, and Valencia Water Company, dated December 12, 2012; Settlement Agreement between Newhall County Water and Castaic Lake Water Agency dated December 13, 2016; and various other hand-outs.

Supervisor Barger clarified that the Commission is not taking a position on the content of SB 634 but rather the process and procedure as it affects LAFCO's role associated with the proposed consolidation.

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The E.O. apologized for the error on the staff report referencing the “Santa Clarita Water District” when it should be the “Santa Clarita Valley Water District.”

Maria Gutzeit (Board President, Newhall County Water District) came before the Commission. Ms. Gutzeit stated that she has been an NCWD Board member for over 13 years. NCWD and CLWA have a common goal – to better manage water resources within the Santa Clarita Valley. Ms. Gutzeit stated that the proposed consolidation between NCWD and CLWA will save \$14 million, help secure grant funding for watershed projects, and eliminate turf battles. Ms. Gutzeit stated that 14 of 15 members board members of the NCWD and CLWA support the consolidation. Ms. Gutzeit stated that the Newhall County Water District has incorporated LAFCO’s recommendations into the proposed amendments to SB 634.

Joseph Byrne (General Counsel, Castaic Lake Water Agency) came before the Commission. Mr. Byrne thanked the E.O. for working with the NCWD and CLWA. He stated that there was extensive work done with State legislatures on the proposed amendments to SB 634, and the bill mirrors LAFCO’s role and responsibilities as it relates to the proposed consolidation. As part of additional amendments to SB 634, the bill will include the Valencia Water Company in the proposed consolidation. There is no impact to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde (CWWD 36). Castaic Lake Water Agency is a special act district that requires legislation pertaining to the new governing structure proposed with the consolidation. Mr. Byrne stated that the general public supports the proposed consolidation, and only a small percentage of the public oppose the consolidation. Mr. Byrne stated that he will continue to work with the E.O. regarding the amendments related to SB 634, and suggested that the Commission take a “support unless amended” position on SB 634.

The E.O. noted that the primary objection to SB 634 is that the bill was originally introduced with no LAFCO role. The proposed amendments impose new requirements that were not before the Commission at last month’s meeting. The newly formed district “Santa Clarita Valley Water District,” created after January 1, 2018, will be required to submit an application for conditions to LAFCO. The Commission would be required to hear the item within 60 days after receipt of the application. By March 2018, the item will be heard by the Commission, which has the ability to impose terms and conditions subject to reasonable restrictions. The E.O. noted the bill would authorize the Commission to determine active powers and latent powers, and specify that any future change of organization or reorganization involving CWWD 36 would require that an application filed with LA LAFCO. As noted, and detailed in the staff report, there are still additional amendments required. There is also an amendment which was not originally included – that LAFCO be compensated for the cost of processing the application with restrictions. The E.O. stated that there are still a series of proposed amendments that are outstanding, which are in the process of being reviewed by State legislators. The E.O. recommended that the Commission retain the “oppose unless amended” position until the Commission receives all amendments in writing.

Supervisor Barger thanked all members of the public who testified at today's meeting, and stated that she supports the staff recommendation to retain the "oppose unless amended" position on SB 634.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Retained the "oppose unless amended" position on SB 634;
- Directed the Executive Officer to continue working with the author, sponsors, legislative staff, and interested parties to obtain amendments to SB 634 which address the issues raised herein; and
- Received and filed the Legislative Report.

MOTION:	BARGER
SECOND:	RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
AYES:	BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN:	NONE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES:	9/0/0

[Commissioner Finlay left at 9:40 a.m.]

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Hidden Creeks Estates – Status Report.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Hidden Creeks Estates.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and Filed.

MOTION:	RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND:	SPENCE

AYES: BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), HAHN,
McCALLUM, MITCHELL (ALT. FOR FINLAY),
RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN: NONE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, FINLAY, KUEHL (ALT. FOR BARGER),
GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 8/0/0

As stated earlier, Supervisor Barger recused herself from Agenda Item No. 9.b.

10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

First Vice-Chair Dear stated that the Executive Officer started with LA LAFCO on January 3, 2011. The employment agreement between the Commission and the Executive Officer requires a performance evaluation be conducted every three (3) years. The E.O.'s first performance evaluation was completed in 2014, and he is due for a second performance evaluation. The evaluation process includes a survey to be completed by all Commissioners. First Vice-Chair Dear stated that the E.O.'s performance evaluation will be held as a Closed Session item at the June 14th meeting. If there are any amendments to the employment agreement, it would be considered during an Open Session item on July 12th. At today's meeting, all Commissioners were provided a survey and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Commissioners were instructed to mail the completed survey to Chair Gladbach no later than Monday, May 29th. Chair Gladbach will compile all evaluation forms and tabulate the results by the June 14th meeting.

Commissioner McCallum stated he attended the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Board of Directors meeting on Friday, May 5th. The Board discussed how LAFCOs with smaller budgets can be incorporated into CALAFCO, and there was also discussion on current legislative issues that affect LAFCOs.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The E.O. noted that staff received a letter (a copy provided to all Commissioners) from CALAFCO thanking staff for participating at the CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Fresno, April 5-7th. The E.O. recognized Doug Dorado who served on the Program Committee – Staff Workshop in Fresno.

The E.O. stated that he recently had a discussion with Truc Dever (General Manager, Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District). In this discussion, he learned that the District plans, in the near future, to file an Out-of-Agency service agreement (on an interim basis) to provide vector and mosquito services to the City of Vernon.

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The E.O. stated that on the April 26th, the Hermosa Beach City Council approved to annex the City of Hermosa Beach into the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (CFPD). LAFCO anticipates receiving an application from the CFPD, in the near future, to annex the City of Hermosa Beach into the CFPD.

The E.O. stated that he concluded the interview process for the new Deputy Executive Officer (DEO) position. He announced Adriana Romo (Senior Analyst, Riverside LAFCO) as the new Deputy Executive Officer of LA LAFCO. Mrs. Romo will start her new position in mid-July. The E.O. thanked the Committee for their participation in the recruitment process for the DEO position.

Commissioner Spence asked the E.O. how is the City of Vernon (City) going to obtain funding for pay for services provided by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD). The E.O. stated that both parties (City and GLACVCD) are currently negotiating the terms and funding sources. Within the period of the interim agreement (1-2 years), Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District will evaluate the actual costs of providing services to the City of Vernon.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Dunn, who testified earlier before the Commission, stated that she has loved ones buried at the Lancaster Cemetery. Mrs. Dunn commended and recognized Dayle DeBry (General Manager, Antelope Valley Cemetery District) for her help and taking the time to answer Mrs. Dunn's questions.

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

June 14, 2017

July 12, 2017

August 9, 2017

September 13, 2017

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Supervisor Hahn, seconded by Ruzicka (Alt. for Chair Gladbach), the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Novak", with a stylized, flowing script.

Paul Novak, AICP, Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ADOPTING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
(SOI) UPDATE FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code Section (Section) 56000 et seq) provides that a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must adopt Spheres of Influence (SOIs) of each local governmental agency within its jurisdiction (Section 56425(a)) and that it must update, as necessary, each Sphere every five years (Section 56425(g));

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO;

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence;

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the MSR and SOI Update for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission an MSR and SOI Update, including a recommendation to expand the existing SOI for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District;

WHEREAS staff shared a copy of the Draft MSR with representatives of the Antelope Valley Cemetery District on February 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, the MSR and SOI Update for the Cemetery Districts contain the determinations required by Section 56430 for the municipal services provided by the

Antelope Valley Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, a map of the existing SOI of the Antelope Valley Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “1” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, a map of the proposed SOI of the Antelope Valley Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “3” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, set May 10, 2017, as the hearing date on this MSR and SOI study proposal, and gave the required notice of public hearing pursuant to Section 56427;

WHEREAS, after being duly and proper noticed, the Commission held a public hearing on May 10, 2017, and at the hearing the Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard;

WHEREAS, for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District, and pursuant to Section 56430(a)(2), the Commission has considered the impacts of the proposed MSR and SOI Update relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), noting that there are large areas of unincorporated territory with DUCs, and unincorporated areas with DUCs are adjacent to the Antelope Valley Cemetery District’s existing SOI;

WHEREAS, based upon staff review and the feasibility of governmental reorganization identified in Section 56425(h), staff has determined that any such reorganizations will further the goals of orderly development and affordable service

delivery, and therefore will recommend reorganization of the Antelope Valley Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the proposed action consists of the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District; and

WHEREAS, the recommended MSR and SOI Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the recommended periodic update and recommended expansion of the Sphere of Influence for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and, in the alternative, this recommendation is not a project for purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment and therefore is excluded from the definition of a project, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recommended actions are exempt from CEQA as set out herein.
2. The Commission adopts the Municipal Service Review for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District, as prepared and described in the staff report.
3. The Commission adopts the following written determinations and approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District:
 - A. Present and planned land uses in the area: The present land uses within the SOI are residential, vacant, commercial, and industrial. Given the amount of available vacant land, the population within the boundaries of the Antelope Valley Cemetery District is likely to grow significantly over

the next twenty (20) years. The present land use for the cemetery itself contains seven (7) developed acres and four (4) undeveloped acres.

- B. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area: Antelope Valley Cemetery District has adequate space of in-ground burial plots and cremation niches, and can continue to meet the needs of the community for at least the next ten (10) years.
- C. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide: The Antelope Valley Cemetery District offers in-ground burials and cremation niches. The seven (7) developed acres have 7,483 filed grave sites. The four (4) undeveloped acres can be used for the expansion of the cemetery, and the AVCD can place up to 447 in-ground burials and cremated remains.
- D. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest: There are no significant social or economic communities of interest.
- E. Present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing and proposed SOI. Antelope Valley Cemetery District contains large areas of unincorporated territory with Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), and unincorporated areas with DUCs are contiguous to the Antelope Valley Cemetery District and its existing SOI. DUCs are spread throughout the entire Antelope Valley Cemetery District's SOI. By its very nature as a cemetery district, the Antelope Valley Cemetery District does not provide three core government services: water, wastewater, and structural fire protection. Within the area that is proposed to be added to the Antelope Valley Cemetery District's SOI, there are large areas with DUCs located south and east of the City of Palmdale. The proposed SOI expansion facilitates a future annexation (or annexations) which would provide additional services to landowners and residents within this DUC.

- 4. The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendations for adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District are hereby incorporated by reference and adopted.
- 5. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words "Amended May 10, 2017" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Antelope Valley Cemetery District.

6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION:	RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND:	BARGER
AYES:	BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN:	NONE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES:	9/0/0



PAUL A. NOVAK, Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ADOPTING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
(SOI) UPDATE FOR THE ARTESIA CEMETERY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code Section (Section) 56000 et seq) provides that a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must adopt Spheres of Influence (SOIs) of each local governmental agency within its jurisdiction (Section 56425(a)) and that it must update, as necessary, each Sphere every five years (Section 56425(g));

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO;

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence;

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the MSR and SOI Update for the Artesia Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission an MSR and SOI Update, including recommendations relative to any potential changes to the existing SOI for the Artesia Cemetery District;

WHEREAS staff shared a copy of Draft MSR with representatives of the Artesia Cemetery District on February 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, the MSR and SOI Update for the Cemetery Districts contain the determinations required by Section 56430 for the municipal services provided by the

Artesia Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, a map of the existing SOI of the Artesia Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “4” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, a map of the proposed SOI of the Artesia Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “5” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, set May 10, 2017, as the hearing date on this MSR and SOI study proposal, and gave the required notice of public hearing pursuant to Section 56427;

WHEREAS, after being duly and proper noticed, the Commission held a public hearing on May 10, 2017, and at the hearing the Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard;

WHEREAS, for the Artesia Cemetery District, and pursuant to Section 56430(a)(2), the Commission has considered the impacts of the proposed MSR and SOI Update relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), noting that there are no DUCs within or contiguous to the Artesia Cemetery District and its SOI;

WHEREAS, based upon staff review and the feasibility of governmental reorganization identified in Section 56425(h), staff has determined that any such reorganizations will not further the goals of orderly development and affordable service delivery, and therefore will not recommend reorganization of the Artesia Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the proposed action consists of the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI for the Artesia Cemetery District; and

WHEREAS, the recommended MSR and SOI Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the recommended periodic update and recommended confirmation of the current Coterminous Sphere of Influence for the Artesia Cemetery District will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and, in the alternative, this recommendation is not a project for purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment and therefore is excluded from the definition of a project, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recommended actions are exempt from CEQA as set out herein.
2. The Commission adopts the Municipal Service Review for the Artesia Cemetery District, as prepared and described in the staff report.
3. The Commission adopts the following written determinations and approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Artesia Cemetery District:
 - A. Present and planned land uses in the area: The present land uses within the SOI are medium to high density residential, and commercial. The ACD is an urbanized area that is largely built-out, and the population is unlikely to grow significantly over the next twenty (20) years. The present land use for the cemetery itself contains fourteen (14) developed acres and four (4) undeveloped acres.
 - B. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area: Artesia Cemetery District has adequate space of in-ground burial plots and

in-ground cremations, and with the proposed construction of a cremation niche wall, the ACD can continue to meet the needs of the community for at least the next ten (10) years.

- C. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide: The Artesia Cemetery District offers in-ground burials and in-ground cremations. The fourteen (14) developed acres have 7,483 filed grave sites. The four (4) undeveloped acres can be used for the expansion of the cemetery, the ACD can place up to 300 in-ground burials and cremated remains.
 - D. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest: There are no significant social or economic communities of interest.
 - E. Present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing and proposed SOI. There is no impact upon the location and characteristic of any Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) because there are no DUCs within or contiguous to the Artesia Cemetery District and its SOI. By its very nature as a cemetery district, the Artesia Cemetery District does not provide three core government services: water, wastewater, and structural fire protection.
- 4. The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendations for adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the Artesia Cemetery District are hereby incorporated by reference and adopted.
 - 5. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words "Reconfirmed May 10, 2017" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Artesia Cemetery District.
 - 6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: BARGER
AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY,
HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN: NONE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0



PAUL A. NOVAK, Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ADOPTING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
(SOI) UPDATE FOR THE DOWNEY CEMETERY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code Section (Section) 56000 et seq) provides that a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must adopt Spheres of Influence (SOIs) of each local governmental agency within its jurisdiction (Section 56425(a)) and that it must update, as necessary, each Sphere every five years (Section 56425(g));

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO;

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence;

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the MSR and SOI Update for the Downey Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission an MSR and SOI Update, including recommendations relative to any potential changes to the existing SOI for the Downey Cemetery District;

WHEREAS staff shared a copy of the Draft MSR with representatives of the Downey Cemetery District on February 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, the MSR and SOI Update for the Cemetery Districts contain the determinations required by Section 56430 for the municipal services provided by the

Downey Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, a map of the existing SOI of the Downey Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “6” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, a map of the proposed SOI of the Downey Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “7” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, set May 10, 2017, as the hearing date on this MSR and SOI study proposal, and gave the required notice of public hearing pursuant to Section 56427;

WHEREAS, after being duly and proper noticed, the Commission held a public hearing on May 10, 2017, and at the hearing the Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard;

WHEREAS, for the Downey Cemetery District, and pursuant to Section 56430(a)(5), the Commission has considered the impacts of the proposed MSR and SOI Update relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), noting that there are no DUCs within or contiguous to the Downey Cemetery District and its SOI;

WHEREAS, based upon staff review and the feasibility of governmental reorganization identified in Section 56425(h), staff has determined that any such reorganizations will further the goals of orderly development and affordable service delivery, and therefore will recommend reorganization of the Downey Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the proposed action consists of the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI for the Downey Cemetery District; and

WHEREAS, the recommended MSR and SOI Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the recommended periodic update and recommended expansion of the existing Sphere of Influence for the Downey Cemetery District will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and, in the alternative, this recommendation is not a project for purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment and therefore is excluded from the definition of a project, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recommended actions are exempt from CEQA as set out herein.
2. The Commission adopts the Municipal Service Review for the Downey Cemetery District, as prepared and described in the staff report.
3. The Commission adopts the following written determinations and approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Downey Cemetery District:
 - A. Present and planned land uses in the area: The present land uses within the SOI are low to medium density residential, commercial, and industrial. The DCD is an urbanized area that is largely built-out, and the population is unlikely to grow significantly over the next twenty (20) years. The cemetery property is eleven (11) acres with no further development possible.
 - B. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area: The Downey Cemetery District offers in-ground burials (“pre-need” only)

and cremation niches. The DCD no longer has grave sites available for sale, but has adequate space for cremations niches and can continue to meet the needs of the community for at least the next ten (10) years.

- C. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide: The Downey Cemetery District offers in-ground burials and niche cremations. The DCD has approximately 10,000 filled or allocated grave sites with no remaining capacity for in-ground burials.
 - D. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest: There are no significant social or economic communities of interest
 - E. Present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing and proposed SOI. There is no impact upon the location and characteristic of any Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) because there are no unincorporated communities, and therefore no DUCs, within or contiguous to the Downey Cemetery District and its SOI. By its very nature as a cemetery district, the Downey Cemetery District does not provide three core government services: water, wastewater, and structural fire protection.
- 4. The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendations for adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the Downey Cemetery District are hereby incorporated by reference and adopted.
 - 5. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words "Amended May 10, 2017" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Downey Cemetery District.
 - 6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: BARGER
AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY,
HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH),
RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN: NONE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0



PAUL A. NOVAK, Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ADOPTING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
(SOI) UPDATE FOR THE LITTLE LAKE CEMETERY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code Section (Section) 56000 et seq) provides that a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must adopt Spheres of Influence (SOIs) of each local governmental agency within its jurisdiction (Section 56425(a)) and that it must update, as necessary, each Sphere every five years (Section 56425(g));

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO;

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence;

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the MSR and SOI Update for the Little Lake Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission an MSR and SOI Update, including recommendations relative to any potential changes to the existing SOI for the Little Lake Cemetery District;

WHEREAS staff shared a copy of Draft MSR with representatives of the Little Lake Cemetery District on February 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, the MSR and SOI Update for the Cemetery Districts contain the determinations required by Section 56430 for the municipal services provided by the

Little Lake Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, a map of the existing SOI of the Little Lake Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “8” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, a map of the proposed SOI of the Little Lake Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit “10” of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, set May 10, 2017, as the hearing date on this MSR and SOI study proposal, and gave the required notice of public hearing pursuant to Section 56427;

WHEREAS, after being duly and proper noticed, the Commission held a public hearing on May 10, 2017, and at the hearing the Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard;

WHEREAS, for the Little Lake Cemetery District, and pursuant to Section 56430(a)(2), the Commission has considered the impacts of the proposed MSR and SOI Update relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), noting that there are no DUCs within or contiguous to the Little Lake Cemetery District and its SOI;

WHEREAS, based upon staff review and the feasibility of governmental reorganization identified in Section 56425(h), staff has determined that any such reorganizations will not further the goals of orderly development and affordable service delivery, and therefore will not recommend reorganization of the Little Lake Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the proposed action consists of the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI for the Little Lake Cemetery District; and

WHEREAS, the recommended MSR and SOI Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the recommended periodic update and recommended confirmation of the current Coterminous Sphere of Influence for the Little Lake Cemetery District will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and, in the alternative, this recommendation is not a project for purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment and therefore is excluded from the definition of a project, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recommended actions are exempt from CEQA as set out herein.
2. The Commission adopts the Municipal Service Review for the Little Lake Cemetery District, as prepared and described in the staff report.
3. The Commission adopts the following written determinations and approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Little Lake Cemetery District:
 - A. Present and planned land uses in the area: The present land uses in the SOI are medium to high density residential, commercial, and light industrial. The LLCDD is an urbanized area that is largely built-out, and the population is unlikely to grow significantly over the next twenty (20) years. The cemetery property is 9.7 acres with no further development possible.

- B. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area: Given that the Little Lake Cemetery District is almost filled to capacity for in-ground burials, and with a proposed construction of niche wall, the Little Lake Cemetery will be able to continue to meet the needs of the community for at least the next ten (10) years.
 - C. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide: The Little Lake Cemetery District offers in-ground burials and cremation niches. The 9.7 developed acres have 9,500 filed grave sites. The LLCDD can place up to 113 in-ground burials and cremated remains.
 - D. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest: There are no significant social or economic communities of interest.
 - E. Present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing and proposed SOI. Little Lake Cemetery District contains one (1) small area of unincorporated territory within the Little Lake Cemetery District and its SOI. There are no unincorporated communities or DUCs contiguous to the Little Lake Cemetery District and its SOI. Little Lake Cemetery District does not provide core government services (water, wastewater, and structural fire protection). By its very nature as a cemetery district, the Little Lake Cemetery District does not provide three core government services: water, wastewater, and structural fire protection.
- 4. The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendations for adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the Little Lake Cemetery District are hereby incorporated by reference and adopted.
 - 5. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words "Reconfirmed May 10, 2017" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Little Lake Cemetery District.
 - 6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION:	RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND:	BARGER
AYES:	BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN:	NONE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES:	9/0/0



PAUL A. NOVAK, Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-21RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ADOPTING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
(SOI) UPDATE FOR THE WILMINGTON CEMETERY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code Section (Section) 56000 et seq) provides that a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must adopt Spheres of Influence (SOIs) of each local governmental agency within its jurisdiction (Section 56425(a)) and that it must update, as necessary, each Sphere every five years (Section 56425(g));

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO;

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence;

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the MSR and SOI Update for the Wilmington Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission an MSR and SOI Update, including a recommendation to expand the existing SOI for the Wilmington Cemetery District;

WHEREAS staff shared a copy of the Draft MSR with representatives of the Wilmington Cemetery District on February 9, 2017;

WHEREAS, the MSR and SOI Update for the Cemetery Districts contain the determinations required by Section 56430 for the municipal services provided by the

Wilmington Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, a map of the existing SOI of the Wilmington Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit "11" of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, a map of the proposed SOI of the Wilmington Cemetery District is attached as Exhibit "12" of the Cemetery Districts Draft MSR, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, set May 10, 2017, as the hearing date on this MSR and SOI study proposal, and gave the required notice of public hearing pursuant to Section 56427;

WHEREAS, after being duly and proper noticed, the Commission held a public hearing on May 10, 2017, and at the hearing the Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard;

WHEREAS, for the Wilmington Cemetery District, and pursuant to Section 56430(a)(2), the Commission has considered the impacts of the proposed MSR and SOI Update relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs), noting that there are no DUCs within or contiguous to the Wilmington Cemetery District and its existing SOI;

WHEREAS, based upon staff review and the feasibility of governmental reorganization identified in Section 56425(h), staff has determined that any such reorganizations will further the goals of orderly development and affordable service

delivery, and therefore will recommend reorganization of the Wilmington Cemetery District;

WHEREAS, the proposed action consists of the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI for the Wilmington Cemetery District; and

WHEREAS, the recommended MSR and SOI Update is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the recommended periodic update and recommended expansion of the existing Sphere of Influence for the Wilmington Cemetery District will have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3); and, in the alternative, this recommendation is not a project for purposes of CEQA because it is an organizational activity of government with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment and therefore is excluded from the definition of a project, pursuant to Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recommended actions are exempt from CEQA as set out herein.
2. The Commission adopts the Municipal Service Review for the Wilmington Cemetery District, as prepared and described in the staff report.

3. The Commission adopts the following written determinations and approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Wilmington Cemetery District:

A. Present and planned land uses in the area: The present land uses within the SOI are medium to high density residential and commercial. The DCD is an urbanized area that is largely built-out, and the population is unlikely to grow significantly over the next twenty (20) years. The cemetery property is ten (10) acres with no further development possible.

- B. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area: Wilmington Cemetery District no longer has open plots available for “at-need” sales. Only “pre-need” burials are conducted, as all burial plots have been filled or allocated. At present, the District does not have the capacity to meet on-going and future demands for burials at the Wilmington Cemetery. These demands will be met only if District representatives succeed in developing a cremation niche wall or convincing individuals to relinquish un-used burial plots.
 - C. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide: The Wilmington Cemetery District offers in-ground burials (“pre-need” only) and cremation niches. The WCD has 9,350 filled grave sites. All cemetery plots are either filled or allocated.
 - D. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest: There are no significant social or economic communities of interest.
 - D. Present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing and proposed SOI. There is no impact upon the location and characteristic of any Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) because there are no unincorporated communities, and therefore no DUCs, within or contiguous to the Wilmington Cemetery District and its existing SOI. Wilmington Cemetery District does not provide core government services (water, wastewater, and structural fire protection). By its very nature as a cemetery district, the Wilmington Cemetery District does not provide three core government services: water, wastewater, and structural fire protection. Within the area that is proposed to be added to the Wilmington Cemetery District’s SOI, there is a small DUC at the northeast corner of an unincorporated island surrounded by the City of Los Angeles. The proposed SOI expansion facilitates a future annexation (or annexations) which would provide additional services to landowners and residents within this DUC.
4. The Executive Officer’s staff report and recommendations for adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the Wilmington Cemetery District are hereby incorporated by reference and adopted.
5. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words “Amended May 10,

2017” to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Wilmington Cemetery District.

6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION:	RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND:	BARGER
AYES:	BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN:	NONE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES:	9/0/0



PAUL A. NOVAK, Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-22RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2015-06 TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (TESORO),
AMENDMENT TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI)"**

WHEREAS, the Newhall County Water District (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately .10± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2015-06 to the Newhall County Water District"; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to include District owned property into the district boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, even though a public hearing is not required for the Proposal, a public hearing is nevertheless required for the proposed SOI amendment, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing for the proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on April 19, 2017, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2017, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of Executive Officer, and heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections, and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the Sphere of Influence Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2015-06 to the Newhall County Water District, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a), because the annexation consists of areas containing existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning. In addition, the proposal is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative

impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:

- a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and
- c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may make determinations upon the proposed annexation proposal without notice and hearing and may waive protest proceedings relative to the proposed annexation.

However, with respect to the proposed SOI amendment(s), a public hearing is still required pursuant to Government Code Section 56427.

3. The Commission hereby amends the Sphere of Influence of Newhall County Water District and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425:

a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The affected territory consists of an existing water booster station for potable water.

b. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area

The affected territory is located within the City of Santa Clarita. Government services, including fire and emergency medical, flood control, planning, police, road maintenance, and other services are provided by the city, county, and other special districts.

The affected territory consists of an existing water booster station for potable water which requires organized governmental services.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of the proposed action and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is minimal.

c. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

This is District owned property that has been developed to include a booster water station for potable water to serve current and future customers.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

The proposal will have no adverse effect with respect to the fair treatment of people of all races and incomes, or the location of public facilities or services.

e. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

f. Determination of the Services of the Existing District

The Commission has on file written statement of the functions and classes of service of the District and can establish the nature, location and extent of its classes of service and that it provides water service within its boundary.

4. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
5. The affected territory consists of .10± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 2015-06 to Newhall County Water District"

6. Annexation No. 2015-06 to Newhall County Water District is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
- b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
- c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
- d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
- e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
- f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
- g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
- h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.

7. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Newhall County Water District.
8. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION:	FINLAY
SECOND:	BARGER
AYES:	BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM, RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN:	NONE
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES:	9/0/0

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**



Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-23RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2015-07 TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (PINETREE),
AMENDMENT TO THE NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI)"**

WHEREAS, the Newhall County Water District (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 2.43± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree)"; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is to include District owned property into the district boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, even though a public hearing is not required for the Proposal, a public hearing is nevertheless required for the proposed SOI amendment(s), pursuant to Government Code Section 56427; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing for the proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment(s) pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on April 19, 2017, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2017, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of Executive Officer, and heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections, and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the Sphere of Influence Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree), finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(b) because it consists of annexations of individual small parcels of the minimum size for facilities exempted by Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. In addition, the proposal is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual

circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:

- a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and
- c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may make determinations upon the proposed annexation proposal without notice and hearing and may waive protest proceedings relative to the proposed annexation.

However, with respect to the proposed SOI amendment(s), a public hearing is still required pursuant to Government Code Section 56427.

3. The Commission hereby amends the Sphere of Influence of Newhall County Water District and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425:

a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The affected territory consists of vacant land. The affected territory will be developed to include a water well.

b. Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services in the Area

The affected territory is located within the City of Santa Clarita. General government services, including fire and emergency medical, flood control, planning, police, road maintenance, and other services are provided by the city, county, and other special districts.

The affected territory will be developed to include a water well which requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental facilities and services indefinitely.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of the proposed action and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is minimal

c. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

This is District owned property that will be used for a potential future water well site to serve current and future customers.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

The proposal will have no adverse effect with respect to the fair treatment of people of all races and incomes, or the location of public facilities or services.

e. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

There are no Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) within or adjacent to the affected territory.

f. Determination of the Services of the Existing District

The Commission has on file written statement of the functions and classes of service of the District and can establish the nature, location and extent of its classes of service and that it provides water service within its boundary.

4. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

5. The affected territory consists of 2.43± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree)".

6. Annexation No. 2015-07 to the Newhall County Water District (Pinetree) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
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 - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the Newhall County Water District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
7. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to the Newhall County Water District.

8. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of May 2017.

MOTION: RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH)
SECOND: FINLAY
AYES: BARGER, BROGIN-FALLEY (ALT. FOR CLOSE), FINLAY, HAHN, McCALLUM,
RUZICKA (ALT. FOR GLADBACH), RYU, SPENCE, DEAR
ABSTAIN: NONE
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: CLOSE, GLADBACH
MOTION PASSES: 9/0/0

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