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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Room 381B

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012

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1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY CHAIR GLADBACH**
3. **DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)**
4. **SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)**
5. **INFORMATION ITEM(S) – GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 56751 & 56857 NOTICE**

6. CONSENT ITEM(S)

All matters are approved by one motion unless held by a Commissioner or member(s) of the public for discussion or separate action.

- a. Approve Minutes of August 8, 2018.
- b. Approve Operating Account Check Register for the month of August 2018.
- c. Receive and file update on pending proposals.

7. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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

8. PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Sativa County Water District Status Report
- b. Annual Election of Commission Officers

10. LEGISLATION

- a. Legislative Update

11. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. August 28, 2018 Letter from L.A. City Council President Herb Wesson

12. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioners' questions for staff, announcements of upcoming events and opportunity for Commissioners to briefly report on their LAFCO-related activities since last meeting.

13. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

Executive Officer’s announcement of upcoming events and brief report on activities of the Executive Officer since the last meeting.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items not on the posted agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are reminded of the three-minute time limitation.

15. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

October 10, 2018

November 14, 2018

December 12, 2018

January 9, 2019

16. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Items not on the posted agenda which, if requested, will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda for discussion and action by the Commission.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**



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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

August 8, 2018

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard Close
Donald Dear
Mitch Englander
Margaret Finlay
Janice Hahn
John Mirisch

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

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Carole Suzuki, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Kathryn Barger
Gerard McCallum

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate
Sheila Kuehl, Alternate
Greig Smith, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (EO) 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 to rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such campaign contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

The EO 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 (None).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The EO swore-in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

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

None.

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of July 11, 2018.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of July 2018.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.
- d. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40 – Antelope Valley;
Resolution No. 2018-12RMD.

MOTION: Hahn SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

[Commissioner Mitchell arrived at 9:04 a.m.]

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles County Portion).

Doug Dorado (Government Analyst, LAFCO) summarized the staff report on Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles County Portion).

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

The Commission took the following actions:

- Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Establishment No. 2018-05 of the Sphere of Influence for the Wrightwood Community Services District (Los Angeles County Portion) conterminous to the current district boundary, Resolution No. 2018-13RMD; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to add the words “Established Sphere of Influence (Los Angeles Portion) August 8, 2018” to the official LAFCO SOI map for the Wrightwood Community Services District.

MOTION: Dear SECOND: Finlay APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Outside Employment Request of Executive Officer.

The EO summarized the staff report on Outside Employment Request of Executive Officer.

The Commission took the following action:

- Authorized the Executive Officer to accept outside employment from the City of Pasadena Fire Department to serve as a Hearing Officer, subject to all requirements and limitations set forth in the Employment Agreement between the Commission and the Executive Officer.

MOTION: Close SECOND: Dear APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Sativa County Water District Status Report.

The EO summarized the status report on the Sativa County Water District.

The EO indicated that the Commissioners received hard copies of the following documents (which became available after posting of the Agenda): a motion dated August 3, 2018 from Supervisors Mark Riley-Thomas and Janice Hahn in support of amendments to AB 1577, a letter dated July 23, 2018 from the State Water Resources Control Board to Interim General Manager Thomas Martin (Sativa County Water District) to Paul Novak (Executive Officer, LAFCO), and a letter dated August 1, 2018 from the State of California Public Utilities Commission to Paul Novak (Executive Officer, LAFCO).

The EO indicated that he had a conversation with the Compton City Manager last week, who confirmed that the City of Compton is not interested in providing water service to the 53 homes that are within the City of Compton's boundaries and within the Sativa County Water District boundaries ("District" or "Sativa") at this time.

The EO noted that at next month's meeting, the Commissioners will know the outcome concerning AB 1577, as the 2017-2018 legislative session ends on August 31, 2018.

The EO stated that representatives of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works were available to answer questions. The Commission had no questions.

Commissioner Close asked if representatives of the District were in the audience. There were no members of the District in the audience.

Commissioner Mirisch asked if there have been continued discussions regarding the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) providing water service to the Sativa residents. The EO indicated that the DWP water connection is two miles away from the Sativa area. Commissioner Englander stated that he has had discussions with DWP, and several significant challenges have been identified.

Commissioner Finlay asked how many investor-owned utilities are interested in taking over water service. The EO stated that there are four investor-owned utilities interested in providing water service.

Commissioner Finlay asked if the residents of the District have contacted LAFCO regarding the proposed dissolution of the District. The EO indicated that the residents of the District have primarily been in contact with Assembly Gipson's Office and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' Office. LAFCO is hearing favorable reports from those offices mentioned.

Commissioner Hahn asked if DWP would provide service to the Sativa residents, would it require a LAFCO action. The EO stated "yes".

Commissioners Hahn and Mirisch requested that all private and investor-owned utilities within Los Angeles County be mapped. The EO indicated that he will contact representatives at the UCLA Luskin Institute to give a presentation at a future Commission meeting concerning the number of water systems within Los Angeles County.

The Commission opened the item to provide an opportunity for public testimony. There being no public testimony, the item was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Sativa County Water District Status Report.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: Hahn APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Legislative Update.

The EO indicated that a revised staff report on the Legislative Update was provided to each of the Commissioners.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Legislative Report (Amended).

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: Englander APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Close, Dear, Englander, Finlay, Hahn, Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, McCallum

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None.

12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO indicated that Commissioner Close was reappointed as a San Fernando Valley Voting Member (term expires in May of 2022).

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

September 12, 2018
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16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Englander, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

6.b.

2:24 PM

09/04/18

Accrual Basis

LA LAFCO FILE
Register Report
August 2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Amount	Balance
Aug 18					
Check	08/03/2018	ADP	ADP	-164.75	-164.75
Check	08/03/2018	ADP	ADP	-39.37	-204.12
Check	08/06/2018	10100	CALAFCO'	-570.00	-774.12
Check	08/08/2018	10101	Manna Cafe	-572.99	-1,347.11
Check	08/14/2018	Wire	TRPF 80 South Lak...	-8,341.77	-9,688.88
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Ambar De La Torre	-2,082.56	-11,771.44
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Douglass S Dorado	-3,102.32	-14,873.76
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Michael E Henderson	-2,464.75	-17,338.51
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Patricia Knoebl-Wood	-1,543.35	-18,881.86
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Paul A Novak	-5,591.17	-24,473.03
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Alisha O'Brien	-2,391.75	-26,864.78
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Adriana Romo	-3,423.78	-30,288.56
Check	08/15/2018	DD	Federal Tax Deposit	-4,748.84	-35,037.40
Check	08/15/2018	DD	State Income Tax	-1,470.63	-36,508.03
Check	08/24/2018	ADP	ADP	-135.39	-36,643.42
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Ambar De La Torre	-1,940.98	-38,584.40
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Douglass S Dorado	-2,905.27	-41,489.67
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Michael E Henderson	-3,222.84	-44,712.51
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Patricia Knoebl-Wood	-1,435.82	-46,148.33
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Paul A Novak	-5,220.01	-51,368.34
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Alisha O'Brien	-2,251.78	-53,620.12
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Adriana Romo	-3,201.28	-56,821.40
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Federal Tax Deposit	-4,289.17	-61,110.57
Check	08/30/2018	DD	State Income Tax	-1,302.42	-62,412.99
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Donald Dear	-138.52	-62,551.51
Check	08/30/2018	32206...	Margaret E Finlay	-138.52	-62,690.03
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Janice K Hahn	-134.70	-62,824.73
Check	08/30/2018	32206...	John A Mirisch	-138.53	-62,963.26
Check	08/30/2018	32206...	Judith M Mitchell	-138.52	-63,101.78
Check	08/30/2018	32206...	Richard Close	-138.52	-63,240.30
Check	08/30/2018	32206...	Edward G Gladbach	-341.02	-63,581.32
Check	08/30/2018	32206...	Brogin-Falley Lori	-138.52	-63,719.84
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Mitchell Englander	-138.53	-63,858.37
Check	08/30/2018	DD	Federal Tax Deposit	-210.96	-64,069.33
Check	08/31/2018	ADP	ADP	-39.37	-64,108.70
Aug 18				-64,108.70	-64,108.70

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6c - September 12, 2018							
PENDING PROPOSALS As of September 5, 2018							
		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
1	DD	Annexation 2006-12 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Land Resource Investors	Annex 20 acres of vacant land located at the northeast corner of Avenue J and 37th Street East, City of Lancaster. Will be developed into 80 single family homes.	Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, registered voter and landowner labels.	5/16/2006	Unknown
2	DD	Annexation No. 2006-46 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	New Anaverde, LLC	Annex 1,567 acres of vacant land located near Lake Elizabeth Road and Avenue S in the city of Palmdale. Will be developed into 313 single family home.	Incomplete filing: CEQA, registered voter labels, landowner labels, and approved map and legal.	10/5/2006	Unknown
3	DD	Annexation No. 2011-17 (2006-50) to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Behrooz Haverim/Kamyar Lashgari	Annex 20.62 acres of vacant land located south of Avenue H between 42nd Street West and 45th Street West in the City of Lancaster. To be developed into single family homes	Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, registered voter and landowner labels.	12/1/2006	Unknown
4	DD	Annexation 2008-13 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40	Lancaster School Dist.	Annex 20.47 acres of vacant land located 2 miles west of the Antelope Valley fw. And the nearest paved major streets are ave. H. And Ave. I, in the City of Lancaster. For future construction of a school.	Need BOE fees to place on agenda for approval. Emailed district for fees on 4-18-17.	9/22/2008	Unknown
5	DD	Reorganization 2010-04 Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29	Malitex Partners, LLC	Detach 88 acres of vacant land from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District and annex same said territory to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No 29 and West Basin Municipal Water District. The project includes future construction of three homes and dedicates open space. The project site is located north of Pacific Coast Highway at the end of Murphy Way, in the unincorporated area adjacent to Malibu.	Notice of Filing sent 07-15-10. Incomplete filing: CEQA. EIR on hold 4-14-15. Applicant requested to keep this file open, pending details how to proceed with the project 04/29/15.	6/9/2010	Unknown
6	DD	City of Palmdale Annexation 2010-05	City of Palmdale	49.6 acres located adjacent to residential properties to the southwest, southeast, and separated by the Amargosa Creek to the north.	Notice of Filing sent 1-3-11 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, insufficient CEQA, unclear pre-zoning ordinance, approved map and legal. Need to include DUC.	10/25/2010	Unknown
7	DD	Reorganization 2011-16 (Tesoro del Valle)	Montalvo Properties LLC	Annexation to NCWD and CLWA SOI Amendments for both districts. 801.53 acres regional access is provided via Interstate 5 (1-5) for north/south travelers from the east, and State Route 126 (SR-126) for travelers from the west. The existing local thoroughfare that provides access to the proposed area is Copper Hill Drive, which can be accessed directly from Tesoro del Valle Drive or Avenida Rancho Tesoro.	Notice of Filing sent 05-31-11. Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. Project has changed ownership. Need new application	5/5/2011	Unknown
8	DD	City of Los Angeles Annexation 2011-27	Forestar Group	685 acres of uninhabited territory located east of Browns Canyon Road and northwest of Mason Ave, in the unincorporated area just north of the City of Los Angeles.	Notice of Filing sent 2-15-12 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, pre-zoning ordinance, map of limiting addresses, list of limiting addresses, and approved map and legal.	12/8/2011	Unknown

		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
9	DD	City of Palmdale Annexation 2011-19	City of Palmdale	405 acres of uninhabited territory located between Palmdale Blvd and Ave S and 80th and 85th Street East.	Notice of Filing sent 3-22-12 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, inadequate CEQA, maps of limiting addresses, list of limiting addresses, and approved map and legal. DUC adjacent	3/8/2012	Unknown
10	DD	Annexation 2014-04 to the City of Calabasas	City of Calabasas	annex approximately 43.31± acres of uninhabited territory to the City of Calabasas. The affected territory is generally located along Agoura Road between Liberty Canyon Road and Malibu Hills Road, in Los Angeles County unincorporated territory adjacent to the City of Agoura Hills and Calabasas.	Notice of Filing sent 3-20-14 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, pre-zoning ordinance, radius map, landowner and registered voter labels, landowner consent letter, approved map and legal	3/18/2014	Unknown
11	DD	Reorganization No. 2014-03 to the City of Calabasas	City of Calabasas	176± acres immediately north of and adjacent to the 101 freeway between the City of Calabasas and Hidden Hills.	Notice of Filing sent 1-8-15, Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution and approved map and legal.	12/10/2014	Unknown
12	DD	Annexation No. 2015-11 to the City of Palmdale (Desert View Highlands)	City of Palmdale	284 acres inhabited territory. Generally located north and south of Elizabeth Lake Road between Amargosa Creek and 10th street west, in Los Angeles County unincorporated territory surrounded by the City of Palmdale	Notice of Filing sent 9-22-15 Incomplete filing: property tax resolution, attachment 'A' plan for municipal services, CEQA (NOD), party disclosure, pre-zoning, map of limiting addresses, registered voter info	9/15/2015	Unknown
13	DD	Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona	City of Pomona	5.76 acres uninhabited territory. Located south of Valley Blvd approximately 2500' east of Grand Ave, adjacent to the City of Industry and Pomona.	Notice of Filing sent 9-23-15 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, attachment "A" plan for municipal services, CEQA, party disclosure, pre-zoning, limiting addresses, map of limiting addresses, radius map, registered voter labels within affected territory, registered voters within 300' radius, landowners within affected territory, landowners within 300' radius, map and legal not approved	9/22/2015	Unknown
14	DD	Annexation No. 2015-10 to the City of Agoura Hills	City of Agoura Hills	117 acres uninhabited territory. Located northeast and southwest of Chesebro Road directly north of the Highway 101	Notice of Filing sent 11-3-15 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	11/2/2015	Unknown

		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
15	DD	Reorganization No. 2016-01 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Detachment from West Basin Municipal Water District, and annexation to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District. Both districts require SOI amendments. The territory consists of 26 single-family homes, generally located south of Cairnloch Street, west of Summit Mountain Way, all within the City of Calabasas.	Notice of Filing sent 04-19-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, and map and legal not approved.	2/22/2016	Unknown
16	DD	Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	uninhabited territory, located east of the intersection of Las Flores Canyon Road and Live Oak Meadow Road north of the City of Malibu	September 12th agenda	4/6/2017	Oct-2018
17	AD	Annexation No. 2017-02 to the Newhall County Water District	Newhall County Water District	uninhabited territory, located west of the 5 freeway and north of the intersection of The Old Road and Calgrove Blvd.	Notice of Filing sent 06-21-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, approved map and legal.	6/15/2017	Unknown
18	DD	Annexation No. 2017-09 to the Wilmington Cemetery District	Wilmington Cemetery District	inhabited territory around Wilmington	Notice of Filing sent 6-10-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	7/10/2017	Unknown
19	DD	Reorganization No. 2017-10 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District	Robert Douglass	5.26 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is generally located northeast of the intersection of Hovenweep Lane and Schuergen Road, in the unincorporated area north of Malibu	Notice of Filing Sent 11-30-17 Incomplete Filing: property tax transfer resolution, approved map and legal	11/8/2017	Unknown
20	AD	Annexation 298 to District No. 15	Sanitation Districts	4.01 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is generally located on Del Valle Avenue west of the terminus of Mentz Street, all within the City of La Puente.	Notice of Filing Sent 01-04-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	1/3/2018	Unknown
21	AD	Annexation 754 to District No. 21	Sanitation Districts	0.4 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on Padua Avenue approximately 100 feet south of Alamosa Drive, all within the City of Claremont.	Notice of Filing Sent 01-04-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	1/3/2018	Unknown
22	AD	Annexation 755 to District No. 21	Sanitation Districts	2.5 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on Via Padova approximately 400 feet west of Mt. Baldy Road, all within unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Notice of Filing Sent 01-04-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	1/3/2018	Unknown
23	AD	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Annexation 1087	Sanitation Districts	0.311 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on the northeast corner of Ferguson Drive and Cherry Drive, all within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.	Notice of Filing Sent 2-15-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	2/13/2018	Unknown
24	AD	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Annexation 1088	Sanitation Districts	6.796 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on Sierra Highway approximately 600 feet south of Quinn Drive, all within unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Notice of Filing Sent 2-15-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	2/13/2018	Unknown
25	AD	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Annexation 1090	Sanitation Districts	0.58 acres of uninhabited territory. Located on Sierra Highway approximately 150 feet south of Sand Canyon Road, all within unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Notice of Filing Sent 2-15-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	2/13/2018	Unknown
26	DD	Reorganization No. 2016-33 to the City of Los Angeles	County of Los Angeles	1.34 acres of uninhabited territory located east of the intersection of W 116th St and Isis Avenue in the City of Los Angeles.	Notice of Filing Sent 2-15-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, party disclosure, and approved map and legal	2/3/2018	Unknown
27	AD	Annexation 757 to District No. 21	Sanitation Districts	0.566 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on the southeast corner of Mountain Avenue and Sage Street, all within the unincorporated Los Angeles County.	Notice of Filing Sent 03-07-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	3/7/2018	Unknown
28	AD	Annexation 428 to District No. 22	Sanitation Districts	1.67 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on Crestglen Road approximately 300 feet east of Vista Bonita Avenue, all within the City of Glendora.	Notice of Filing Sent 03-22-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	3/21/2018	Unknown
29	AD	Annexation 297 to District No. 15	Sanitation Districts	13.88 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located on the southwest corner of Loukelton Street and Echelon Avenue, all within the City of Industry.	Notice of Filing Sent 03-22-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution	3/21/2018	Unknown
30	DD	Annexation No. 2018-02 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley	City of Lancaster	15 acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located at the northeast corner of Avenue I and 32nd Street West, in the City of Lancaster.	August 8th agenda	3/27/2018	Sep-2018

		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
31	DD	Reorganization No. 2018-03 to the City of Arcadia	Los Angeles County	.29 acres of uninhabited territory. Parcel 1 is located at the intersection of Oak Avenue and Duarte Road in the City of Arcadia and Parcel 2 is located along Standish Street east of the intersection Mayflower Avenue and Standish Street adjacent to the City of Arcadia.	Notice of Filing sent 5-9-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, party disclosure, approved map and legal, pre-zoning and labels.	5/8/2018	Unknown
32	DD	Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita	City of Santa Clarita	3.118± acres of inhabited territory. The affected territory is generally located south of Basques Canyon Road between Sand Canyon Road and Golden Valley Road in Los Angeles County unincorporated territory adjacent to the City of Santa Clarita.	Notice of Filing sent 6-27-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, approved map and legal, limiting addresses map, party disclosure, and list of limiting addresses, and NOD.	6/18/2018	Dec-2018
33	AD	Annexation No. 430 to District No. 22	Sanitation Districts	1.6± acres of uninhabited territory. The affected territory is located at the southwest corner of Baseline Road and Bunnelle Avenue, all within the City of La Verne.	Notice of Filing Sent 07-17-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	7/16/2018	Unknown
34	AOB	Dissolution No. 2018-09 for the Santa County Water District	LAFCO	179.80 acres of inhabited territory within the unincorporated community of Willowbrook and three non-contiguous areas located within the City of Compton.	Notice of Intention sent 6-19-18	Commission - Initiated proposal on 07-11-18	Unknown

Staff Report

September 12, 2018

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

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

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

Size of Affected Territory:	2.57± acres
Inhabited/Uninhabited:	Uninhabited
Applicant:	Ricardo Caravetta
Resolution or Petition:	April 3, 2017
Application Filed with LAFCO:	April 6, 2017
Location:	The affected territory is located 400 feet east of the intersection of Las Flores Canyon Rd, and Live Oak Meadow Rd.
City/County:	Los Angeles County unincorporated territory north of the City of Malibu.
Affected Territory:	The affected territory consists of vacant land. The territory will be developed to include once single-family home. The topography is hilly.
Surrounding Territory:	Residential and vacant land surround the affected territory.
Landowner/Real Party/ Parties of Interest:	Ricardo Caravetta 18 Westbury Ct. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Registered Voters:	0 registered voters as of April 6, 2017.

Purpose/Background:	For the District to provide potable water service to a proposed single-family home.
Jurisdictional Changes:	The jurisdictional changes that result from this reorganization include amendments to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, and West Basin Municipal Water District Spheres of Influence; Detachment from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, and West Basin Municipal Water District; and annexation to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.
Within SOI:	No, a concurrent sphere of influence amendment is being processed with this application for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, and West Basin Municipal Water District.
Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest:	Yes on the basis of the reorganization. Although the Commission may make a determination without public notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings, relative to the proposed reorganization, as described below, a noticed public hearing is required for the proposed SOI amendments, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427.
CEQA Clearance:	The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d) because Section 15303(d) exempts, new construction or conversion of small structures, and installation of small new facilities, including extensions of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.
Additional Information:	None

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

a. Population:

The existing population is 0 residents as of April 6, 2017. The population density issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated.

The estimated future population is 4 residents.

The affected territory is 2.57± acres. The affected territory consists of vacant land. The territory will be developed into one single-family home.

The assessed valuation is \$320,000 as of 2016/2017 tax roll.

The per capita assessed valuation issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated.

On July 17, 2018, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is hilly.

There are no natural boundaries.

There are no drainage basins on or near the affected territory.

The nearest populated area is just west of the affected territory. The affected territory is likely to experience modest growth in the next ten years. The adjacent areas are likely to experience modest growth in the next ten years.

b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory will be developed to include one single-family home which require organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental 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. Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:

The proposed action will have no effect on adjacent areas. The proposed action will have no effect on mutual social and economic interests. The proposal has no impact on the governmental structure of the County.

The effect of alternate actions on mutual social and economic interests and on the local governmental structure of the County is minimal.

d. *Conformity with Commission Policies on Urban Development and Open Space Conversion Policies:*

There are no conformance issues because the Commission has not adopted any policies relative to providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development.

There is no prime agricultural land within or adjacent to the affected territory. The proposal conforms with the objectives in Government Code Sections 56377(a) and 56377(b).

e. *Agricultural Lands:*

There are no effects on agricultural lands, as defined. None of the land within the affected territory is currently used for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity for commercial purposes. According to the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, none of the land within the affected territory is subject to a Land Conservation Act (aka "Williamson Act") contract nor in a Farmland Security Zone (California Land Conservation Act 2012 Status Report).

f. *Boundaries:*

The boundaries of the affected territory have been clearly defined by the applicant, conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District is a municipal water district. The proposed annexation to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District is therefore subject to the provisions of its principal act, which is the Municipal Water District Law of 1911 (Water Code Section 71000 *et seq*). Pursuant to Water Code Section 72301, "[t]he annexing area or areas need not be contiguous to the district."

The affected territory in this proposed reorganization is contiguous to the existing boundaries of the District, and the proposal therefore complies with the contiguity provisions of the Municipal Water District Law of 1911 (Water Code Section 72301).

As a special district annexation, the proposal has no impact on existing city-county boundaries, nor does it create islands or corridors of unincorporated territory.

g. *Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan:*

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) adopted its 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) pursuant to Government Code Section 65080. The closest highway to the reorganization is part of the RTP and SCS's State Highway improved program. The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

h. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal is consistent with the existing County General Plan designation of General Plan designation of Rural Land (RL20).

The affected territory is not within the boundaries of any Specific Plan.

Pre-zoning is not a requirement for a special district proposal.

i. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is not within the Sphere of Influence of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, but a concurrent Sphere of Influence Update is being processed with this application for Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, and West Basin Municipal Water District.

j. Comments from Public Agencies:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from public agencies or any resolutions raising objections from any affected agency.

k. Ability to Provide Services:

In a letter dated March 29, 2017, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District Board of Directors has conveyed its support for the annexation and has indicated the District has adequate water supplies for the proposed development.

l. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and West Basin Municipal Water District are the current retailer and wholesaler for the affected territory. While there are no water supply issues there are no facilities in the area for the landowner utilize. Las Virgenes Municipal Water District will become the retailer and wholesaler once the reorganization is complete. There is no water supply issues and Las Virgenes Municipal Water District has facilities adjacent to the affected territory.

m. Regional Housing:

This proposal will assist the County's ability to achieve its fair share of the regional housing needs since the reorganization area is being developed with one single-family home.

n. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents.

o. Land Use Designations

The proposal is consistent with the existing County General Plan designation of Rural Land (RL20).

The proposal is consistent with the existing County zoning designation of Rural Coastal (R-C-20).

p. Environmental Justice:

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.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/OTHER MATTERS (RELEVANT TO THE PROPOSAL):

None.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d). Section 15303(d) exempts new construction or conversion of small structures, and installation of small new facilities, including extensions of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utilities, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. 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.

DETERMINATIONS WITHOUT NOTICE AND HEARING, AND WAIVER OF PROTEST PROCEEDINGS:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission may make determinations upon the proposed reorganization consisting solely of both annexation and a detachment without notice and hearing and may waive protest hearings for the reasons set forth herein. The territory is uninhabited. To date, no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period referenced in Government Code Section 56662(c). Furthermore, the proposal was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all the landowners within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposed reorganization. Based thereon, the Commission may make determinations on the proposed reorganization without notice and hearing, and the Commission may waive protest proceedings.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT FOR SOI AMENDMENT(S):

Although the Commission may waive the public notice, hearing, and protest relative to the proposed reorganization, as described above, a public hearing is still required for the proposed SOI amendments pursuant to Government Code Section 56427.

Therefore, the recommended actions include a public hearing on the SOI amendments and a waiver of the protest proceedings for the reorganization.

**SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE 56425(e):**

1. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The affected territory consists of vacant land. The territory will be developed to include one single-family home.

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

The affected territory is located within the County of Los Angeles unincorporated territory north of the City of Malibu and currently does not receive water services. The County of Los Angeles provides general government services to the affected territory.

The affected territory will be developed to include one single-family home which will require water services. The affected territory will require water services indefinitely from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

3. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Services:

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides water services to over 122 square miles of territory with over 3,000 customers. The sphere of influence amendment would remove the affected territory from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, and West Basin Municipal Water District and would amend to the Sphere of Influence for the Las Virgenes Water District to include the affected territory. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District indicated that they have the ability to provide potable water services to the affected territory once the reorganization is complete.

4. 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.

5. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities:

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

**SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT DETERMINATIONS PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE 56425(i):**

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

**SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE
56425:**

A Municipal Services Review (MSR) for the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District was completed during the Commission's initial round of service reviews. Since this annexation is not expected to impact the overall comprehensive services of the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, a MSR is not being required for the current sphere of influence amendment to include the affected territory. At this time, the existing MSR is considered sufficient to fulfill the requirements of Government Code Section 56430 for this sphere amendment.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the District and within the reorganization territory.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the reorganization and SOI amendments;
2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing; and
3. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving and Ordering Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Amendments to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, and West Basin Municipal Water District Spheres of Influence; Detachment from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and West Basin Municipal Water District; and Annexation to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018--00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"REORGANIZATION NO. 2017-04 TO THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
(AMENDMENTS TO THE LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU, AND WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
SPHERES OF INFLUENCE; DETACHMENT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 29, MALIBU AND WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT; AND ANNEXATION
TO LAS VIRGENES MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT)"**

WHEREAS, the landowner submitted a petition for proceedings, 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 Las Virgenes Municipal Water District ("District"), and detachment of said territory from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and West Basin Municipal Water District (collectively, "Districts"), all within the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization consists of approximately 2.57± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal 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 reorganization is for the District to provide potable water service to a proposed single-family home; 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 reorganization, 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 August 17, 2018, 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 September 12, 2018, 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 Amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, with respect to Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, finds that the reorganization is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (d). Section 15303(d) exempts new construction or conversion

of small structures, and installation of small new facilities, including extensions of water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utilities, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction. 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 reorganization 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 reorganization, 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 reorganization 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 reorganization proposal without notice and hearing and may waive protest proceedings relative to the proposed reorganization. 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 Spheres of Influence of Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and West Basin Municipal Water District so as to exclude the subject territory described in Exhibit "A" and "B" from Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and West Basin Municipal Water District, and include the subject territory described in Exhibit "A" and "B" within Las Virgenes Municipal 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 territory will be developed to include once single-family home.

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

The affected territory is located within the County of Los Angeles unincorporated territory north of the City of Malibu and currently does not receive water services. The County of Los Angeles provides general government services to the affected territory.

The affected territory will be developed to include one single-family home which will require water services. The affected territory will require water services indefinitely from the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

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

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District provides water services to over 122 square miles of territory with over 3,000 customers. The sphere of influence amendment would remove the affected territory from the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu and West Basin Municipal Water District and would amend to the Sphere of Influence for the Las Virgenes Water District to include the affected territory. The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District indicated that they have the ability to provide potable water services to the affected territory once the reorganization is complete.

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 Districts

The Commission has on file written statements of the functions and classes of service of the Districts 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 2.57± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District".
6. Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The landowner 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. Reorganization 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 reorganization.
- 7. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.
- 8. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" reorganized to the District.
- 9. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the District, upon the applicant'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 12th day of September 2018.

MOTION:

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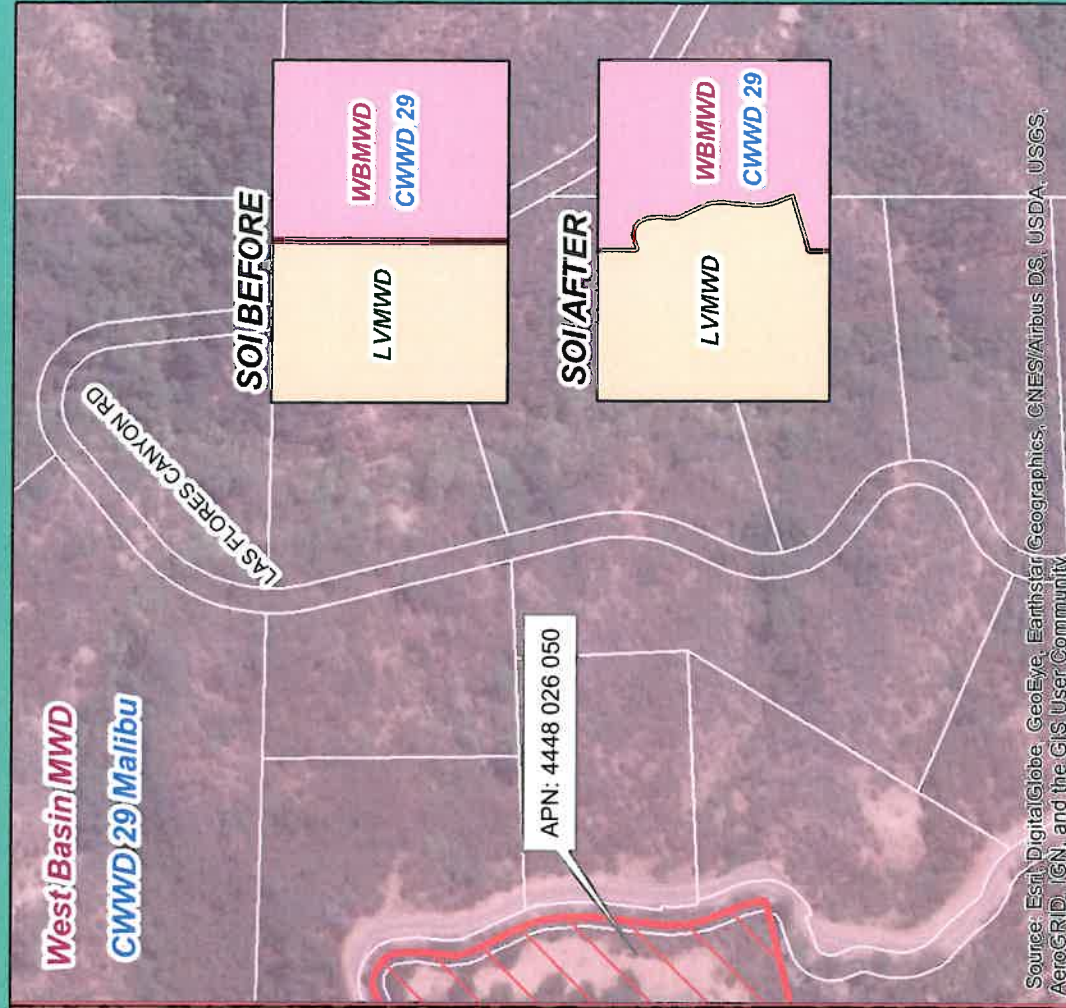
ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

MOTION PASSES: 0/0/0

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

**Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer**



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

includes SOI Amendment

(Annexation to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District,
Detachment from West Basin Municipal Water District
and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu)



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Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the
Las Virgenes MWD



Las Virgenes MWD



West Basin MWD and Los Angeles
County Waterworks District No. 29,
Malibu



County Unincorporated



Sphere of Influence Las Virgenes
MWD, West Basin MWD, & LA
County Waterworks Dist. No. 29



Staff Report

September 12, 2018

Agenda Item No. 9.a.

Sativa County Water District (“District” or “Sativa”) Status Report

At the July 11th Meeting, the Commission adopted a Resolution of Application for Commission-initiated proceedings to dissolve the Sativa County Water District (Dissolution No. 2018-09 of the Sativa County Water District). In addition, staff provided a written update to the Commission for your Commission Meeting on July 11th.

Because the Legislative Session ended on August 31st, staff was largely focused on several iterations of proposed amendments to Assemblyman Mike Gipson’s bill concerning Sativa (AB 1577, copy attached). This included frequent communications (one in-person meeting and several conference calls) with representatives of Assemblyman Gipson, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Los Angeles County Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Janice Hahn, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, and Congresswoman Nanette Barragán. Since the last Commission Meeting in August, there were several amendments to AB 1577:

- Removal of Sativa Board of Directors: Upon the appointment of a State Administrator by the State Regional Water Quality Control Board (SWRCB), Sativa’s Board of Directors “shall surrender all control to the appointed administrator and shall thereafter cease to exist.” This provision turns all control of the District over to the State Administrator (presumably the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works) and removes the Board of Directors from any management/control/oversight of Sativa.
- Penalties for divestiture of District assets: In order to prevent Sativa’s Board of Directors from taking any actions which might harm the District, and prior to the appointment of a State Administrator, “[a]ny action by the board of directors to divest the district of its assets shall be deemed tampering with a public water system pursuant to [Health and Safety Code] Section 116750 and shall be subject to the criminal penalties provided for in that section.” Health and Safety Code Section 116750 provides that tampering with a public water system is a potential felony, punishable by imprisonment up to three years; a fine not to exceed \$20,000; or both.
- Preparation of an audit: The State Controller is required to perform a desk audit or financial review of the District “within 90 days of the appointment of” the State Administrator by the SWRCB.
- LAFCO consolidation/dissolution not subject to written protest or election: Existing provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 subject commission-initiated dissolutions or dissolutions to a written protest period and, potentially, a confirmation election by the registered voters. Pursuant to this amendment, the Commission’s determination (approval or denial) of a proposed consolidation or dissolution of Sativa is not subject to written protest or election.

- Successor agency authorized to select new retail water service provider. Were LAFCO to approve a dissolution of Sativa, the Commission would designate a successor agency to take over interim service: “If the commission approves a dissolution of the district initiated by the commission, a successor agency designated in the dissolution by the commission, in consultation with the commission, may solicit proposals, evaluate submittals, and select any public water system to be the receiving water system and subsume all assets, liabilities, adjudicated water rights, responsibilities, and service obligations to provide retail water service to existing and future ratepayers within the former territory of the district. The successor agency shall represent the interests of the public and the ratepayers in the former territory of the district.” The “in consultation with the commission” provision—which requires the successor agency to involve LAFCO in the selection process of a future retail water provider—was added at the request of the involved legislators (primarily Assemblyman Mike Gipson and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon). The provision concerning representation of the “interests of the public and the ratepayers” was added to address concerns by LAFCO commissioners, and others, about potential impacts of future rate increases upon Sativa ratepayers.
- Immunity from claims: The State Administrator, any successor agency designated by the commission, any future operator of the former Sativa system “shall not be held liable for claims by past or existing district ratepayer or those who consumed water provided through the district” and for “any injury that occurred prior to the” Commission’s appointment of a successor agency. This provision is intended to protect the involved public agencies and potential future retail water service provider against frivolous legal claims.

AB 1577 was approved by the Assembly on August 31st, and Governor Brown has until September 20th to sign or veto it. On August 27th, and on behalf of the Commission, Chair Jerry Gladbach sent a letter to Governor Brown encouraging approval of AB 1577. Because AB 1577 contains an “urgency clause,” should Governor Brown sign the measure, it would take effect immediately (a bill without an urgency clause otherwise takes effect on January 1, 2019).

Separately, and in a companion budget trailer bill, the Legislature appropriated \$200,000 to the SWRCB to pay the State Administrator appointed to oversee Sativa.

In addition to efforts on AB 1577, staff also:

- Delivered a letter (on August 20th) to Sativa General Manager Thomas Martin, requesting documents pursuant to the Public Records Act and LAFCO authority pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. The letter was hand-delivered by LAFCO staff, and the General Manager acknowledged receipt via e-mail (copy attached).

- Provided input to Los Angeles County Department of Public Works for a “Frequently Asked Questions” newsletter (in English and Spanish) which the County mailed to all residents within the boundaries of the Sativa County Water District on August 24, 2018 (copy attached).
- Met with staff of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on September 5th to review the LAFCO dissolution process, timing of the appointment of the State Administrator, and plans for the anticipated solicitation of proposals from potential long-term service providers.
- Prepared for a discussion of the LAFCO dissolution process and related issues, in concert with representatives of other relevant public agencies, at a community meeting hosted by Assemblyman Mike Gipson and scheduled for September 20th at George Washington Elementary School in Compton. Staff also participated in weekly planning sessions (via conference call) with staff to Assemblyman Gipson and prepared a slide (“LAFCO Dissolution Process”) for the community meeting (copy enclosed).
- Established contact with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) representatives concerning the CPUC’s potential role in approving a long-term retail water service provider to take over service from the Sativa County Water District.

As noted in the slide prepared for the community meeting, staff is planning to issue public hearing notice in December of 2018, with an anticipated public hearing on the proposed dissolution (for Commission action) in February or March of 2019. This schedule will provide an opportunity for staff to review the “desk audit” prepared by the State Controller; secure feedback from the State Administrator concerning the status of Sativa’s infrastructure and operations; and work with relevant public agency representatives, if necessary, for a potential solicitation of proposals from long-term service providers.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and file the Sativa County Water District Status Report.

Attachments:

- AB 1577 (Gipson).
- August 20, 2018 Letter from LAFCO Executive Officer Paul Novak to Sativa General Manager Thomas Martin, requesting documents pursuant to the Public Records Act.

- August 27, 2018 letter from Sativa General Manager Thomas Martin to LAFCO Executive Officer Paul Novak relative to the Public Records Act request.
- August 2018 “Our Efforts to Address Concerns With the Sativa Water District – Frequently Asked Questions” newsletter distributed by the County of Los Angeles (English/Spanish), distributed August 21, 2018.
- August 27, 2018 Letter from Commission Chair Gladbach to Governor Brown in support of AB 1577.
- September 6, 2018 Letter from CALAFCO Executive Officer Steve Lucas to Governor Brown in support of ABB 1577.
- AB 1577 Water Quality Community Update, Assemblyman Mike A. Gipson, Flyer for September 20th Meeting (English/Spanish).
- September 20, 2018 Slide (“LAFCO Dissolution Process”) from Assemblyman Gipson’s Community Meeting (English/Spanish).

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 24, 2018

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 7, 2018

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 27, 2018

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 14, 2018

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 6, 2018

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 21, 2017

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1577

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

February 17, 2017

An act to amend Section 116686 of, and to add Section 116687 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1577, as amended, Gipson. California Safe Drinking Water Act: Santa-Los Angeles County Water District.

Existing law, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, provides for the operation of public water systems and imposes on the State Water Resources Control Board various responsibilities and duties. The act authorizes the state board to order consolidation with a receiving water system where a public water system or a state small water system, serving a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. The act authorizes the state board, for the purpose of providing affordable, safe drinking water to

disadvantaged communities and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse, to contract with an administrator to provide administrative and managerial services to a designated public water system and to order the designated public water system to accept those administrative and managerial services, including full management and control, if sufficient funding is available and if the state board finds that consolidation with another system or extension of service from another system is either not appropriate or not technically and economically feasible.

~~This bill would authorize the state board to order a designated public water system to accept managerial and administrative services without first making a finding that consolidation or extension of service is not appropriate or not technically and economically feasible if the state board finds that an emergency circumstance exists to warrant immediate action to protect the public health. The bill would require the state board to order the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District to accept administrative and managerial services, including full management and control, from an administrator selected by the state board. The bill would appropriate \$200,000 from the General Fund to the state board for the purpose of contracting with or providing a grant to an administrator. The bill would authorize, if the water district is consolidated with a receiving water system as prescribed by the act, the subsumed territory of the water district to include both unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles and incorporated territory of the City of Compton. The bill would limit the liability of any administrator, any successor agency to the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District designated by the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles to take over the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District, any receiving water agency that is consolidated with the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District, or any water corporation that acquires the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District, as specified.~~

This bill would require the state board to order the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District to accept administrative and managerial services, including full management and control, from an administrator selected by the state board. The bill would require the district's board of directors, upon the appointment of an administrator, to surrender all control to the appointed administrator and would provide that the district shall thereafter cease to exist. The bill would authorize, if the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles approves a dissolution of the district, a successor agency designated in the dissolution, in consultation with the Local Agency Formation

Commission for the County of Los Angeles, to solicit proposals, evaluate submittals, and select any public water system to be the receiving water system and provide retail water service to existing and future ratepayers within the former territory of the district, as provided. The bill would limit the liability of specified entities involved in the dissolution of the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District and make related changes.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: ~~yes~~ no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 116686 of the Health and Safety Code~~
2 ~~is amended to read:~~
3 ~~116686. (a) (1) To provide affordable, safe drinking water to~~
4 ~~disadvantaged communities and to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse,~~
5 ~~the state board may do both of the following, if sufficient funding~~
6 ~~is available and if the state board finds that consolidation with~~
7 ~~another system or extension of service from another system is~~
8 ~~either not appropriate or not technically and economically feasible:~~
9 ~~(A) (i) Contract with an administrator to provide administrative~~
10 ~~and managerial services to a designated public water system to~~
11 ~~assist the designated public water system with the provision of an~~
12 ~~adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water.~~
13 ~~(ii) To fulfill the requirements of this section, the state board~~
14 ~~may contract with more than one administrator, but only one~~
15 ~~administrator may be assigned to provide services to a given~~
16 ~~designated public water system.~~
17 ~~(iii) An administrator may provide administrative and~~
18 ~~managerial services to more than one designated public water~~
19 ~~system.~~
20 ~~(B) Order the designated public water system to accept~~
21 ~~administrative and managerial services, including full management~~
22 ~~and control, from an administrator selected by the state board.~~

1 ~~(2) In performing its duties pursuant to paragraph (1), the state~~
2 ~~board may use criteria from the policy handbook adopted pursuant~~
3 ~~to Section 116760.43.~~

4 ~~(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the state board may order a~~
5 ~~designated public water system to accept administrative and~~
6 ~~managerial services without first making a finding that~~
7 ~~consolidation or extension of service is not appropriate or not~~
8 ~~technically and economically feasible if the state board finds that~~
9 ~~an emergency circumstance exists to warrant immediate action to~~
10 ~~protect the public health.~~

11 ~~(b) Before the state board determines that a public water system~~
12 ~~is a designated public water system, the state board shall do both~~
13 ~~of the following:~~

14 ~~(1) Provide the public water system with notice and an~~
15 ~~opportunity to show either of the following:~~

16 ~~(A) That the public water system has not consistently failed to~~
17 ~~provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water.~~

18 ~~(B) That the public water system has taken steps to timely~~
19 ~~address its failure to provide an adequate and affordable supply~~
20 ~~of safe drinking water.~~

21 ~~(2) (A) Conduct a public meeting in a location as close as~~
22 ~~feasible to the affected community.~~

23 ~~(B) The state board shall make reasonable efforts to provide a~~
24 ~~30-day notice of the meeting to affected ratepayers, renters, and~~
25 ~~property owners.~~

26 ~~(C) Representatives of the public water system, affected~~
27 ~~ratepayers, renters, and property owners shall be provided an~~
28 ~~opportunity to present testimony at the meeting.~~

29 ~~(D) The meeting shall provide an opportunity for public~~
30 ~~comment.~~

31 ~~(e) The state board shall make financial assistance available to~~
32 ~~an administrator for a designated public water system, as~~
33 ~~appropriate and to the extent that funding is available.~~

34 ~~(d) An administrator may do any of the following:~~

35 ~~(1) Expend available moneys for capital infrastructure~~
36 ~~improvements that the designated public water system needs to~~
37 ~~provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water.~~

38 ~~(2) Set and collect user water rates and fees, subject to approval~~
39 ~~by the state board. The provisions of this section are subject to all~~

1 applicable constitutional requirements, including Article XIII D
2 of the California Constitution.

3 (3) ~~Expend available moneys for operation and maintenance~~
4 ~~costs of the designated public water system.~~

5 (c) ~~The state board shall work with the administrator of a~~
6 ~~designated public water system and the communities served by~~
7 ~~that designated public water system to develop, within the shortest~~
8 ~~feasible timeframe, adequate technical, managerial, and financial~~
9 ~~capacity to deliver safe drinking water so that the services of the~~
10 ~~administrator are no longer necessary.~~

11 (f) ~~A designated public water system shall not be responsible~~
12 ~~for any costs associated with an administrator.~~

13 (g) ~~Administrative and managerial contracts pursuant to this~~
14 ~~section shall be exempt from Chapter 2 (commencing with Section~~
15 ~~10290) of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code and~~
16 ~~may be awarded on a noncompetitive bid basis as necessary to~~
17 ~~implement the purposes of this section.~~

18 (h) ~~For purposes of this section, a local government, as defined~~
19 ~~in Article XIII C of the California Constitution, that sets water~~
20 ~~rates in accordance with Article XIII D of the California~~
21 ~~Constitution shall be deemed to be providing affordable water.~~

22 (i) ~~This section does not apply to a charter city, charter county,~~
23 ~~or charter city and county.~~

24 (j) ~~For purposes of this section, the following terms have the~~
25 ~~following meanings:~~

26 (1) ~~“Administrator” means a person whom the state board has~~
27 ~~determined is competent to perform the administrative and~~
28 ~~managerial services of a public water system, as described in~~
29 ~~subdivision (d). In determining competency, the state board may~~
30 ~~consider demonstrated experience in managing and operating a~~
31 ~~public water system.~~

32 (2) ~~“Designated public water system” means a public water~~
33 ~~system that serves a disadvantaged community, as defined in~~
34 ~~Section 79505.5 of the Water Code, and that the state board finds~~
35 ~~consistently fails to provide an adequate and affordable supply of~~
36 ~~safe drinking water.~~

37 ~~SEC. 2.~~

38 *SECTION 1.* ~~Section 116687 is added to the Health and Safety~~
39 ~~Code, to read:~~

1 116687. (a) ~~To~~ For purposes of this section, the following
2 terms have the following meanings:

3 (1) "District" means the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water~~
4 ~~District~~.

5 (2) "Commission" means the ~~Local Agency Formation~~
6 ~~Commission for the County of Los Angeles~~.

7 (b) To provide affordable, safe drinking water to disadvantaged
8 communities, the state board shall order the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles~~
9 ~~County Water District~~ district to accept administrative and
10 managerial services, including full management and control, from
11 an administrator selected by the state board, as prescribed in
12 Section 116686, except that the state board is not required to
13 conduct a public meeting as described in paragraph (2) of
14 subdivision (b) of Section 116686. ~~Consistent with paragraph (3)~~
15 ~~of subdivision (a) of Section 116686, the state board is not required~~
16 ~~to first find that consolidation with another system or extension~~
17 ~~of service from another system is not appropriate or not technically~~
18 ~~and economically feasible before ordering the Sativa-Los Angeles~~
19 ~~County Water District to accept services pursuant to this section.~~

20 (b) The sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is
21 hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the state board for
22 the purpose of contracting with or providing a grant to an
23 administrator, as described in subdivision (a).

24 (c) (1) Upon the appointment of an administrator, all of the
25 following shall apply:

26 (A) Notwithstanding Article 1 (commencing with Section 30500)
27 of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Water Code, the
28 district's board of directors shall surrender all control to the
29 appointed administrator and shall thereafter cease to exist.

30 (B) The members of the board of directors of the district shall
31 have no standing to represent the district's ratepayers, and a
32 member of the board of directors shall have no claim for benefits
33 other than those he or she actually received while a member of
34 the board of directors.

35 (C) Any action by the board of directors to divest the district of
36 its assets shall be deemed tampering with a public water system
37 pursuant to Section 116750 and shall be subject to the criminal
38 penalties provided for in that section.

39 (2) Within 90 days of the appointment of an administrator, the
40 Controller shall perform a desk audit or financial review of the

1 *district. The state board shall exercise its legal authority to*
2 *facilitate the desk audit or financial review, including, but not*
3 *limited to, its authority to take possession of the district's financial*
4 *records.*

5 *(3) Any decision by the commission about the dissolution or*
6 *consolidation of the district shall not be subject to the provisions*
7 *of Section 57113 of the Government Code, nor to any other*
8 *requirement for a protest proceeding or election. The commission*
9 *shall not impose any condition on the successor agency that*
10 *requires a protest proceeding or an election, as described in Part*
11 *4 (commencing with Section 57000) and Part 5 (commencing with*
12 *Section 57300) of Division 3 of Title 5 of the Government Code,*
13 *respectively.*

14 *(4) If the commission approves a dissolution of the district*
15 *initiated by the commission, a successor agency designated in the*
16 *dissolution by the commission, in consultation with the commission,*
17 *may solicit proposals, evaluate submittals, and select any public*
18 *water system to be the receiving water system and subsume all*
19 *assets, liabilities, adjudicated water rights, responsibilities, and*
20 *service obligations to provide retail water service to existing and*
21 *future ratepayers within the former territory of the district. The*
22 *successor agency shall represent the interests of the public and*
23 *the ratepayers in the former territory of the district.*

24 *(d) The state board may provide additional funding to the*
25 *administrator or the Water Replenishment District of Southern*
26 *California or the successor agency designated by the commission*
27 *for urgent infrastructure repairs to the public water system of the*
28 *district without regard to the future ownership of any facilities*
29 *affected by this funding. For purposes of this section, "urgent*
30 *infrastructure repairs" are those that are immediately necessary*
31 *to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of those served by*
32 *the district.*

33 *(e)*

34 *(e) If the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ district is*
35 *consolidated with a receiving water system as prescribed in*
36 *Sections 116682 and 116684, the subsumed territory of the*
37 *~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ district may include*
38 *both unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles and*
39 *incorporated territory of the City of Compton.*

40 *(d)*

(f) (1) Any administrator appointed pursuant to subdivision (a); (b), any successor agency to the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* designated by the ~~Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles~~ *commission* to take over the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~, *district*, any receiving water agency that is consolidated with the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~, or *operator of a public water system that provides service to the territory of the district*, any water corporation that acquires the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district*, and the *commission* shall not be held liable for claims by past or existing ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* customers *district ratepayers* or those who consumed water provided through the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* concerning the operation and supply of water from the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* during the interim operation period specified in subdivision (e) (g) for any good faith, reasonable effort using ordinary care to assume possession of, to operate, or to supply water to, the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~. *ratepayers within the territory of the district.*

(2) Any administrator appointed pursuant to subdivision (a); (b), any successor agency to the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* designated by the ~~Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles~~ *commission* to take over the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~, *district*, any receiving water agency that is consolidated with the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~, or *operator of a public water system that provides service to the territory of the district*, any water corporation that acquires the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district*, and the *commission* shall not be held liable for claims by past or existing ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* customers *district ratepayers* or those who consumed water provided through the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* for any injury that occurred prior to the commencement of the interim operation period specified in subdivision (e) (g).

(c)(1)–

(g) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (d) of Section 116684, for any successor agency to the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~ *district* designated by the ~~Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles~~ *commission* to take

1 over the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~, *district*, any
2 receiving water agency that is consolidated with the ~~Sativa-Los~~
3 ~~Angeles County Water District~~, *operator of a public water system*
4 *that provides service to the territory of the district*, or any water
5 corporation that acquires the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water~~
6 ~~District~~, *district*, the interim operation period shall commence upon
7 the execution of an agreement or designation by the ~~Local Agency~~
8 ~~Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles~~ *commission*
9 to provide water services to the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water~~
10 ~~District~~ *district* and shall end one year later. Upon the showing of
11 good cause, the interim operation period shall be extended by the
12 ~~Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los~~
13 ~~Angeles~~ *commission* for up to three successive one-year periods
14 at the request of an entity described in this paragraph.

15 (2) For the administrator appointed pursuant to subdivision (a),
16 (b), the interim operation period shall commence upon being
17 appointed by the state board and shall end when a successor agency
18 has been designated by the ~~Local Agency Formation Commission~~
19 ~~for the County of Los Angeles~~ *commission* to provide water service
20 to ~~customers of the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~,
21 *ratepayers of the district*, a receiving water agency is consolidated
22 with or extends service to ~~customers of the Sativa-Los Angeles~~
23 ~~County Water District~~, or *ratepayers of the district*, a water
24 corporation acquires the ~~Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District~~,
25 *district with the approval of the Public Utilities Commission*, or
26 when the *administrator's* obligation to provide *interim*
27 administrative and managerial services has otherwise ended.

28 ~~SEC. 3.~~

29 *SEC. 2.* The Legislature finds and declares that a special statute
30 is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable
31 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
32 Constitution because of the unique circumstances in the Sativa-Los
33 Angeles County Water District regarding the need to ensure the
34 residents served by the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District
35 have access to safe, clean drinking water.

36 ~~SEC. 4.~~

37 *SEC. 3.* This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
38 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within
39 the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall
40 go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

- 1 In order to ensure the ~~customers~~ *ratepayers* of the Santa-Los
- 2 Angeles County Water District have access to affordable, safe
- 3 drinking water as soon as possible, it is necessary for this act to
- 4 take effect immediately.

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August 20, 2018

Mr. Thomas Martin
Interim General Manager
Sativa County Water District
2015 E. Hatchway Street
Compton, CA 90222

Hand-Delivered

RE: Public Records Act Request and
Request for Information

Dear Mr. Martin:

The Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO) is requesting certain public records and information from Sativa County Water District (District or Sativa).

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code Section 6250 et seq., LAFCO, hereby requests the following public records in the possession, custody, or control of the District:

- Audited financial statements for the District for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, ending June 30, 2017.
- Adopted budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Any and all documents and communications related to the resignation or termination of the District's former General Manager, Maria Rachelle Garza.
- Employment agreement, contract, consulting firm contract, or equivalent for the current employment of Sativa Interim General Manager, Thomas Martin.
- Any and all legal services agreements between Sativa and its legal counsel(s).
- Agreement, contract, memorandum of understanding, or equivalent between Sativa and the City of Compton concerning the water system interconnection between Sativa and the City of Compton.
- Contracts, agreements or equivalent for outside engineering or water consultants hired by Sativa within the last five years.
- Any and all documents and communications regarding the award to Sativa of a planning grant by the Southern California and the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (believed to be in the amount of approximately \$250,000).

- Any and all documents and communications related to Violation Orders issued by the SWRCB within the last five years, including but not limited to all documents and communications related to Sativa's responses to any thereto.

As required by Government Code Section 6253, please reply to this request promptly, no later than ten days from today.

If, for any reason, the District decides to withhold or otherwise redact information contained in the public records described above on the basis of privilege, please provide a statement describing the nature of any such material and the basis for any such decision, citing the legal authorities on which the District relies.

In addition, pursuant to Government Code Section 56386(a), LAFCO hereby requests the following records or information in possession of the District which may be necessary to assist LAFCO and the Executive Officer in their duties:

- The status of preparing audited financial statements for the District for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, ending June 30, 2018. This includes but is not limited to the following information:
 - whether an auditor has been retained by the District,
 - if so, the name of the auditor,
 - whether the audit has commenced,
 - the expected date for completion of a draft or final audit, and
 - the expected date that the audit will be made available for public review and submittal to LAFCO.
- With respect to a loan or bond in the approximate amount of \$1.6 million, which several Sativa representatives referenced at LAFCO public meetings, the following information:
 - whether this a loan or a bond,
 - the name of the lender or insurer,
 - the exact amount of the loan or bond,
 - the term (years) of the loan or bond,
 - the annual interest rate,
 - the annual amount of interest payments and/or bond premiums,
 - the collateral,
 - the underwriter for the bond and the name of bond counsel for the issuing authority,
 - the intended purpose of the funds, and
 - whether any of the bond or loan funds been utilized; and if so, in what amount, and for what purpose.
- A list of existing employees of the District. This includes the following information:
 - title,

- job description or general description of duties,
 - hire and start date,
 - full-time or part-time status,
 - salary, and
 - description of all benefits.
- Describe whether the former Sativa General Manager, Maria Rachelle Garza, is on administrative leave, has been terminated, fired, or resigned.
 - Describe whether Sativa Interim General Manager, Thomas Martin, is a Sativa employee, a self-employed consultant, or an employee of a consultant/contractor; the date upon which his current employment for Sativa commenced; and provide a copy of any contract with Mr. Martin or his employer.
 - Identify whether any current or former Sativa employees or Sativa board-members are members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).
 - Identify whether any current or former Sativa employees or Sativa board-members participate in a defined-benefit pension system offered by Sativa.
 - Identify whether any current or former Sativa employees or Sativa board-members are participants in a 401(k) employer sponsored retirement account, Individual Retirement Account (IRA), or equivalent; and if so, please identify whether the District contributes to those accounts, and whether all District-required contributions have been made, are current, and/or whether there are existing unfunded District obligations.
 - Provide a list of all attorneys that currently perform legal services for Sativa.
 - Provide a list of all attorneys that have provided legal services for Sativa since January 1, 2012; and the start/end dates of their legal services work for Sativa.
 - State whether there are any unresolved, pending claims filed against the District, and if so, identify each, and provide a copy of the claim(s).
 - State whether there are any pending lawsuits against the District, and if so, please provide a copy of the lawsuit(s).

With respect to the request for public records and documents, we are amenable to electronic disclosure of such records or documents to the extent that such disclosure is more convenient and may be made in a more expeditious fashion.

Should you or your staff wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail (pnovak@lalafo.org) or telephone (626/204-6500).

I look forward to receiving a timely response to these requests.

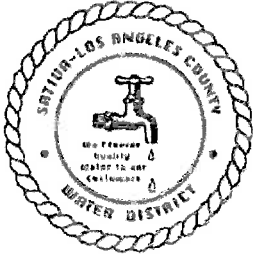
Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Novak", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

Copy to: LAFCO Commissioners
 Adriana Romo, LAFCO Deputy Executive Officer
 Carole Suzuki, LAFCO Counsel
 Lillian Salinger, LAFCO Counsel



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August 27, 2018

LAFCO
80 South Lake Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Public Records Request dated August 20, 2018

Dear Mr. Novak:

The Sativa Los Angeles County Water District (the "District") has received your Public Records Act request dated August 20, 2018. We have made the following determinations regarding your requests:

1. Audited financial statements for the District for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017, ending June 30, 2017.

Response: these records will be provided as found.

2. Adopted budget for the District for fiscal year 2018 – 2019.

Response: these records will be provided as found.

3. Any and all documents and communications related to the resignation or termination of the District's former General Manager, Maria Rachelle Garza.

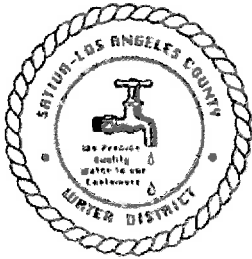
Response: the District will not providing any personnel related documents regarding this ex-employee; such records would constitute an unwarranted invasion of Ms. Garza's privacy. [Govt. Code section 6254 (c).] The District will provide whatever documents are not covered by the personnel privilege as found.

4. Employment agreement, contract, consulting firm contract, or equivalent for the current employment of Sativa Interim General Manager, Thomas Martin.

Response: this document will be provided as found.

5. Any and all legal services agreements between Sativa and its legal counsel.

Response: this document will be provided as found.



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6. Agreement, contract, memorandum of understanding, or equivalent between Sativa and the City of Compton concerning the water system interconnection between Sativa and the City of Compton.

Response: this document will be provided as found.

7. Contracts, agreements or equivalent for outside engineering or water consultants hired by Sativa within the last five years.

Response: these documents will be provided as found.

8. Any and all documents and communications regarding the award to Sativa of a planning grant by the Southern California and the California and California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) (believed to be in the amount of approximately \$250,000).

Response: these documents will be provided as found.

9. Any and all documents communications related to Violation Orders issued by the in SWRCB within the last five years, including but not limited to all documents and communications related to Sativa's responses to any thereto.

Response: The District assumes that this request does not seek communications that would be covered by the attorney-client privilege; to the extent that it does, such records are exempt from disclosure. [Govt. Code Section 6254 (k) and Evid. Code Section 952.] All other responsive documents will be provided as found.

Please note that the District charges 10 cents per page for the copies. We will advise you of the total cost for the copies as soon as we determine that amount. The records are anticipated to be available in 20 days; if they are available sooner, or if they do not exist, we will advise you as soon as we make that determination.

The determinations set forth above have been made by the Interim General Manager after consultation with the District's General Counsel.

Sincerely,

Thomas Martin
Interim General Manager



County of Los Angeles

OUR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS WITH THE SATIVA WATER DISTRICT

Frequently Asked Questions

August 2018

You may have heard news recently about the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District. The purpose of this update is to provide you with accurate and timely information regarding our goals to improve water service for impacted residents.

1. What is the Sativa Los Angeles County Water District?

The Sativa Los Angeles County Water District (Sativa) is a public agency that provides retail water to about 6,800 people in the unincorporated Willowbrook community and a portion of the City of Compton. Sativa's service area is less than one-third of a square mile with approximately 1,680 water service connections.

2. Why does the State need to appoint an Interim Administrator to oversee Sativa?

Customers of Sativa have complained of brown water coming out of faucets. Although Sativa reported that this was a temporary problem, residents continue to report water quality issues. While testing has found that there are no primary health or safety violations, there have been secondary violations related to the discoloration of the water and the presence of metal called manganese. In addition, Sativa has been cited by State regulatory entities for not providing adequate water pressure required for firefighting at all times.

There are concerns that Sativa lacks sufficient fiscal management and has neglected the condition of its pipes and related infrastructure, creating a lack of confidence in Sativa's ongoing ability to provide water service.

To ensure that residents served by Sativa have access to safe and clean water, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Los Angeles has initiated the formal process of dissolving Sativa. In addition, the State is considering the appointment of an Interim Administrator until a new, long-term water service provider is identified.

3. Who would be the Interim Administrator that would manage Sativa?

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has officially urged the State to appoint the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) as the Interim Administrator. Assembly Bill 1577 would facilitate this action.

All parties believe that DPW is well suited for this role given their extensive experience operating water systems across the County of Los Angeles, through 68,000 service connections, which serve approximately 245,000 people.

4. What can the community expect from DPW as the Interim Administrator?

Identifying a service provider to assume the long-term operation of Sativa is estimated to take 9 to 12 months. During that time, DPW would supervise the provision of water for Sativa's current customers, while reviewing current system operations, maintenance, and financial procedures with a focus on optimizing water quality and preparing for a new, long-term water provider.



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5. Will there be opportunities for community engagement?

If DPW is officially appointed as the Interim Administrator, the County of Los Angeles, in coordination with local, state and federal partners, will immediately begin community engagement efforts to seek customer's feedback and priorities.

6. Will my water bill stay the same?

DPW does not plan to make any immediate changes to the existing flat-water rate. A water rate study would need to be done in the future to ensure that there is enough funding available to properly maintain the water system and to pay for necessary infrastructure upgrades. Any increase to the water rates would require a noticed public hearing where objections to the increase would be considered.

7. As a customer, would I notice any immediate changes?

Customers would have immediate access to DPW during regular business hours and 24/7 for any emergencies. All customer complaints will be promptly and thoroughly investigated. The goal is to meet all water quality standards, including color, taste, and odor.

8. How would DPW improve water quality at Sativa?

As the Interim Administrator, DPW proposes to assess the condition of the existing water facilities and identify any necessary and timely improvements to ensure safe drinking water is available to Sativa customers. Based upon this assessment, DPW would facilitate any critical and timely operational changes and infrastructure improvements that may be required. DPW will also work closely with the State to ensure that water quality meets all regulatory standards.

9. What is the long term plan?

DPW would conduct a solicitation process to identify the best long-term provider, and then work with other regulatory entities, as required, to transition the water service over to that entity. DPW's goal is to complete this process within 12 months.

10. Who can I contact with questions or feedback?

To request additional information, ask questions, or provide feedback, please contact Russ Bryden, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-4334 or rbryden@dpw.lacounty.gov.

11. How can I get involved?

- To learn more about AB 1577, please visit http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1577
- To learn more about the Local Agency Formation Commission's dissolution proceedings for the Sativa Water District, please visit <http://www.lalafco.org/>.



Condado de Los Ángeles

NUESTROS ESFUERZOS PARA ENFRENTAR LAS PREOCUPACIONES CON EL DISTRITO DE AGUA DE SATIVA

Preguntas Frecuentes

Agosto de 2018

Es posible que haya escuchado noticias recientemente sobre el Distrito de Agua Sativa del condado de Los Ángeles. El objetivo de esta actualización es brindarle información precisa y oportuna sobre nuestros objetivos para mejorar el servicio de agua para los residentes afectados.

1. ¿Qué es el Distrito de Agua Sativa del Condado de Los Ángeles?

El Distrito de Agua Sativa del Condado de Los Ángeles (Sativa) es una agencia pública que proporciona el agua minorista a aproximadamente 6.800 personas en la comunidad no incorporada de Willowbrook y a una porción de la ciudad de Compton. Sativa mide menos de un tercio de una milla cuadrada con aproximadamente 1.680 conexiones de servicio de agua.

2. ¿Por qué el Estado necesita designar un Administrador Interino para supervisar Sativa?

Los clientes de Sativa se han quejado de agua marrón que sale de los grifos. Aunque Sativa reportó que se trataba de un problema temporal, los residentes continúan reportando problemas de calidad del agua. Mientras que las pruebas determinaron que no hay violaciones primarias de salud o seguridad, ha habido violaciones secundarias relacionadas con la decoloración del agua y la presencia de un metal llamado manganeso. Además, Sativa ha sido citado por entidades reguladoras estatales por no proporcionar la presión de agua adecuada requerida para combatir incendios.

Existen preocupaciones de que Sativa le falta administración fiscal suficiente y que ha descuidado la condición de las cañerías y de infraestructura relacionada, creando una falta de confianza en la habilidad continua de Sativa de proporcionar el servicio de agua.

Para asegurar que los residentes atendidos por Sativa tengan acceso a agua limpia y segura, La Comisión de Formación de la Agencia local de Los Ángeles ha iniciado el proceso formal de la disolución de Sativa. Además, el Estado está considerando la designación de un administrador interino hasta que se identifique un nuevo proveedor de servicios de agua a largo plazo.

3. ¿Quién sería el administrador interino que administraría Sativa?

La junta de Supervisores del Condado de los Ángeles ha instado oficialmente al Estado a designar al Departamento de Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Ángeles (DPW) como el Administrador Interino. El proyecto de ley AB 1577 facilitaría esta acción.

Todos creen que DPW está bien adaptado para esta responsabilidad, dada su amplia experiencia en la operación de sistemas de agua en todo el Condado de los Ángeles, a través de 68.000 conexiones de servicio, que sirven a aproximadamente 245.000 personas.

4. ¿Qué puede esperar la comunidad de DPW como administrador interino?

Se estima que la identificación de un proveedor de servicios para asumir la operación a largo plazo de Sativa demorará de 9 a 12 meses. Durante ese tiempo, DPW supervisará la provisión de agua para los clientes actuales de Sativa, mientras que revisa las operaciones actuales del sistema, el mantenimiento y los procedimientos financieros con un enfoque en optimizar la calidad del agua y prepararse para un nuevo proveedor de agua a largo plazo.



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5. ¿Habrá oportunidades para la participación de la comunidad?

Si DPW es designado oficialmente como el administrador interino, el Condado de los Ángeles, en coordinación con los socios locales, estatales y federales, comenzará inmediatamente los esfuerzos de participación de la comunidad para buscar los comentarios y las prioridades del cliente.

6. ¿Mi factura de agua seguirá siendo la misma?

DPW no planea hacer ningún cambio inmediato al cobro-fijo de agua existente. En el futuro debería realizarse un estudio de la tasa de agua para garantizar que haya suficientes fondos disponibles para mantener adecuadamente el sistema de agua y para pagar las actualizaciones necesarias de la tubería. Cualquier aumento en las tarifas de agua requeriría una audiencia pública notificada donde se considerarían las objeciones al aumento.

7. Como cliente, ¿notaría algún cambio inmediato?

Los clientes tendrían acceso inmediato a DPW durante las horas de trabajo regulares y las 24 horas del día, siete días a la semana, en caso de emergencias. Todas las quejas de los clientes serán investigadas puntualmente y exhaustivamente. El objetivo es cumplir con todos los estándares de calidad del agua, incluyendo el color, el sabor y el olor.

8. ¿Como mejoraría DPW la calidad de agua de Sativa?

Como administrador interino, DPW propone evaluar la condición de las instalaciones de agua existentes e identificar las mejoras necesarias y oportunas para asegurar que el agua potable esté disponible para los clientes de Sativa. Basado en esta evaluación, DPW facilitaría cualquier cambio operacional crítico y oportuno, y mejoras de infraestructura que puedan ser necesarias. DPW también trabajará junto con el estado para asegurar que la calidad del agua cumpla con todos los estándares regulatorios.

9. ¿Cuál es el plan a largo plazo?

DPW llevaría a cabo un proceso de solicitud para identificar al mejor proveedor de largo plazo, y después trabajaría con otras entidades reguladoras, según sea necesario, para hacer la transición del servicio de agua a esa entidad. El objetivo de DPW es completar este proceso dentro de 12 meses.

10. ¿A quién puedo contactar con preguntas o comentarios?

Para solicitar información adicional, hacer preguntas, o proporcionar comentarios por favor comuníquese con Russ Bryden, Departamento de Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Ángeles, al (626) 458-4334 o rbryden@dpw.lacounty.gov.

11. ¿Como puedo participar?

- Para obtener más información sobre AB 1577, visite

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1577

- Para obtener más información sobre los procedimientos de disolución de la Comisión de formación de agencias locales para el distrito de agua de sativa, por favor visite <http://www.lalafco.org/>.



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August 27, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State of California
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814


RE: SUPPORT of Assembly Bill 1577

Dear Governor Brown:

The Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO) is pleased to **SUPPORT Assembly Bill 1577, as amended**, concerning the appointment of a State Water Resources Control Board administrator for the Sativa County Water District.

Based upon concerns documented extensively in Commission-adopted Municipal Service Reviews in 2005 and 2012, as well as recent water quality issues, LAFCO initiated the dissolution of the Sativa County Water at the July 11th Commission Meeting. LAFCO continues to work with you, other elected officials, and other stakeholders to adopt measures which provide safe, reliable, and clean water to ratepayers within the Sativa County Water District.

Yours sincerely,


Jerry Gladbach
Chair

cc: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO

September 6, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor
State of California
State Capitol, Room 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support of Assembly Bill 1577 (Gipson)

Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) is pleased to **SUPPORT Assembly Bill 1577, as amended**, concerning the appointment of a State Water Resources Control Board administrator for the Sativa County Water District.

CALAFCO previously took a position in support of AB 1577 when it was introduced, as did several stakeholders, including the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LA LAFCO), the County of Los Angeles, and the City of Compton.

CALAFCO believes that AB 1577 furthers the continued collaboration amongst public officials, representatives of several State and local agencies, and other stakeholders to provide safe, reliable, and clean water to ratepayers within the Sativa County Water District.

We respectfully request your signature on **AB 1577** when it comes before you for action. Please don't hesitate to contact CALAFCO with questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Lucas".

Stephen Lucas
CALAFCO Executive Officer

cc: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCo
The Honorable Mike Gipson, Assemblyman, 64th District



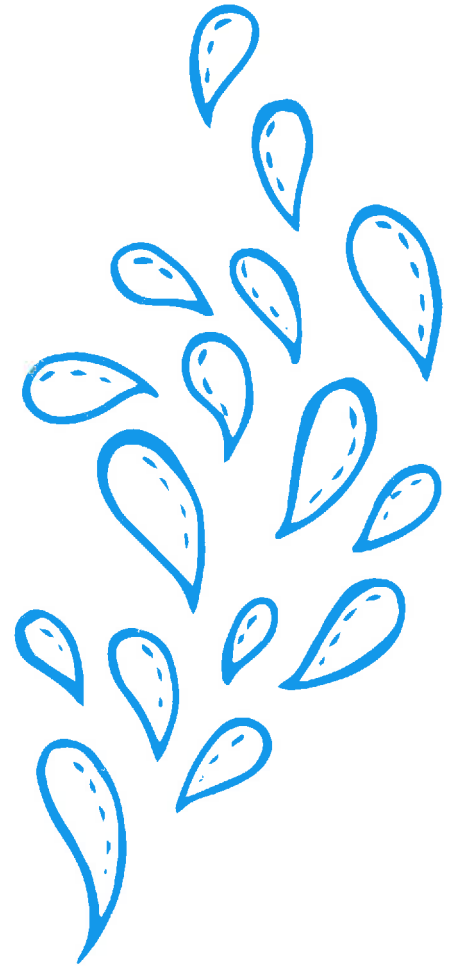
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR

Mike A. Gipson

DISTRICT 64

AB 1577 WATER QUALITY COMMUNITY UPDATE

Join us for a community update on the latest news regarding your water quality! If you are a Sativa rate payer we invite you to learn about AB 1577 and how it will provide state and local oversight in partnership with LA County.



SEPTEMBER 20TH

**GEORGE WASHINGTON
ELEMENTARY**

**1421 N. WILMINGTON AVE.
COMPTON CA 90222**

6-8PM

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Mike A. Gipson

DISTRICT 64

AB 1577 ACTUALIZACIÓN COMUNITARIA CALIDAD DE AGUA

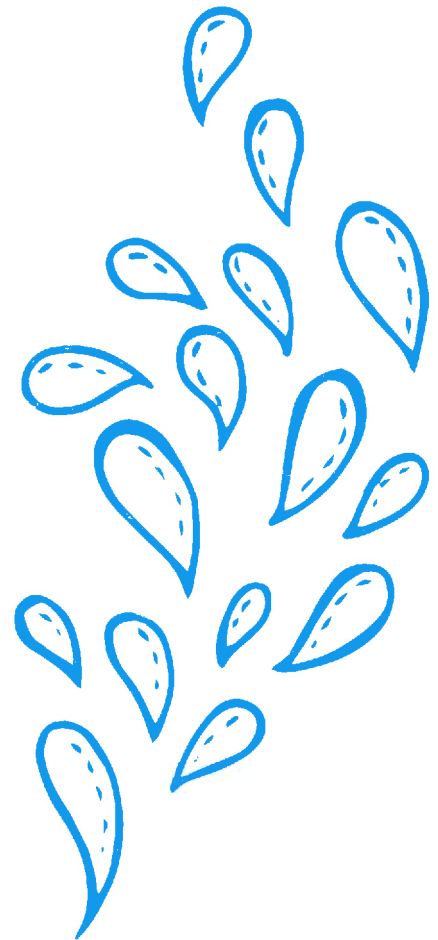
¡Acompáñanos para una actualización comunitaria sobre las últimas noticias de la calidad de agua! Si eres cliente de Sativa, te invitamos a aprender sobre AB 1577 y cómo proporcionará supervisión estatal y local en colaboración con el condado de los angeles.

20 DE SEPTIEMBRE

**ESCUELA ELEMENTAL GEORGE
WASHINGTON**

**1421 N. WILMINGTON AVE.
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LAFCO DISSOLUTION PROCESS

Initiation

July 11, 2018

Commission (LAFCO)
initiated the
Dissolution of the
Sativa County Water District

1

Staff Information Gathering

(Jul. - Dec. 2018)

Develop Plan of
Services/Transition Plan

Identify potential
successor agencies

Outreach with
stakeholders

2

Staff Report

(Nov. – Jan. 2018)

Draft LAFCO staff
report:

- Provide documented basis for dissolution
- Designate successor agency
- Develop conditions
- Draft Commission Resolution

3

Public Hearing Notice

(Dec. 2018)

Mail notice to landowners,
registered voters, and
stakeholders.

4

Public Hearing

(Feb. – Mar. 2019)

Commission considers staff
report, recommendations,
resolution, and public comments.

Commission Decision

5

Completion

(Est. Mar. – Apr. 2019)

If the Commission approves:

Record the Certificate of
Completion

Dissolution takes effect

6

LA DESINTEGRACIÓN DE SATIVA

Iniciación

11 de Julio del 2018

La Comisión (LAFCO) inició
la Desintegración del
Distrito Sativa

1

Recopilación de información (Jul. - Dic. 2018)

Desarrollar un plan de
servicios/transición

Identificar posibles
agencias sucesoras

Alcance/Comunicación a
las partes interesadas

2

Borrador del Reporte a la Comisión

(Nov. – Ene. 2018)

Borrador del reporte a la Comisión:

- Proveir documentos apoyando la desintegración de Sativa
- Designar un sucesor
- Crear condiciones
- Componer una resolución

3

Aviso de Audiencia Pública (Dic. 2018)

Cada terrateniente/
propietario/ dueño, votantes
y partes interesados
recibirán un aviso por
correo.

4

Audiencia Pública (Feb. – Mar. 2019)

La Comisión considera el reporte del
personal de LAFCO, recomendaciones,
resolución y comentarios del público

La Comisión toma su decisión

5

(Mar. – Abr. 2019) Si La Comisión Aprueba la Desintegración:

Registrar el Certificado
Final

La desintegración
toma efecto

6

Staff Report

September 12, 2018

Agenda Item No. 9.b.

Annual Election of Commission Officers

Section 10 of the Rules of the Commission (adopted July 8, 2009) state that “the Commission shall be presided over by a Chair, a First Vice-Chair and a Second Vice-Chair, to be elected by the Commission.” Officer positions are currently held by Commissioner Jerry Gladbach (Chair), Commissioner Donald Dear (First Vice-Chair), and Commissioner Gerard McCallum (Second Vice-Chair). Section 11 of the Rules states that the Commission “shall elect the Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair at the first meeting of the Commission held in September of each year.”

Recommended Action:

1. Nominate and elect a member to serve as LAFCO Chair for a term of one year and until the election of a successor;
2. Nominate and elect a member to serve as LAFCO First Vice-Chair for a term of one year and until the election of a successor; and
3. Nominate and elect a member to serve as LAFCO Second Vice-Chair for a term of one year and until the election of a successor.

Staff Report

September 12, 2018

Agenda Item No. 10.a. Legislative Update

The 2017-2018 Legislative Session concluded on August 31, 2018. Governor Brown has until September 30th to sign or veto bills. After September 30, bills that have not been vetoed become law."

Signed into Law:

- **AB 3254 Omnibus Bill (Assembly Local Government Committee):** AB 3254, the annual Omnibus Bill amending the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, was signed into law by Governor Brown on July 9, 2018.

Commission Position: SUPPORT (April 11th Meeting)

Approved by the Legislature and awaiting action by the Governor:

- **AB 1577 (Gipson):** A full discussion of AB 1577 is included in the staff report for Agenda Item 9.a (Sativa County (Sativa County Water District Status Report)). **AB 1577 was approved by the Assembly on August 31st.**

Commission Position: SUPPORT (June 13th Meeting)

- **AB 2258 (Caballero):** This bill, sponsored by CALAFCO, establishes a local agency formation commissions grant program for LAFCOs, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council. The bill was amended to restrict grants to Municipal Service Reviews, special studies, and proposed dissolutions or consolidations which benefit Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). **Funding for the program, originally contained in companion legislation, was eliminated. CALAFCO expects to seek funding for the program in the 2018-2019 Legislative Session. AB 2258 was approved by the Senate on August 30th.**

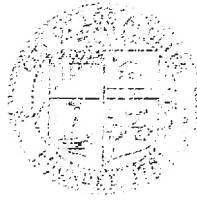
Commission Position: SUPPORT (April 11th Meeting)

- **AB 2050 (Caballero):** This bill is intended to give the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authority to mandate the dissolution of existing drinking water systems (public, mutual and private) and authorize the formation of a new public water system. At the request of CALAFCO, the bill was amended to ensure that LAFCOs will be responsible for dissolving a public agency under a state-mandated dissolution, and the SWRCB's appointed Administrator will act as the applicant on behalf of the state. **AB 2050 was approved by the Senate on August 22nd.**

- **SB 1215 (Hertzberg):** This bill would give the SWRCB additional authority to mandate consolidation of or extension of services by wastewater systems. The proposal is similar to SB 88—prior legislation, now law, which empowers the SWRCB to consolidate water systems—which CALAFCO and LA LAFCO opposed because it undermined LAFCO’s authority relative to special district consolidations. SB 1215 was approved (30-18) by the Senate on May 29th. **SB 1215 was approved by the Assembly on August 31st.**
- **AB 2179 and AB 2339 (Gipson):** These two bills impose certain requirements upon a city prior to that city’s sale or transfer of a municipal utility which provides water or sewer service. AB 2339 was amended to apply only to existing municipally-owned water systems in the City of El Monte, the City of Montebello, and the City of Willows. **AB 2179 and AB 2339 were approved by the Senate on August 28th.**
- **SB 875 (Lara):** In 2016, the Legislature and Governor approved SB 1374, calling for the formation of a new Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Park District. Based upon objections from the Commission, Senator Lara amended the bill to require formation “upon application to LAFCO,” with a requirement that the application (district formation proposal) be filed no later than January 1, 2019. This bill would extend the deadline until January 1, 2021. **SB 875 was approved by the Senate on August 30th.**

Staff Recommendation:

1. Receive and file the Legislative Report.



HERB J. WESSON, JR.
COUNCILMEMBER, 10TH DISTRICT
PRESIDENT, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

August 28, 2018

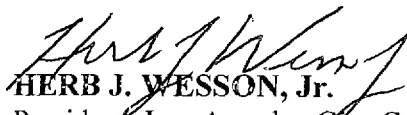
Ms. Holly Wolcott, City Clerk
200 N. Spring Street, Room 360
Los Angeles, CA 90012
M.S. 160-1

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As President of the Los Angeles City Council, I hereby remove the Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson from the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission. His term expired May 7, 2018.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,


HERB J. WESSON, Jr.
President, Los Angeles City Council
10th Council District

HJW:aw:slw

c: Mayor
All Councilmembers
Sharon Tso, Chief Legislative Analyst
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