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# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 10, 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 September 12, 2018.
- b. Approve Operating Account Check Register for the month of September 2018.
- c. Receive and file update on pending proposals.

# 7. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona and Amendments to the cities of Pomona, Industry, and Walnut Spheres of Influence, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption and Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- b. Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch and North Sand Canyon) and Negative Declaration.

# 8. **PROTEST HEARING(S)**

None.

## 9. **OTHER ITEMS**

- a. Sativa County Water District Status Report.
- b. Request from Southern California Water Coalition for support of California WaterFix.
- c. Proposed Cancellation of the December 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting.

#### 10. **LEGISLATION**

a. Legislative Update.

#### 11. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. September 10, 2018 Letter from Jennifer Farr, CPA, of DavisFarr Certified Public Accountants, concerning preparation of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Audit.
- b. September 13, 2018 Letters from the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) to Commission Chair Jerry Gladbach regarding the Workers' Compensation Program.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:three-minute">three-minute</a> time limitation.

#### 15. FUTURE MEETINGS

November 14, 2018 December 12, 2018 (Potential Cancellation- See Item 9.c.) January 9, 2019 February 13, 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

September 12, 2018

#### Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger Richard Close Donald Dear Margaret Finlay Janice Hahn Gerard McCallum

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

Paul Novak, Executive Officer Lillian Salinger, Legal Counsel

#### Absent:

Mitch Englander John Mirisch

Sheila Kuehl, Alternate Judith Mitchell, Alternate

#### Vacant:

Los Angeles City Member, Alternate

#### 1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by 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 August 8, 2018.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of August 2018.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.

MOTION:

Finlay

SECOND: Dear

APPROVED: 6-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, McCallum, Gladbach

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Englander, Hahn, Mirisch

[Commissioner Hahn arrived at 9:09 a.m.]

[Commissioner Brogin-Falley arrived at 9:10 a.m.]

# 7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

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).

Adriana Romo (Deputy Executive Officer, LAFCO) summarized the staff report on Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District.

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

The Commission took the following action:

 Adopted the Resolution Making 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: Annexation to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District); Resolution No. 2018-14RMD.

MOTION:

Finlay

SECOND: Barger

APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Gladbach

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Englander, Mirisch

#### 8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Sativa County Water District Status Report.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Sativa County Water District Status Report.

The EO indicated that Governor Brown has until September 30<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto Assembly Bill 1577 (AB 1577). The EO stated that Sativa recently hired a lobbyist to seek the Governor's veto of AB 1577.

The EO noted that Rami Kahlon (Director – Division of Water and Audits, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)) will attend the Commission meeting on January 9, 2019 to discuss the CPUC's potential regulatory role concerning the Sativa County Water District (Sativa or District).

Commissioner Barger asked who is monitoring the District. The EO indicated that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is monitoring Sativa's activity through a corrective action plan. When AB 1577 becomes effective, the SWRCB will appoint a State Administrator for the District.

The Commission took the following action:

Received and filed the Sativa County Water District Status Report.

MOTION:

McCallum

SECOND: Dear

APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Gladbach

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN:

None.

ABSENT:

Englander, Mirisch

#### 9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

b. Annual Election of Commission Officers.

Chair Gladbach recused himself from Agenda Item 9.b.

The EO summarized the status report on the Annual Election of Commission Officers.

The Commission took the following action:

• Nominated and elected Commissioner Gladbach as LAFCO Chair for a term of one year and until the election of a successor.

MOTION:

Finlay

SECOND: McCallum

APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES:

Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach)

NOES:

None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Englander, Mirisch

The Commission took the following action:

• Nominated and elected Commissioner Dear as LAFCO First Vice-Chair for a term of one year and until the election of a successor.

MOTION: Hahn SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 7-0-0

AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach)

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Englander, Mirisch

The Commission took the following action:

• Nominated and elected Commissioner McCallum as LAFCO Second Vice-Chair for a term of one year and until the election of a successor.

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

AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Ruzicka (Alt. for Gladbach)

NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Englander, Mirisch

Chair Gladbach returned to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

#### 10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

a. Legislative Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on the Legislative Update.

The Commission took the following action:

• Received and filed the Legislative Update.

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

AYES: Barger, Close, Dear, Finlay, Hahn, McCallum, Gladbach

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Englander, Mirisch

## 11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

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

The EO noted that a letter from Herb Wesson (President, Los Angeles City Council) indicated that Marqueece Harris-Dawson, an alternate member representing the City of Los Angeles, is removed from LAFCO.

## 12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

None.

#### 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO indicated that Davis Farr Certified Public Accountants are currently preparing an audit for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. The auditor's report will be agendized either in November 2018 or January 2019.

The EO stated that, for the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Urban Planning Professor Greg Pierce (Associated Director of Research, UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation) will present findings of a Luskin study which examined water service and water rates in Los Angeles County, with a focus on service quality/capacity within disadvantaged communities.

#### 14 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### 15 FUTURE MEETINGS

October 10, 2018 November 14, 2018 December 12, 2018 January 9, 2019

#### 16 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### 17 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Hahn, seconded by Commissioner Finlay, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Novak, AICP Executive Officer

# LA LAFCO Register Report

September 2018	Se	ptem	ber	201	8
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Туре	Date	Num	Name	Paid Amount	Balance
Sep 18					
Bill Pmt -Check	09/04/2018	10119	Printing and Copy St	-216.81	-216.81
Check	09/06/2018	Wire	TRPF 80 South Lak	-8,341.77	-8,558.58
Check	09/07/2018	ADP	ADP	-159.41	-8,717.99
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Ambar De La Torre	-1,940.98	-10,658.97
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Douglass S Dorado	-2,905.27	-13,564.24
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Michael E Henderson	-2,293.81	-15,858.05
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Patricia Knoebl-Wood	-1,448.86	-17,306.91
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Paul A Novak	-5,220.00	-22,526.91
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Alisha O'Brien	-2,251.77	-24,778.68
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Adriana Romo	-3,201.27	-27,979.95
Check	09/14/2018	DD	Federal Tax Deposit	-4,284.92	-32,264.87
Check	09/14/2018	DD	State Income Tax	-1,301.63	-33,566.50
Bill Pmt -Check Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10120 10121	Certified Records M	-1,014.62	-34,581.12
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018 09/17/2018	10121	Charter Communica	-523.79	-35,104.91
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10122	CoreLogic	-57.60	-35,162.51
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10123	Daily Journal LACERA-OPEB	-45.00 -1,679.04	-35,207.51
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10124	MetLife*	-1,679.04 -528.00	-36,886.55
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10125	Office Depot*	-1,043.46	-37,414.55 -38,458.01
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10120	Promac Image Syst	-1,043.46 -91.91	-38,549.92
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10127	SDRMA	-1,056.78	
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10120	Wells Fargo	-383.25	-39,606.70 -39,989.95
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10123	Western Graphix	-363.23	-39,969.95 -40,011.16
Bill Pmt -Check	09/17/2018	10131	County of Los Angel	-1,484.92	-41,496.08
Check	09/21/2018	ADP	ADP	-135.39	-41,631.47
Check	09/24/2018	CC	Bank of America*	0.00	-41,631.47
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10132	ATT	-274.95	-41,906.42
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10133	CTS Clouds	-1,912.50	-43,818.92
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10134	FedEx	-110.05	-43,928.97
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10135	LACERA	-13,507.68	-57,436.65
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10136	Motor Parks	-774.00	-58,210.65
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10137	Platinum Consulting	-1,005.05	-59,215.70
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10138	The Lincoln National	-293.88	-59,509.58
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10139	Tropical Interior Plants	-100.00	-59,609.58
Bill Pmt -Check	09/27/2018	10140	Office Depot*	-9.35	-59,618.93
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Federal Tax Deposit	-4,332.07	-63,951.00
Check	09/28/2018	DD	State Income Tax	-1,324.39	-65,275.39
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Ambar De La Torre	-1,940.98	-67,216.37
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Douglass S Dorado	-2,905.27	-70,121.64
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Michael E Henderson	-2,293.81	-72,415.45
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Patricia Knoebl-Wood	-1,335.14	-73,750.59
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Paul A Novak	-5,220.01	-78,970.60
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Alisha O'Brien	-2,251.78	-81,222.38
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Adriana Romo	-3,201.28	-84,423.66
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Federal Tax Deposit	-169.36	-84,593.02
Check	09/28/2018	32252	Kathryn Barger	-134.09	-84,727.11
Check	09/28/2018	32252	Brogin-Falley Lori	-138.53	-84,865.64
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Richard Close	-138.53	-85,004.17
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Donald Dear	-138.53	-85,142.70
Check	09/28/2018	32252	Margaret E Finlay	-138.53	-85,281.23
Check	09/28/2018	32252	Edward G Gladbach	-138.53	-85,419.76
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Janice K Hahn	-135.19	-85,554.95
Check	09/28/2018	DD	Gerard McCallum II	-138.52	-85,693.47
Check	09/28/2018	32252	Greig L Smith	-138.53	-85,832.00
Sep 18				-85,832.00	-85,832.00

	Ц		A	AGENDA ITEM NO. 6c - October 10, 2018			
			PEND	PENDING PROPOSALS As of October 1, 2018			
		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
-	00	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
က	00	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		12/1/2006	Unknown
4	8	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 Need BOE fees to place on Valley frw. And the nearest paved major streets are ave. H. And Ave. I, agenda for approval. Emailed 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
ro	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
ဖ	00	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	QQ	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
œ	QQ	City of Los Angeles Annexation 2011- 27	Forestar Group	Notice of Filing sent 2-15-12 Incomplete filing: property tax 685 acres of uninhabited territory located east of Browns Canyon Road transfer resolution, CEQA, preand northwest of Mason Ave, in the unincorporated area just north of zoning ordinance, map of limiting addresses, list of limiting addresses, list of approved map and legal.	Notice of Filing sent 2-15-12 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, prezoning 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
QQ	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
QQ	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, prezoning ordinance, radius map, landowner and registered voter labels, landowner consent letter, approved map and legal	3/18/2014	Unknown
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
90	Annexation No. 2015-11 to the City of Palmdale (Desert View Highlands)	City of Palmdale	Notice of Filing sent 9-22-15 Incomplete filing: property tax less that tax less than 19.22-15 Incomplete filing: property tax less than 19.22-15 Incomplete fi	Notice of Filing sent 9-22-15 incomplete filing: property tax resolution, attachment 'A' plan for municipal services, CEQA (NOD), party disclosure, prezoning, map of limiting addresses, registered voter info	9/15/2015	Unknown
	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 October 10, 2018 agenda and Pomona.	October 10, 2018 agenda	9/22/2015	Nov-2018

		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
14	8	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
5	OD	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 send 04-19-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, and map and legal not approved.	2/22/2016	Unknown
16	00	Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District		Las Virgenes Municipal uninhabited territory, located east of the intersection of Las Flores Water District Canyon Road and Live Oak Meadow Road north of the City of Mailbu	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	QQ	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	00	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 Schueren 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

		LAFCO Designation	Applicant	Description	Status	Date Filed	Est. Date of Completion
56	00	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 Angles.	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
59	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	8	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
31	QQ	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.	October 10, 2018 agenda	6/18/2018	Nov-2018
32	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
33	AOB	Dissolution No. 2018-09 for the Sativa 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-	Commission - Initiated proposal on 07-11-18	Unknown
34	AD	Annexation 756 to District No. 21	Sanitation Districts	5.07 acres of inhabited territory. The affected territory is located on the Notice of Filing Sent 09-6-18 south side of Baseline Road between Forbes Avenue and Allegany Incomplete filing: property tay Court, all within the City of Claremont.	Notice of Filing Sent 09-6-18 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution.	9/5/2018	Unknown

#### **Staff Report**

#### October 10, 2018

#### Agenda Item No. 7.a.

Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona and Amendments to the cities of Pomona, Industry and Walnut Spheres of Influence (SOI)

# **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Size of Affected Territory:

 $9.06\pm$  acres

Inhabited/Uninhabited:

Uninhabited

Applicant:

City of Pomona ("City")

Resolution:

June 18, 2018

Application Filed with LAFCO:

September 22, 2015

Location:

The affected territory is located south of Valley Boulevard approximately 2,500 feet northeast of the intersection of

Grand Avenue and Valley Boulevard.

City/County:

Los Angeles County unincorporated territory adjacent to and surrounded the cities of Pomona, Industry, and Walnut.

Affected Territory:

The affected territory consists of industrial and vacant land. A portion of the affected territory is being developed to include 5 concrete tilt-up structures (see Additional Information on page 2). The topography is flat.

Surrounding Territory:

Surrounding the territory is industrial and vacant land.

Landowners/Real Party Interest:

4 landowners: Chalmers South Mission Road, LLC; Lujan

Andrew C and Linda M Trust; Mathew Rzonca 2016 Trust

and City of Industry

Registered Voters:

0 registered voters.

Purpose/Background:

The City of Pomona states that the annexation is necessary to place a proposed development entirely within the City's jurisdiction (a portion of this proposed development is within Pomona, and another portion is within County unincorporated territory). In addition to the land on which development is proposed, the affected territory includes properties owned by three other landowners.

Jurisdictional Changes:

The jurisdictional changes that result from this proposal include amendments to the City of Pomona and City of Industry Spheres of Influence: detachment from Road District No. 1; withdrawal from the County Public Library System; and annexation to the City of Pomona.

Within SOI:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Industry and the City of Walnut and outside of the Sphere of Influence for the City of Pomona. A concurrent Sphere of Influence amendment is being processed with this application to exclude the affected territory from the Sphere of Influence of the City of Industry and the City of Walnut and include the affected territory within the City of Pomona's Sphere of Influence.

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest: No

CEQA Clearance: Approximately 3.30± acres of the proposal are exempt

from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. On June 18, 2018, the City of Pomona determined that annexation of four parcels in the 3.30± acres are exempt from CEQA and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration related to the development

of the remaining  $5.76\pm$  acres.

Additional Information: The applicant originally filed a proposal to annex two

parcels (APN Nos. 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062) into the City of Pomona. After the filing of the proposal, staff of the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office (CEO) requested that, consistent with Board Policy No.

3.095 City Annexations and Spheres of Influence, additional parcels (APN Nos. 8709 027 004, 8709 027 012, 8709 027 005, and 8709 027 271) be added to the proposed annexation, in order to create a more logical boundary and avoid leaving a small island of unincorporated County. Based upon this input, the applicant worked with LAFCO staff to revise the map and geographic description to include the additional parcels. This revision to the application is consistent with applicable law

APN	Landowner	Existing Land Use	Proposed Land Use	Land Valuation	% ownership
	Chalmers South	Vacant			
8709 026 004	Mission Road, LLC				
	Chalmers South	Vacant	5- concrete		
8709 026 062	Mission Road, LLC		tilt-up bldgs.	\$3,171,144	73%
8709 027 004	Lujan Andrew C &	Tow Yard			
	Linda M Trust		No change	\$965,630	22%
8709 027 012	Lujan Andrew C & Linda M Trust	Tow Yard			
8709 027 005	Rzonca Mathew/s	Bldg. Under	No change	\$203,753	5%
	2016 trust	Construction		·	
8709 027 271	City of Industry	Vacant	No change	\$4,667	Less than 1%

#### FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

#### a. Population:

The existing population is 0 residents.

The population density issue does not apply because the affected territory is unpopulated.

The estimated future population is 0 residents (no anticipated change).

The affected territory is 9.06± acres. The existing land uses are industrial and vacant land. A portion of the territory (parcels 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062) is being developed to include 5 concrete tilt-up structures.

The assessed valuation is \$4,346,194 as of the 2017/2018 tax roll.

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

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the negotiated tax exchange resolution on October 9, 2018. All other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is flat.

There are no natural boundaries.

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

The nearest populated area is 500 feet northeast 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 consists of industrial and vacant land. A portion of the territory (parcels 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062) is being developed to include 5 concrete tilt-up structures 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.

	Current Service Provider	Proposed Service Provider
Animal Control	County Animal Care and Control	Same (under contract to City of Pomona)
Fire and Emergency	Consolidated Fire Protection	Same (under contract to
Medical	District of Los Angeles County	City of Pomona)
Flood Control	County	Same
Library	County	City of Pomona
Mosquito & Vector Control	San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District	Same
Park and Recreation	County	City of Pomona
Planning	County	City of Pomona
Police	Los Angeles County Sherriff Department	City of Pomona Police
Road Maintenance	County	City of Pomona
Solid Waste	Waste Management (under	Waste Management
	contract with County)	(under contract with City of Pomona)
Street Lighting	County	City of Pomona
Water	Walnut Valley Water District	Same
Wastewater	Septic and Sanitation District	Same
	No. 21 of Los Angeles	
	County	

The County will continue to provide animal control, flood control, fire and emergency medical services, the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District will continue to provide mosquito and vector control services, Walnut Valley Water District will continue to provide water services, and the Sanitation District No. 21 of Los Angeles County will continue to provide wastewater services to the annexation area.

Upon approval of the annexation request, the City of Pomona will provide library, park and recreation, planning, police, road maintenance, and street lighting as well as solid waste services directly or through contracts. The City will continue to provide adequate services and maintain current service levels. Enhanced service levels will be financed through city general fund revenues or developer fees.

#### 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 affected territory in this proposed annexation is contiguous to the existing boundaries of the City of Pomona.

The proposal does not 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 annexation 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 LI, Light Industrial.

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

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 56375(a)(7), Pre-Zoning Ordinance No. 18-461 was adopted by the City of Pomona City Council on July 2, 2018.

The pre-zoning designation of the affected territory (M-2 General Industrial) is consistent with the City of Pomona General Plan.

#### i. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Industry and the City of Walnut and outside of the Sphere of Influence for the City of Pomona. A concurrent Sphere of Influence amendment is being processed with this application to exclude the affected territory from the Sphere of Influence of the City of Industry and the City of Walnut and include the affected territory within the City of Pomona's Sphere of Influence.

#### 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:

The City of Pomona currently provides municipal services to over 33,000 parcels of land. The annexation would add 6 more parcels to the service area. The City indicated that it has the ability to provide service to the affected territory once the annexation is complete.

#### l. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

There are no known issues regarding water supply or delivery. Existing water providers are the same before and after annexation.

#### m. Regional Housing:

The proposed annexation has no impact on the achievement of a fair share of regional housing needs of the City or County. The County and City have agreed to a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation transfer of 0 units from the County to the City.

#### n. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Although the purpose of the annexation is to bring two parcels associated with a proposed adjacent development under City of Pomona jurisdiction, the affected territory also includes properties owned by two other individual landowners, as well as a parcel owned by the City of Industry.

At the time that the annexation was filed with LAFCO, one of the landowners was processing building plans through the County of Los Angeles. The landowner was concerned that annexation to the City of Pomona would adversely impact the County's review of building plans. Since that time, the County of Los Angeles has issued permits, and the landowner is constructing a building consistent with the County-issued permits. A second landowner voiced concerns that the City of Pomona would prohibit on-street parking; staff referred this landowner to representatives of the City of Pomona.

# o. Land Use Designations

The proposal is consistent with the existing County General Plan designation of LI, Light Industrial.

The proposal is consistent with the existing County zoning designation of M-1.5-BE-IP, Restricted Heavy Manufacturing.

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 56375(a)(7), Pre-Zoning Ordinance No. 18-461 was adopted by the City of Pomona City Council on July 2, 2018. The pre-zoning designation of the affected territory (M-2 General Industrial) is consistent with the City of Pomona General Plan.

#### 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:

The applicant originally filed a proposal to annex two parcels (APN Nos. 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062) into the City of Pomona. After the filing of the proposal, staff of the County of Los Angeles Chief Executive Office (CEO) requested that, consistent with Board Policy No. 3.095 City Annexations and Spheres of Influence, additional parcels (APN Nos. 8709 027 004, 8709 027 012, 8709 027 005, and 8709 027 271) be added to the proposed annexation, in order to create a more logical boundary and avoid leaving a small island of unincorporated County. Based upon this input, the applicant worked with LAFCO staff to revise the map and geographic description to include the additional parcels. This revision to the application is consistent with applicable law.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

Approximately 3.30± acres of the proposal are exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. On June 18, 2018, the City of Pomona determined that annexation of four parcels in the 3.30± acres are exempt from CEQA and adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration related to the development of the remaining 5.76± acres. The Commission is a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096.

# 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 industrial and vacant land. A portion of the territory (parcels 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062) is being developed to include 5 concrete tilt-up structures.

# 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 area adjacent to the City of Pomona and City of Industry. General government services, including animal control, fire and emergency medical, flood control, library, mosquito and vector control, park and recreation, planning, police, road maintenance, solid waste, street lighting, water, wastewater, and other services are provided by the County, and other special districts.

The affected territory requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental facilities and services indefinitely

# 3. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Services:

The City of Pomona currently provides municipal services to over 33,000 parcels of land. The annexation would add 6 more parcels to the service area. The City indicated that it has the ability to provide service to the affected territory once the annexation 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.

# <u>SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE</u> 56425:

A Municipal Services Review (MSR) for the cities of Pomona, Industry, and Walnut 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 City of Pomona, a MSR is not being required for the current sphere of influence amendment to include the affected territory to the City of Pomona and exclude the affected territory from the City of Industry and City of Walnut. 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 City of Pomona.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the annexation and SOI amendments;
- 2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing;
- 3. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona, and Amendments to the cities of Pomona, Industry, and Walnut Spheres of Influence; and
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set November 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or the Commission's next available meeting date consistent with the protest provisions, in Room 381-B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2018-00RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ANNEXATION NO. 2015-09 TO THE CITY OF POMONA AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CITIES OF POMONA, INDUSTRY, AND WALNUT SPHERES OF INFLUENCE"

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

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 9.06± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona"; and

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

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation to the City of Pomona is to place a proposed development under one jurisdiction and to create a logical boundary for the City consistent with applicable legal authorities and Board Policy 3.095 City Annexations and Spheres of Influence; and

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 56427, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on September 10, 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 October 10, 2018, after being duly and properly noticed, this proposal came on for hearing, at which time this Commission 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 this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for November 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona, for the 5.76± acres contained in parcels (APN Nos. 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062), the Commission considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared and adopted by the City of Pomona, as lead agency, on June 18, 2018, together with any comments received during the public review process; certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered and reached its own

conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Mitigated Negative Declaration; and adopts the mitigation monitoring program for the project, finding that the mitigation monitoring program is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during project implementation as applicable to the responsible agency. For the remaining 3.30± acres of the proposal (APN Nos. 8709 027 004, 8709 027 012, 8709 027 005, and 8709 027 271), the Commission finds that annexation of the identified area to the City of Pomona is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), because the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. When it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

2. The Commission hereby amends the Spheres of Influence for the cities of Pomona, Industry, and Walnut so as to exclude the affected territory described in Exhibit "A" and "B" from the City of Industry and the City of Walnut, and include the affected territory described in Exhibit "A" and "B" within the City of Pomona 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 industrial and vacant land. A portion of the territory (parcels 8709 026 004 and 8709 026 062) is being developed to include 5 concrete tilt-up structures.

# 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 area adjacent to the cities of Pomona, Industry and Walnut. General government services, including animal control, fire and emergency medical, flood control, library, mosquito and vector control, park and recreation, planning, police, road maintenance, solid waste, street lighting, water, wastewater, and other services are provided by the County, and other special districts.

The affected territory requires organized governmental services. The affected territory will require governmental facilities and services indefinitely

c. <u>Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services that the</u>

Agency Provides or is Authorized to Provide

The City of Pomona currently provides municipal services to over 33,000 parcels of land. The annexation would add 6 more parcels to the service area. The City indicated that it has the ability to provide service to the affected territory once the annexation 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.

- 3. 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.
- 4. The affected territory consists of 9.06± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation: "Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona".
- 5. Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The City of Pomona 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 City.
  - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the City.

- f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the City.
- g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the City of Pomona.
- h. Upon the effective date of the annexation, all right, title, and interest of the County, including but not limited to, the underlying fee title or easement where owned by the County, in any and all sidewalks, trails, landscaped areas, street lights, property acquired and held for future road purposes, open space, signals, storm drains, storm drain catch basins, local sanitary sewer lines, sewer pump stations and force mains, water quality treatment basins and/or structures, and water quality treatment systems serving roadways and bridges shall vest in the City.
- i. Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City shall be the owner of, and responsible for, the operation, maintenance, and repair of all of the following property owned by the County: public roads, adjacent slopes appurtenant to the roads, street lights, traffic signals, mitigation sites that have not been accepted by regulatory agencies but exist or are located in public right-of-way and were constructed or installed as part of a road construction project within the annexed area, storm drains and storm drain catch basins within street right-of-way and appurtenant slopes, medians and adjacent property.
- Upon the effective date of the annexation, the City shall do the following: (1)
   assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for all drainage devices,

storm drains and culverts, storm drain catch basins, appurtenant facilities (except regional Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded fee or easement interest and which have been accepted into the LACFCD system), site drainage, and all master plan storm drain facilities that are within the annexation area and are currently owned, operated and maintained by the County; (2) accept and adopt the County of Los Angeles Master Plan of Drainage (MPD), if any, which is in effect for the annexation area. Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Department (LACDPW) should be contacted to provide any MPD which may be in effect for the annexation area. Deviations from the MPD shall be submitted to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACDPW for review to ensure that such deviations will not result in diversions between watersheds and/or will not result in adverse impacts to LACFCD's flood control facilities; (3) administer flood zoning and Federal Emergency Management Agency floodplain regulations within the annexation area; (4) coordinate development within the annexation area that is adjacent to any existing flood control facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded easement or fee interest, by submitting maps and proposals to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of LACDPW, for review and comment.

k. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "j", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.

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6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest

hearing for November 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. or the Commission's next available meeting

date consistent with the protest provisions, in Room 381-B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of

Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and directs the Executive

Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

7. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution

as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NOES:

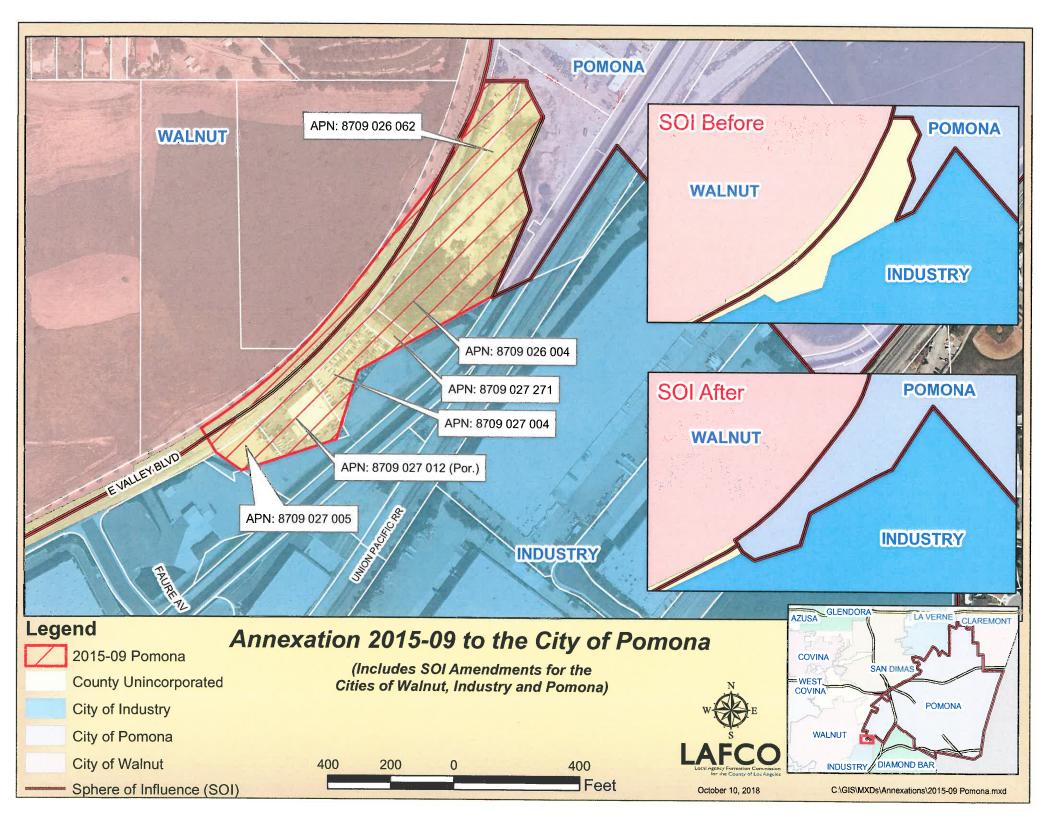
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer



#### **Staff Report**

#### October 10, 2018

#### Agenda Item No. 7.b.

# Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch, and North Sand Canyon)

#### **PROPOSAL SUMMARY:**

Size of Affected Territory:

 $3.118 \pm acres$ 

Inhabited/Uninhabited:

Inhabited

Applicant:

City of Santa Clarita

Resolution:

April 24, 2018

Application Filed with LAFCO:

June 27, 2018

Location:

The affected territory is located south of Vasquez Canyon

Road between Sand Canyon Road and Golden Valley

Road.

City/County:

Los Angeles County unincorporated territory adjacent to

the City of Santa Clarita.

Affected Territory:

Area A consists of approximately 1,990 single and multifamily homes and vacant land. The territory is being developed to include approximately 1,894 additional residential units. Area B consists of approximately 74 single and multi-family homes and vacant land. No additional development is proposed in Area B.

Surrounding Territory:

Surrounding the territory is residential and vacant land.

Landowners/Real Party of Interest:

There are multiple owners of record/City of Santa Clarita

Registered Voters:

3,508 registered voters as of April 12, 2018

Purpose/Background:

Several landowners within the affected territory approached the City of Santa Clarita for annexation. The property owners cite that the quality of services provided by the City and the desire for local government representation are the

reasons for the annexation.

Jurisdictional Changes:

The jurisdictional changes that result from this proposal include detachment from County Road District No. 5; withdrawal from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Library System; exclusion from County Road District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone; transfer of drainage improvements and related assessments for Plum Canyon and Skyline Ranch; conveyance, acceptance and retention of certain parks, open space, storm drains, streets, sewers, sewer pump station, and water quality facilities; and annexation to the City of Santa Clarita and Santa

Clarita Landscaping and Lighting District.

Within SOI:

Yes

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest:

No

CEQA Clearance:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

clearance is a Negative Declaration adopted by the City of

Santa Clarita, as lead agency, on April 24, 2018.

Additional Information:

None

## FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

## a. Population:

The existing population is 6,192 residents as of April 12, 2018. The population density is 1.99 persons per acre.

The estimated future population is 11,874 residents.

The affected territory is 3,118+/- acres. Area A consists of approximately 1,990 single and multi-family homes and vacant land. The territory is being developed to include approximately 1,894 additional residential units. Area B consists of approximately 74 single and multi-family homes and vacant land. No additional development is proposed in Area B.

The assessed valuation is \$474,517,309 as of April 12, 2018.

The per capita assessed valuation is \$76,633.

On September 11, 2018, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a corresponding property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is hilly.

There are no natural boundaries within or adjacent to the affected territory.

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

The nearest populated area is directly south and west of the affected territory. The affected territory is likely to experience significant growth in the next ten years. The adjacent areas are likely to experience moderate growth in the next ten years.

## b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory will be developed to include approximately 1,894 residential units 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.

	Current Service Provider	Proposed Service Provider
Animal Control	County Animal Care and Control	Same (under contract to City)
Fire and Emergency Medical	Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County	Same (under contract to City)
Flood Control	County	Same
Library	County Library	City of Santa Clarita
Mosquito & Vector Control	Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District	Same
Park and Recreation	County	City of Santa Clarita
Planning	County	City of Santa Clarita
Police	Sheriff	Same (under contract to City)
Road Maintenance	County	City of Santa Clarita
Solid Waste	Burrtee Waste Industries, Inc. (under contract to County)	Same (under contact to City)
Street Lighting	County	City of Santa Clarita
Water	Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency	Same
Wastewater	Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County	Same

The County will continue to provide animal control, fire and emergency medical, police and flood control services; the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District will continue to provide mosquito and vector control services; the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency will continue to provide water services; and the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County will continue to provide wastewater services to the annexation area.

Upon approval of the annexation request, the City of Santa Clarita will provide park and recreation, planning, road maintenance, and street lighting, as well as solid waste services directly or through contracts. The City will continue to provide adequate services and maintain current service levels. Enhanced service levels will be financed through City general fund revenues or developer fees.

The jurisdictional changes that result from this proposal include detachment from County Road District No. 5; withdrawal from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and County Library System; exclusion from County Road District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone; transfer of drainage improvements and related assessments for Plum Canyon and Skyline Ranch; conveyance, acceptance and retention of certain parks, open space, storm drains, streets, sewers, sewer pump station, and water quality facilities; and annexation to the City of

Santa Clarita and Santa Clarita Landscaping and Lighting District.

The County manages several special assessment districts within the proposed annexation area. As part of this annexation request, the affected territory will be detached from County Road Maintenance District No. 5; withdrawn from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and the County Public Library System; excluded from County Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone; transfer of drainage improvements and related assessments for Plum Canyon and Skyline Ranch; conveyance, acceptance and retention of certain parks, open space, storm drains, streets, sewers, sewer pump station, and water quality facilities and the City of Santa Clarita will assume responsibility for funding and providing these services.

The following special district assessments would be applied upon annexation: Open Space Preservation District - \$35.00 per single-family residence per year, Stormwater Facility Maintenance District - \$24.51 per single-family residence per year, Landscape Maintenance District - \$65.39 per single-family residence per year, and annexation to Santa Clarita Street Light Maintenance District No. 1 - \$78.87 per single-family residence per year.

## 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 affected territory in this proposed annexation is contiguous to the existing boundaries of the City of Santa Clarita.

The proposal does not create islands or corridors of unincorporated territory

## g. Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan:

The Southern California Associated 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 annexation, is part of the RTP and SCS's State Highway improved program. The proposal has no significant impact and is therefore consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan.

## h. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal is consistent with the existing County General Plan designations of Neighborhood Commercial (CN), Non-Urban 2 (NU2), Non-Urban 3 (NU3), Non-Urban 4 (NU4), Open Space (OS), Urban Residential 1 (UR1) 2 units per acre, Urban Residential 2 (UR2) 5 units per acre, Urban Residential 4 (UR4) 18 units per acre, and Urban Residential 5 (UR5) 30 units per acre.

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

Pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 56375(a)(7), Pre-Zoning Ordinance No. 18-06 was adopted by the City of Santa Clarita City Council on May 8, 2018. The pre-zoning designation of Neighborhood Commercial (CN), Non-Urban 2 (NU2), Non-Urban 3 (NU3), Non-Urban 4 (NU4), Open Space (OS), Urban Residential 1 (UR1) 2 units per acre, Urban Residential 2 (UR2) 5 units per acre, Urban Residential 4 (UR4) 18 units per acre, and Urban Residential 5 (UR5) 30 units per acre is consistent with the City of Santa Clarita General Plan.

## i. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Santa Clarita.

## 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:

The City of Santa Clarita currently provides municipal services to almost 64,000 parcels of land. The annexation would add approximately 2, 800 more parcels and over 6,000 residents

to the service area. The City indicated that it has the ability to provide service to the affected territory once the annexation is complete.

## l. Timely Availability of Water Supplies:

There are no known issues regarding water supply or delivery.

## m. Regional Housing:

The proposed annexation has no impact on the achievement of a fair share of regional housing needs of the City or County. The County and City have agreed to a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation transfer of 251 of Very Low Income, 250 Low Income, 0 Moderate Income, and 1,431 Above Moderate Income units from the County to the City.

## 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 designations of Neighborhood Commercial (CN), Non-Urban 2 (NU2), Non-Urban 3 (NU3), Non-Urban 4 (NU4), Open Space (OS), Urban Residential 1 (UR1) 2 units per acre, Urban Residential 2 (UR2) 5 units per acre, Urban Residential 4 (UR4) 18 units per acre, and Urban Residential 5 (UR5) 30 units per acre.

The proposal is consistent with the existing zoning designations of Neighborhood Commercial (CN), Non-Urban 2 (NU2), Non-Urban 3 (NU3), Non-Urban 4 (NU4), Open Space (OS), Urban Residential 1 (UR1) 2 units per acre, Urban Residential 2 (UR2) 5 units per acre, Urban Residential 4 (UR4) 18 units per acre, and Urban Residential 5 (UR5) 30 units per acre.

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## 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 CEQA clearance is a Negative Declaration adopted by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency, on April 24, 2018. The Commission is a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15096.

## **CONCLUSION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of the City of Santa Clarita which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the City and within the annexation territory.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- 1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the annexation;
- 2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing;
- 3. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch, and North Sand Canyon); and
- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set November 14, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or the Commission's next available meeting date consistent with the protest provisions, in Room 381-B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018-00RMD RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING "ANNEXATION NO. 2018-04 TO THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA (PLUM CANYON, SKYLINE RANCH, AND NORTH SAND CANYON)"

WHEREAS, the City Santa Clarita (City) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the City of Santa Clarita and the City of Santa Clarita Landscaping and Lighting District; detachment from Road District No. 5; withdrawal from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687 and the County Public Library System; exclusion from the County Lighting District LLA-1, Unincorporated Zone; transfer of drainage improvements and related assessments for Plum Canyon and Skyline Ranch; and conveyance, acceptance and retention of certain parks, open space, storm drains, streets, sewers, sewer pump station, and water quality facilities, all within the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 3,118± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch, and North Sand Canyon)"; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation to the City is that

landowners within the affected territory desire the services provided by the City and local government representation; and

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

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on September 10, 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 October 10, 2018, after being duly and properly noticed, this proposal came on for hearing, at which time this Commission 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 this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for November 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

 Acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch, and North Sand Canyon), pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Commission considered the Negative Declaration prepared by the City of Santa Clarita, as lead agency, on April 24, 2018, together with any comments received during the public review process; and certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project as shown in the Negative Declaration.

- 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.
- 3. The affected territory consists of 3,118± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation: "Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch, and North Sand Canyon)".
- 4. Annexation No. 2018-04 to the City of Santa Clarita (Plum Canyon, Skyline Ranch, and North Sand Canyon) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The City 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.
  - 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 City.
- e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the City,
- f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the City.
- g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Clarita Landscaping and Lighting District.
- h. Detachment of the affected territory from Road District No. 5.
- Withdrawal of affected territory from County Lighting Maintenance District 1687
   and County Public Library System.
- j. Exclusion of the affected territory from the County Lighting District LLA-1,
   Unincorporated Zone.
- k. Conveyance, acceptance and retention of certain parks, open space, storm drains, streets, sewers, sewer pump station, and water quality facilities consistent with the Joint Resolution between the City and County for the City's Annexation of Unincorporated Territory Known as Annexation No. 2018-4 approved by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on September 11, 2018 ("Joint Resolution").
- I. Upon the effective date of the annexation and except as provided in the Joint Resolution, all right, title, and interest of the County, including but not limited to, the underlying fee title or easement where owned by the County, in any and all sidewalks, trails, landscaped areas, street lights, property acquired and held for

future road purposes, open space, signals, storm drains, storm drain catch basins, local sanitary sewer lines, sewer pump stations and force mains, water quality treatment basins and/or structures, and water quality treatment systems serving roadways and bridges shall vest in the City.

- m. Upon the effective date of the annexation and except as provided in the Joint Resolution, the City shall be the owner of, and responsible for, the operation, maintenance, and repair of all of the following property owned by the County: public roads, adjacent slopes appurtenant to the roads, street lights, traffic signals, mitigation sites that have not been accepted by regulatory agencies but exist or are located in public right-of-way and were constructed or installed as part of a road construction project within the annexed area, storm drains and storm drain catch basins within street right-of-way and appurtenant slopes, medians and adjacent property.
- n. Upon the effective date of the annexation and except as provided in the Joint Resolution, the City shall do the following: (1) assume ownership and maintenance responsibilities for all drainage devices, storm drains and culverts, storm drain catch basins, appurtenant facilities (except regional Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded fee or easement interest and which have been accepted into the LACFCD system), site drainage, and all master plan storm drain facilities that are within the annexation area and are currently owned, operated and maintained by the County; (2) accept and adopt the County of Los Angeles Master Plan of Drainage

(MPD), if any, which is in effect for the annexation area. Los Angeles County
Department of Public Works Department (LACDPW) should be contacted to
provide any MPD which may be in effect for the annexation area. Deviations
from the MPD shall be submitted to the Chief Engineer of LACFCD/Director of
LACDPW for review to ensure that such deviations will not result in diversions
between watersheds and/or will not result in adverse impacts to LACFCD's flood
control facilities; (3) administer flood zoning and Federal Emergency
Management Agency floodplain regulations within the annexation area; (4)
coordinate development within the annexation area that is adjacent to any
existing flood control facilities for which LACFCD has a recorded easement or fee
interest, by submitting maps and proposals to the Chief Engineer of
LACFCD/Director of LACDPW, for review and comment.

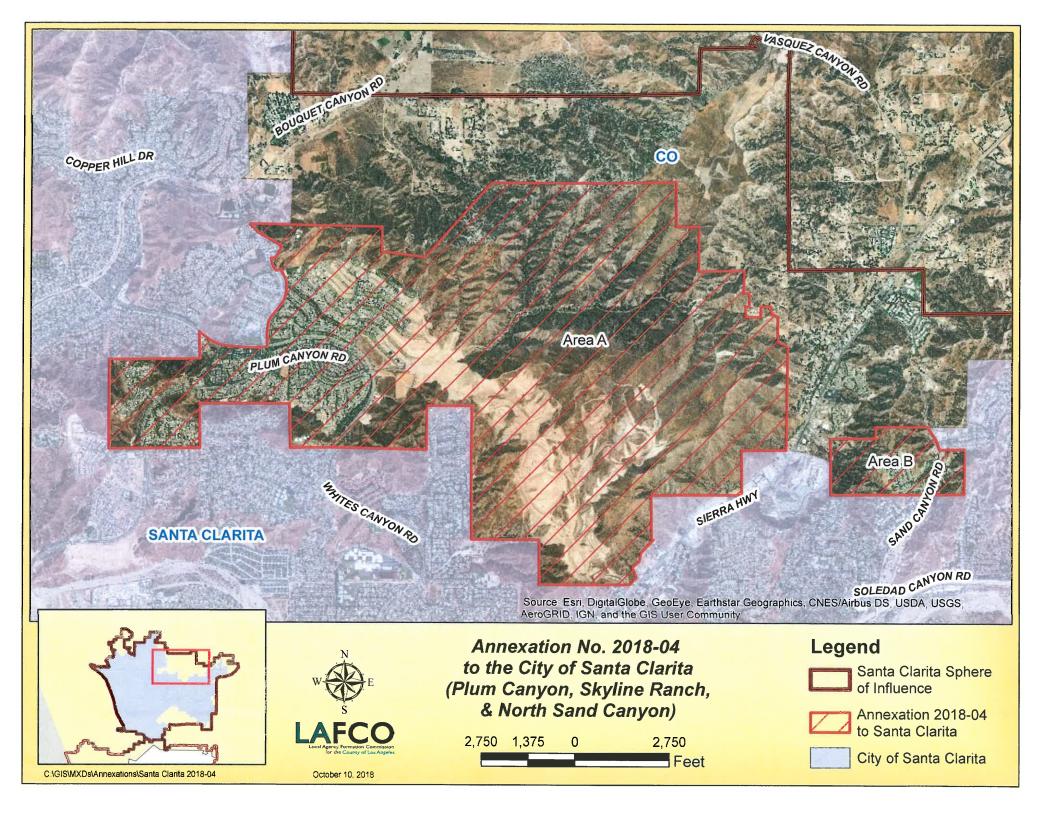
- o. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "n", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
- 5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for November 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 <sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.			
MOTION: SECOND: AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT: MOTION PASSES: 0/0/0			

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer



## **Staff Report**

## October 10, 2018

## Agenda Item No. 9.a.

## Sativa County Water District Status Report

With respect to the Sativa County Water District ("District" or "Sativa"), the following has occurred since staff's last update at the September 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting:

- Governor Brown Signs AB 1577: On Friday, September 28th, Governor Brown signed AB 1577. The law took effect immediately. AB 1577 directs the SWRCB to appoint a State Administrator to assume control of Sativa. Staff anticipates that the SWRCB will appoint the LA County Department of Public Works (DPW) as the State Administrator. The Executive Officer has invited SWRCB and DPW representatives to attend the Commission's October 10th Meeting. Upon the appointment of a State Administrator, AB 1577 mandates that Sativa's Board of Directors ceases to exist. Staff has alerted staff of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorders' Office (RRCC) about this provision, as the RRCC is processing a recall petition of all five Sativa board-members.
- <u>Community Meeting:</u> On Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Assemblyman Mike Gipson hosted a community meeting concerning Sativa at George Washington Elementary School in Compton. Presentations were made by Assemblyman Gipson, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Deputy Director Angela George-Moody, and the Executive Officer. These speakers provided an overview of AB 1577, the potential appointment of a state administrator by the State Water Resources Control Board, the pending LAFCO dissolution, and the potential future selection of a long-term retail water service provider for Sativa. In addition to the formal presentations, the panelists answered questions from the roughly seventy (70) Sativa residents in attendance.
- <u>Presentations at the January Commission Meeting:</u> Staff has confirmed presentations by Rami Kahlon, Director of the Water Division of the California Public Utilities Commission, and Jack Hawks, Executive Director of the California Water Association, for the January 9, 2019 Commission Meeting.
- Additional Information from Sativa: In response to written requests to Sativa, pursuant to the Public Records Act and LAFCO authority under Government Code Section 56386(a), Sativa representatives have provided to LAFCO some of the requested information. Because Sativa provides information to LAFCO at various times, the information or documents provided are often responsive to only a portion of the request, and/or the documents or information provided are incomplete, staff's review of these materials is

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taking longer than anticipated. On Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, staff sent a follow-up letter to Sativa's general manager clarifying what items are still outstanding.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Commission:

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

## Attachment:

• October 1, 2018 Letter from LAFCO Executive Officer Paul Novak to Sativa General Manager Thomas Martin, requesting additional documents and information.



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October 1, 2018

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

Via U.S. Mail and e-mail (tmartin@sativawd.com)

RE: Public Records Act Request and Request for Information

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for providing certain information and documentation to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO) in response to the Public Records Act and Request for Information letter dated August 20, 2018 and the follow-up letter dated September 19, 2018. However, to date, there remains a significant number of documents and information that have not been provided to LAFCO.

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

- Footnotes for the audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, ending June 30, 2017.
- Schedule 1, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII for the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.
- Resignation letter from Former General Manager Maria Rachelle Garza.
- Any amendments to the July 2, 2018 general manager employment agreement for Thomas Martin (it has been reported to LAFCO that the Board of Directors amended Mr. Martin's agreement).
- Documents and communication regarding the award to Sativa of a planning grant by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) awarding the "planning grant" (believed to be in the amount of approximately \$250,000).
- Documents and communication 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 said Violation Orders.

In addition, pursuant to Government Code Section 56386(a), LAFCO hereby requests the following remaining records or information in possession of the District which may be

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## necessary to assist LAFCO and the Executive Officer in their duties:

- The date the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Final Budget.
- 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;
  - whether any of the bond or loan funds been utilized; and if so, in what amount, and for what purpose;
  - > The total amount Sativa paid to consultants utilized in issuing the bond; and
  - The total amount Sativa paid to bond Counsel.
- 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; and
  - > full-time or part-time status.

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- Separate and apart from California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), identify whether any current or former Sativa employees or 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.
- State whether there are any unresolved, pending claims filed against the District, and if so, identify each, and provide a copy of the claim.

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Novak, AICP Executive Officer

Copy to: LAFCO Commissioners

Adriana Romo, LAFCO Deputy Executive Officer

Carole Suzuki, LAFCO Counsel Lillian Salinger, LAFCO Counsel

## **Staff Report**

## October 10, 2018

## Agenda Item No. 9.b.

## Request from Southern California Water Coalition for support of California WaterFix

Representatives from the six Southern California LAFCOs (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego) meet bi-annually to discuss issues of mutual interest. Typically, one or more of the Commission officers (Chair Jerry Gladbach, First Vice Chair Don Dear, and Second Vice Chair Gerard McCallum), the Executive Officer, Deputy Executive Officer, and staff attend representing LA LAFCO.

At the August 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, a representative of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Water District made a presentation concerning California WaterFix. In the ensuing conversation, Charley Wilson, the Executive Director and CEO of the Southern California Water Coalition (SCWC"), suggested that the six Southern California LAFCOs sign a joint letter in support of California WaterFix. Commissioner Wilson stated that having a long-term, reliable water supply is critical to the work that LAFCOs perform. The SCWC is a "nonprofit, nonpartisan public education partnership dedicated to informing Southern Californians about our water needs and our state's water resources; through measured advocacy, SCWC works to ensure the health and reliability of Southern California's water supply" (quoted from the SCWC website).

In addition to his role at the SCWC, Charley Wilson is a special district commissioner on Orange LAFCO, as well as the Board President and Director of the Santa Margarita Water District in Orange County.

As a follow-up to the meeting, Mr. Wilson e-mailed the Executive Officer requesting that LA LAFCO take a position in support of California WaterFix. Mr. Wilson's e-mail, request letter, and proposed statement are enclosed.

California WaterFix is a "science-driven upgrade to our aging water system" that "will provide clean, reliable water while protecting our environment" (quoted from the California WaterFix website). The effort is a comprehensive effort to upgrade the systems transporting water from Northern California while concurrently protecting the Sacramento Bay Delta environment. One component of this effort is the construction of "twin tunnels" to transport water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers near Sacramento.

According to their respective executive officers, San Bernardino LAFCO is scheduled to consider a similar request from Mr. Wilson at its meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, Riverside LAFCO on October 25<sup>th</sup>, Orange LAFCO on November 14<sup>th</sup>, Imperial LAFCO on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and San Diego LAFCO on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Taking a position on California WaterFix is a policy matter for commissioners. The staff

recommendation, therefore, provides options but no specific recommendation.

## **Staff Recommendation:**

## Staff recommends that the Commission either:

1. Direct staff to draft a "support" letter for California WaterFix, consistent with the "proposed statement" recommended by SCWC, to be signed by the Commission Chair, and distribute to the Governor, legislators, and other stakeholders;

## <u>OR</u>

2. Direct staff to consent to a joint "support" letter for California WaterFix from all six Southern California LAFCOs, consistent with the "proposed statement" recommended by SCWC, to be signed by the Commission Chair, which would then be distributed to the Governor, legislators, and other stakeholders;

## <u>OR</u>

3. Decline the request and notify Mr. Wilson.

From: Charles Wilson < <a href="mailto:cwilson@socalwater.org">cwilson@socalwater.org</a> Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:54 AM

**To:** Paul Novak <<u>pnovak@lalafco.org</u>> **Subject:** Request for LAFCO Consideration

Paul,

As a follow-up to the Southern California LAFCO regional board meeting, and in recognition of the importance of a cost-effective water supply reliability within LAFCO's Municipal Service Reviews, attached for your consideration is a letter and proposed statement on the California WaterFix. Based upon the discussion at the regional meeting, I would respectfully request that the Los Angeles Local Formation Commission take this issue up on a future agenda for formal consideration and action.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Many thanks.



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August 28, 2018

Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission Executive Officer Paul Novak 80 South Lake Avenue, Suite 870 Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Executive Officer Novak,

On August 13, 2018, the Southern Region LAFCO members met and had a detailed presentation on the need for and benefits of modernizing the state's aging water delivery system responsible for more than 30 percent of Southern California's fresh water supply.

In a landmark decision in July, water leaders at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) voted to finance up to 64.6 percent of California WaterFix, the \$17 billion twin tunnels project that is critically needed to upgrade the infrastructure that moves the state's backbone supply of water to Southern California. MWD also was among the founding members of the Joint Powers Authority created to manage the project's design and construction.

Since that time, momentum to enhance the state's water system has grown substantially, fueled by resounding support from a broad, Southern California-based coalition of diverse interests including local cities, counties, water agencies, business, industry, labor, agriculture and non-profits. Public support for the project is also strong. A recent poll by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) found that 78 percent of Californians think WaterFix is important for the future quality of life and economic vitality of the state.

On behalf of the millions of Southern Californians represented through the Local Agency Formation Commissions throughout the region, it is apparent that local government is responsible to ensure the establishment of an appropriate, sustainable, and logical municipal level government structure for the distribution of efficient and effective public services.

By modernizing and upgrading the state's aging water delivery system, California WaterFix will provide a secure, reliable and affordable water supply, which is necessary as we perform statemandated municipal service reviews. Absent this solution, future changes in local water supply development could have a significant impact in providing long-term improvements in the delivery of municipal water services.

As the representative agencies responsible for effective and efficient delivery of municipal services, we think it's prudent for your commission to consider lending its voice in support of this necessary project and to support our jurisdictions in demonstrating a reliable water supply into the future.





As such, I would recommend the following statement for serious consideration and action in support of a reliable water future for Southern California by your commission.

Respectively,

**Charles Wilson** 

**Executive Director and CEO** 

Southern California Water Coalition

## **Proposed Statement**

On behalf of the millions of Southern Californians represented through the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission responsible to ensure the establishment of an appropriate, sustainable, and logical municipal level government structure for the distribution of efficient and effective public services, we support the modernization of the state's aging water delivery system through California WaterFix as part of an "all the above" strategy to ensure a reliable water supply for our region's future.

Roughly 30 percent of the water that flows out of taps in Southern California comes from Northern California via the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. But the Delta's delivery system is antiquated, a problem compounded both by a declining ecosystem and 1,100-mile levee system that are increasingly vulnerable.

California WaterFix is a comprehensive solution proposed by state and federal agencies to ensure our state has a reliable water supply for many years to come. It would modernize the decades-old delivery system through the building of three new intakes in the northern Delta along with two tunnels to carry water to the existing aqueduct system in the southern Delta.

We further believe that California WaterFix will provide LAFCO and its stakeholders the opportunity to demonstrate vision and leadership in tackling one of our region's most important issues and facilitate necessary "seeds" for future changes in local water supply development leading to a long-term improvement in the delivery of municipal water services.



## **Staff Report**

## October 10, 2018

## Agenda Item No. 9.c.

## Potential Cancellation of the December 12, 2018 Meeting

For the past several years, the Commission has canceled its regular meeting in December due to the winter holidays. Staff has reviewed its workload and determined that existing proposals can be considered in a timely manner at either the November 14, 2018 meeting or the January 9, 2019 meeting. Staff therefore recommends canceling the December 12, 2018 meeting.

## **Recommended Action:**

- 1. Cancel the December 12, 2018 Commission Meeting; and
- 2. Direct the Executive Officer to send notice of the cancellation via the LAFCO e-mail alert notification system and post notice on the LAFCO website.

## **Staff Report**

## October 10, 2018

## Agenda Item No. 10.a. Legislative Update

The 2017-2018 Legislative Session concluded on August 31, 2018. Governor Brown has until September 30<sup>th</sup> to sign or veto bills. After September 30, bills that have not been vetoed by the Governor became law.

## Governor 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 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

• AB 1577 (Gipson): AB 1577 was signed into law on September 28, 2018. AB 1577 is addressed in the staff report for Agenda Item 9.a (Sativa County Water District Status Report).

Commission Position: SUPPORT (June 13th Meeting)

• <u>SB 875 (Lara):</u> 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 law extends the deadline until January 1, 2021.

## Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.

• AB 2019 (Aguiar-Curry): Requires healthcare districts to adopt an annual budget on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in a public meeting, establish a website with specified information, adopt annual policies for providing grant funding, and to notify LAFCO within ten day s of filing a petition for bankruptcy.

## Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.

• SB 929 (McGuire): Requires independent special districts to maintain a website with specified information by January 1, 2020.

## Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.

• <u>AB 2179</u>: This bill, which authorizes alternative procedures for a city to lease, sell, or transfer a municipal utility for furnishing sewer services, was signed into law by Governor Brown on September 28, 2018.

**Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.** 

• AB 2339 (Gipson): This bill, which originally would authorize alternative procedures for any city to lease, sell, or transfer a municipal utility for furnishing water service; 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 2339 was signed into law by Governor Brown on September 28, 2018.

## **Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.**

• <u>SB 1215 (Hertzberg):</u> 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 signed by Governor Brown on September 30, 2018.

## Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.

## **Governor Vetoed:**

• AB 2258 (Caballero): This bill, sponsored by CALAFCO, would have established 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). The Governor vetoed on September 18, 2018.

## **Commission Position: SUPPORT** (April 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting)

• AB 2050 (Caballero): This bill was 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. The Governor vetoed on September 28, 2018.

**Commission Position: NO POSITION TAKEN.** 

## **Staff Recommendation:**

1. Receive and file the Legislative Report.



September 10, 2018

Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission Pasadena, California

We are in the process of performing the audit of the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") for the year ending June 30, 2018.

Professional auditing standards recommend that, as a part of our audit, we inquire of those in governance to ascertain whether or not the Commission has knowledge of matters that might have a bearing on the auditor's risk assessment for the annual audit of the LAFCO's financial statements.

## Example of these matters are:

- Known or suspected instances of employee fraud
- Areas in which the internal controls of the LAFCO are thought by the Commission to be weak
- Known or suspected misstatements in the accounting records of the LAFCO
- Known or suspected use of improper accounting practices by the LAFCO
- Any awareness of pressure upon the LAFCO or LAFCO management with respect to achieving certain financial results
- Matters that warrant particular attention during the audit
- Information about unusual transactions or other matters relevant to the audit

Generally, the scope of the audit is limited to *matters involving amounts that would be significant* to the financial statements of the LAFCO taken as a whole. If additional time is required to respond to the concerns of the Commissioners, we will estimate for the LAFCO the costs involved.

Please respond within 45 days from the date of this letter if the Commission has any matters to report that meet the above criteria.

Auditing Standards require the auditors to communicate the planned scope and timing of the audit. Additionally, at the conclusion of the audit, we plan to communicate the auditor's responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and significant findings from the audit.

## Timing of Audit

We began the audit examination of LAFCO on September 10, 2018. We plan to be completed with fieldwork by the end of September, and we plan to present the audit report and results of the audit to the Commissioners at the completion of the audit.

## Planned Scope of Audit

In addition to our standard audit approach, we perform a risk assessment each year to develop our audit plan. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, we have identified the audit risk areas noted below for additional testing:

- Risk of errors implementing GASB Statement No. 75 for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Obligations: We plan to obtain the new actuarial valuation calculating the Net OPEB Liability and related balances. We will review the actuary's assumptions for reasonableness and adherence to the new accounting standard. We will review LAFCO's accounting for the OPEB transactions and we will ensure the footnotes contain accurate and complete disclosures in accordance with the new standard.
- Risk of errors recording LAFCO's Net Pension Liability: We plan to obtain the actuarial valuation calculating LAFCO's Net Pension Liability and related balances. We will review the actuary's assumptions for reasonableness and adherence to GASB Statement No. 68. We will review LAFCO's accounting for the pension transactions and will ensure the footnotes are accurate and complete.
- Each year we are required to incorporate an element of unpredictability into our audit approach. This year, we plan to test a sample of fixed assets and perform a physical observation of those assets.

If any member of the Commissioners has information relevant to our audit (matters involving amounts that would be significant to the financial statements of the LAFCO taken as a whole), please contact the undersigned at (949) 783-1740 or jfarr@davisfarr.com.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Farr, CPA

Partner



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September 13, 2018

Mr. Edward G. Gladbach Chairman Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County 80 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 870 Pasadena, California 91101

Re: No Paid Workers' Compensation Claims in 2017-18

Dear Mr. Gladbach:

This letter is to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive loss prevention and workplace safety. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" workers' compensation claims for program year 2017-18. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year. This is a great accomplishment!

It is through the efforts of members such as Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable workers' compensation coverage to over 442 public agencies throughout California. In fact, 281 members or 64% in the workers' compensation program had no "paid" claims in program year 2017-18.

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2017-18 earned 2 credit incentive points (CIPs) thereby reducing their annual contribution amount. Also, members without claims receive a lower "experience modification factor" (EMOD) which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

As SDRMA is dedicated to serving its members and preventing claims, we would appreciate your agency taking a moment and sharing with us what made your District successful in preventing work related injuries. Our goal is to incorporate your successful ideas and suggestions into our loss prevention programs to benefit all members of SDRMA. Please forward any ideas or suggestions to Dennis Timoney, SDRMA Chief Risk Officer at dtimoney@sdrma.org.

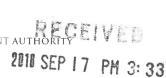
On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my privilege to congratulate the Governing Body, management and staff for their commitment to proactive loss prevention and safety in the workplace.

Sincerely,

Special District Risk Management Authority

Jean Bracy, President Board of Directors





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September 13, 2018

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Re: President's Special Acknowledgement Award - Workers' Compensation Program

Dear Mr. Gladbach:

This letter and enclosed certificate are to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive loss prevention and workplace safety for earning the President's Special Acknowledgement Award! The Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior **five consecutive program years** in the Workers' Compensation Program.

A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" workers' compensation claims for the prior 5 consecutive program years including 2017-18. This is an outstanding accomplishment that serves as an example for all SDRMA members!

It is through the efforts of members such as Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable workers' compensation coverage to over 442 public agencies throughout California. While 281 members or 64% in the workers' compensation program had no "paid" claims in program year 2017-18, 133 members or 30% had no paid claims for the prior 5 consecutive years.

In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2017-18 earned 2 credit incentive points (CIPs) reducing their annual contribution amount and members with no "paid" claims for the prior 5 consecutive program years earned 3 additional bonus CIPs. Also, members without claims receive a lower "experience modification factor" (EMOD) which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

Included with this letter and certificate is your press release template so your agency may showcase this important accomplishment.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my privilege to congratulate your Governing Body, management and staff for your commitment to proactive loss prevention and safety in the workplace.

Sincerely,

Special District Risk Management Authority

Jean Bracy, President Board of Directors



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The President of the Special District Risk Management Authority Hereby gives special recognition to

## Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County

The President's Special Acknowledgement Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior five consecutive program years in the Workers' Compensation Program. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during that same period. Congratulations on your excellent claims record!

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September 13, 2018 Date

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Contact: Edward G. Gladbach Chairman (626) 204-6500 info@lalafco.org

## SDRMA President's Special Acknowledgement Award Presented to 2018-19

Pasadena, CA — The Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County received the "President's Special Acknowledgement Award" from the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County's Governing Body, management and staff towards proactive loss prevention and workplace safety.

The Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior five consecutive program years in SDRMA's Workers' Compensation Program. It is through the efforts of members such as Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County that SDRMA has been able to continue providing affordable workers' compensation coverage to over 442 public agencies throughout California.

In addition to this recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2017-18 earned Credit Incentive Points (CIPs) reducing their annual contribution amount and members with no "paid" claims for the prior 5 consecutive program years earned additional bonus CIPs. Also, members without claims receive a lower "experience modification factor" (EMOD) which also reduces their annual contribution amount.

Special District Risk Management Authority is a public agency formed under California Government Code Section 6500 et seq. and has provided a full-service risk management program for California's local governments for over 30 years.