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for the County of Los Angeles

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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

Wednesday, July 12, 2017
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**

None.

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 June 14, 2017.
- b. Approve Operating Account Check Register for the month of June 2017.
- c. Receive and file update on pending proposals.
- d. Approve revised Minutes of May 10, 2017 (on page 9).

7. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena), Amendment to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Sphere of Influence, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.
- b. Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of Baldwin Park), and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.
- c. Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (Entire City of Vernon), and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption.

8. PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Oral Report of Summary of Recommendations for Final Action on Executive Officer Salary; Proposed Contract Amendment No. 2 to Executive Officer Employment Agreement.
- b. Proposed Revisions to the Check-Signing Policy Re: New Deputy Executive Officer.
- c. Hidden Creeks Estates – Status Report.
- d. Legislative Update

10. 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.

11. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

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

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

13. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

August 9, 2017

September 13, 2017

October 11, 2017

November 8, 2017

14. **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.

15. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Recommendation by individual Commissioners that the Commission adjourn the meeting in memory of deceased persons and/or commemoration of ceremonial occasions.



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 **DRAFT**

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SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

June 14, 2017

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger
Richard Close
Donald Dear
Margaret Finlay
Gerard McCallum
David Ryu

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

Paul Novak, AICP; Executive Officer
Helen Parker, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Janice Hahn

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate
Sheila Kuehl, Alternate

Vacant:

Voting City Member (formerly David Spence)

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration by Chair Gladbach.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Gladbach.

Chair Gladbach announced that the Commission would observe a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner Spence.

Chair Gladbach thanked the Commission for having this special meeting at 8:00 a.m., instead of at the regular time of 9:00 a.m., as he needs to leave early to attend a funeral.

CS-1

The Commission convened in Closed Session to consider CS-1:

MOTION: McCALLUM
SECOND: BARGER
AYES: BARGER, CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, McCALLUM,
MITCHELL (ALT. FOR SPENCE), GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: HAHN, RYU
MOTION PASSED: 7/0/0

Helen Parker, Legal Counsel, announced that the Commission will go to Closed Session, as listed on the Agenda: CS-1, Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957) Title: Executive Officer and Conference with Labor Negotiator: Designated Representative, Chair Gladbach and the Executive Officer, an Unrepresented Employee (Government Code § 54957.6).

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 and § 54957.6, the Commission recessed to Closed Session at 8:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt.), Close, Dear, Finlay, Gladbach, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt.), Ruzicka (Alt.), Smith, Helen Parker (Legal Counsel), Erik Conard (Legal Counsel).

Absent: Commissioners Hahn, Marqueece Harris-Dawson (Alt.), Kuehl (Alt.), Ryu.

[Commissioner Ryu arrived and joined the closed session at 8:16 a.m.]

The Commission reconvened from Closed Session at 8:52 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt.), Close, Dear, Finlay, Gladbach, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt.), Ruzicka (Alt.), Ryu, Smith, Helen Parker (Legal Counsel), Erik Conard (Legal Counsel).

Absent: Commissioners Hahn, Marqueece Harris-Dawson (Alt.), Kuehl (Alt.).

Helen Parker, Legal Counsel, stated there was no reportable action under the Brown Act.

Chair Gladbach announced that he would be leaving today's meeting, and that First Vice-Chair Dear would conduct the remainder of the meeting.

[Chair Gladbach left at 8:53 a.m.]

First Vice-Chair Dear conducted the remainder of the meeting.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

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

The E.O. read an announcement, asking if any Commissioner had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure and recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore-in five (5) members of the audience who planned to testify.

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 May 10, 2017.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of May 2017.
- c. Received and filed update on pending proposals.

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

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None.

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Legislative Update.

The E.O. summarized the staff report for the Legislative Update.

Commissioner Close requested that the members of the audience who planned to testify speak to the precise issues before the Commission.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

Lynne Plambeck, President of the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment (SCOPE), came before the Commission. Ms. Plambeck stated that she is a Board Member of the Newhall County Water District (NCWD) but she is not representing NCWD, as she is the minority Board Member who does not support the consolidation. Ms. Plambeck stated that she and the NCWD Board understands why the recommendation is for the Commission to change its position from an “opposed unless amended” position to a “neutral” position regarding SB 634. Ms. Plambeck stated that she still has concerns regarding SB 634 and that customers of the NCWD who have had objections to this consolidation have been obliterated through SB 634. Ms. Plambeck stated that she believes it is unconscionable to dissolve a 60-year old voting water district without the public having a say in the matter. Ms. Plambeck stated that she and her constituents remain concerned that the consolidation of the Newhall County Water District and Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) leaves out the Valencia Water Company (VWC) and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36 – Val Verde, by creating a “donut” within the new boundary of the two consolidated districts and VWC has 30,000 connections with no public oversight. SB 634 will allow the VWC to be included in the newly-formed boundary within six months. Ms. Plambeck stated that all of the reports on water supply are being conducted through VWC, and she believes that CLWA has been able to keep those reports secret because CLWA claims that VWC is a private entity. This should be addressed through the State Legislature.

Ms. Plambeck provided the Commission a fact sheet, “Frequently Asked Questions About the Financial Provisions of SB 634,” which was posted on the Castaic Lake Water Agency website stating that VWC is a private entity and that the Legislature does not have the right to force VWC to consolidate with NCWD and CLWA. Ms. Plambeck stated she previously provided the Commission with a purchase agreement of CLWA who took over VWC through eminent domain proceedings and that Valencia Water Company is still controlled by Lennar Corporation, a nationwide developer. If VCW does not get addressed in SB 634, VWC will still be controlled by a large corporation. Ms. Plambeck thanked Supervisor Barger for her concern in this matter as it relates to SB 634.

Maria Gutzeit (Board President, Newhall County Water District) came before the Commission. Ms. Gutzeit stated that she worked through a two-year process negotiating with Castaic Lake Water Agency, following previous disputes. NCWD has conducted extensive public outreach, public meetings, and e-mail communications to the public. Ms. Gutzeit stated that 14 of 15 members board members of the NCWD and the CLWA board support the consolidation. CLWA is a special act district, and State legislation is required to change the governing board structure resulting from the proposed consolidation. Ms. Gutzeit stated that the proposed consolidation between NCWD and CLWA will save rate-payers \$14 million over a 10-year period, and help secure State funding for watershed projects. Ms. Gutzeit stated that NCWD and CLWA have a common goal – to better manage water resources within the Santa Clarita Valley. Ms. Gutzeit

stated she agrees with the staff recommendation to remove the “opposed unless amended” position relative to SB 634.

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

Steve Cole (General Manager, Newhall County Water District) came before the Commission. Mr. Cole thanked LAFCO staff for working with NCWD. Mr. Cole stated he also agrees with the staff recommendation to remove the “opposed unless amended” position relative to SB 634.

Joseph Byrne (General Counsel, Castaic Lake Water Agency) came before the Commission. Mr. Byrne also thanked LAFCO staff for working with CLWA. Mr. Byrne clarified that VWC is a private water company. CLWA purchased VWC’s stock which was challenged by SCOPE. Recently, the court ruled in favor of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, holding that CLWA’s acquisition of Valencia Water Company was legal. Mr. Byrne stated that SB 634 clearly states that VWC will be included in the consolidation within six months of the newly-formed district.

Carmillis “Cam” Noltemeyer (Treasurer, Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and the Environment) came before the Commission. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that she is representing herself as a Valencia Water Company rate-payer. Ms. Noltemeyer requested that a change be made to the Minutes of May 10th meeting: change from “CLWA has received \$80 million in interfund loans.” to “CLWA was projected to make \$80 million in interfund loans.” Ms. Noltemeyer stated that CLWA has been taking 1% from the VWC rate-payers, and giving that 1% to developers under the facility capacity fee (a copy which was given to the Commissioners at last month’s meeting). Ms. Noltemeyer stated that she believes CLWA is robbing from the VWC rate-payers. Ms. Noltemeyer believes that CLWA has taken money away from the current rate payers to bail-out the developers. Ms. Noltemeyer stated that \$800,000 in VWC dividends is given to CLWA each year.

The E.O. stated that SB 634 is a bill which is sponsored by two water districts (CLWA and NCWD) rather than a bill which is sponsored by LAFCO. The Commission’s primary concern about SB 634 has been LAFCO’s role in the proposed consolidation, as reflected in a prior Commission communication to the Legislature and in prior staff reports. The E.O. stated that CLWA and NCWD representatives have worked diligently to address the Commission’s primary concern, as well as several technical issues in the language of SB 634. As a result of these discussions, Senator Wilk introduced a series of amendments to SB 634; significantly, these amendments now provide a role for LAFCO in reviewing an “application for conditions” in early 2018. Given the series of amendments, the E.O. recommended that the Commission withdraw its existing “Oppose Unless Amended” position and adopt a “Neutral” position.

First Vice-Chair Dear stated he has always taken a position that if two water agency board of directors agreed to consolidate, those agencies should be able to consolidate.

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

The Commission took the following actions:

- Withdrew the “OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED” position on SB 634, and adopted a “NEUTRAL” position on SB 634, and directed staff to communicate this position in a letter to Senator Wilk, with copies provided to key members of the State Legislature and the Governor; and
- Received and filed the Legislative Report.

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

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority’s Property/Liability Program.

The E.O. summarized the staff report on Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority’s Property/Liability Program. The E.O. stated that participating in this program will create a cost savings of \$30,000. The E.O. noted that the written recommendation was to sign the Sixth Amended Joint Powers Agreement. After discussion, it was determined that this had already been done years ago, and it is no longer necessary, therefore the resolution was adjusted accordingly.

Commissioner Finlay asked what type of risk management training seminars does SDRMA conduct. The E.O. stated that SDRMA does have periodic training seminars once or twice a year.

In response to questions by Commissioner Ryu, the E.O. confirmed that this is an on-going cost savings and that there is no other funding source, and it is permanent.

The Commission took the following action:

- Approved and Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations, for the Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Special District Risk Management Authority's Property/Liability Program; Resolution No. 2017-24RMD; and
- Directed the Executive Officer to execute all appropriate resolutions and application forms required to secure property/liability insurance through the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA).

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

10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Smith stated that he recently had a meeting with Wayne Avrashow (Forestar Group, Incorporated) who is the proponent and attorney for the Hidden Creeks Estates and Calabasas projects. Commissioner Smith noted this is informational only.

First Vice-Chair Dear noted that today is Flag Day.

ITEM 15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION was taken out of order:

IN MEMORY OF COMMISSIONER SPENCE

Commissioner Finlay stated that she had personally worked with David Spence since 1992, and his death is a huge loss, personally and professionally. Commissioner Finlay requested that the Commission adjourn today's meeting in his memory.

First Vice-Chair Dear stated that David Spence had County-wide influence, and it is a great loss to his colleagues and constituents.

Supervisor Barger stated David Spence was a happy person to the end, and he will be greatly missed. Supervisor Barger stated that it was Commissioner Spence's goal to have vector control services covered for the entire County, and LAFCO will continue to process the annexations for

the Cities of Baldwin Park, Vernon, Pasadena, and South Pasadena into a mosquito and vector control district, in memory of David Spence.

Commissioner Mitchell stated that this is the first meeting without Commissioner Spence, and that he will be greatly missed.

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The E.O. noted that LAFCO received a letter from the Sativa County Water District (included in Agenda package). No action is required at this time. In October, it is tentatively scheduled for the Commission to review the Sphere of influence of the Sativa County Water District.

The E.O. also noted that the Commission was provided a copy of Adriana Romo's resume. Adriana Romo will start as new Deputy Executive Officer in mid-July. Mrs. Romo will be at the August Commission meeting.

The E.O. stated that the annexations of cities of Baldwin Park and South Pasadena into the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District are tentatively scheduled for next month's meeting. The Out-of-Agency Service Agreement for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to provide services to the City of Vernon is tentatively scheduled for July or August.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

July 12, 2017
August 9, 2017
September 13, 2017
October 11, 2017

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

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On motion of First Vice-Chair Dear, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Novak, AICP, Executive Officer

LAFCO 03
Register Report
June 2017

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Amount | Balance |
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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6c - July 12, 2017
PENDING PROPOSALS AS OF JUNE 29, 2017**

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

| | | LAFCO Designation | Applicant | Description | Status | Date Filed | Est. Date of Completion |
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| 9 | DD | City of Palmdale Annexation 2011-19 | City of Palmdale | 405 acres of uninhabited territory located between Palmdale Blvd and Ave S and 80th and 85th Street East. | Notice of Filing sent 3-22-12 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, inadequate CEQA, maps of limiting addresses, list of limiting addresses, and approved map and legal. DUC adjacent | 3/8/2012 | Unknown |
| 10 | DD | Annexation 2014-04 to the City of Calabasas | City of Calabasas | annex approximately 43.31± acres of uninhabited territory to the City of Calabasas. The affected territory is generally located along Agoura Road between Liberty Canyon Road and Malibu Hills Road, in Los Angeles County unincorporated territory adjacent to the City of Agoura Hills and Calabasas. | Notice of Filing sent 3-20-14 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, pre-zoning ordinance, radius map, landowner and registered voter labels, landowner consent letter, approved map and legal | 3/18/2014 | Unknown |
| 11 | DD | Annexation No. 2014-09 to Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde (Los Valles Development) | SFI Los Valles LLC | SOI Amendment and Annexation of 10± acres located north of Halsey Canyon Road and Los Valles Drive, all within unincorporated territory of Castaic | Notice of Filing sent 10-02-14. Incomplete filing: CEQA, and approved map and legal. CEQA hearing in May with the County. | 7/15/2014 | Unknown |
| 12 | 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, CEQA, pre-zoning ordinance, radius map, mailing labels of landowners and registered voters, approved map and legal. | 12/10/2014 | Unknown |
| 13 | DD | Annexation No. 2015-11 to the City of Palmdale (Desert View Highlands) | City of Palmdale | 284 acres inhabited territory. Generally located north and south of Elizabeth Lake Road between Amargosa Creek and 10th street west, in Los Angeles County unincorporated territory surrounded by the City of Palmdale | Notice of Filing sent 9-22-15 Incomplete filing: property tax resolution, attachment 'A' plan for municipal services, CEQA (NOD), party disclosure, pre-zoning, map of limiting addresses, registered voter info | 9/15/2015 | Unknown |

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| 14 | Annexation No. 2015-09 to the City of Pomona | City of Pomona | 5.76 acres uninhabited territory. Located south of Valley Blvd approximately 2500' east of Grand Ave, adjacent to the City of Industry and Pomona. | Notice of Filing sent 9-23-15 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, attachment "A" plan for municipal services, CEQA, party disclosure, pre-zoning, limiting addresses, map of limiting addresses, radius map, registered voter labels within affected territory, registered voters within 300' radius, landowners within affected territory, landowners within 300' radius, map and legal not approved | 9/22/2015 | Unknown |
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| 15 | Annexation No. 2015-06 to the Newhall County Water District | Newhall County Water District | 0.10 acres uninhabited territory. Located south of Newhall Ranch Road, west of Copper Hill Drive, in the City of Santa Clarita. Existing booster station facility. | agenda, May 10, 2017 | 9/24/2015 | Jun-2017 |
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| 16 | 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 |
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| 17 | 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 Caimloch Street, west of Summit Mountain Way, all within the City of Calabasas. | Notice of Filing sent 04-19-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, and map and legal not approved. | 2/22/2016 | Unknown |
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| 18 | Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District | San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District | Annex 2,221 acres of inhabited territory to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. The affected territory includes the entire City of South Pasadena. Amendments to the SGVMVCD Sphere of Influence to include the entire cities of South Pasadena and Baldwin Park. | agenda July 12, 2017 | 8/30/2016 | Sep-2017 |
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| 19 | Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District | San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District | Annex 4,333 acres of inhabited territory to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. The affected territory includes the entire City of Baldwin Park. | Agenda July 12, 2017 | 8/30/2016 | Sep-2017 |
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| 20 | Annexation 422 to District No. 14 | Sanitation Districts | 40.149 acres of uninhabited territory. Located on the northwest corner of Avenue I. and 60th Street West, all within the City of Lancaster. | Notice of Filing sent 11-3-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. | 11/2/2016 | Unknown |
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| 21 | Reorganization No. 2016-08 to the City of Bradbury | City of Bradbury | 2.96 acres of uninhabited territory located east of the intersection of Wild Rose Ave and Deodar Lan, in the City of Monrovia | Notice of Filing Sent 11-1-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, additional LAFCO fees, pre-zoning, registered voter info, approved map and legal. | 10/25/2016 | Unknown |
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| | | LAFCO Designation | Applicant | Description | Status | Date Filed | Est. Date of Completion |
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| 22 | AD | Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Annexation 1081 | Sanitation Districts | 72.46 acres of uninhabited territory. Located on Henry Mayo Drive approximately 400 feet southwest of Commerce Center Drive, all within Unincorporated Los Angeles County. | Notice of Filing sent 12-6-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. | 11/23/2016 | Unknown |
| 23 | DD | Annexation No. 2016-34 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (entire City of Pasadena) | San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District | 14,800 acres of inhabited territory. The entire City of Pasadena is bordered by the City of La Canada Flintridge and the unincorporated communities of La Crescenta-Montrose, Altadena, and Kimeba Mesa to the north, the cities of Sierra Madre and Arcadia to the east, the cities of San Marino and South Pasadena to the south, and the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale to the west. | Notice of Filing sent 01-30-16 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, approved of map and legal | 1/25/2017 | Unknown |
| 24 | AD | Annexation 751 to District No. 21 | Sanitation Districts | 0.545 acres of uninhabited territory. Located on Foothill Boulevard immediately south of Regis Avenue, all within the City of Claremont. | Notice of Filing sent 02-09-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. | 2/2/2017 | Unknown |
| 25 | AD | Annexation 426 to District No. 22 | Sanitation Districts | 51.65 acres of uninhabited territory. Located south of Interstate 10 immediately east of Mesquite Lane, all within Unincorporated Los Angeles County. | Notice of Filing sent 02-09-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. | 2/2/2017 | Unknown |
| 26 | AD | Annexation 296 to District No. 15 | Sanitation Districts | 2.84 acres of uninhabited territory. Located on Turnbull Canyon Road approximately 200 feet north of Las Lomitas Drive, all within Unincorporated Los Angeles County. | Notice of Filing sent 02-09-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. | 2/6/2017 | Unknown |
| 27 | AD | Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County Annexation 1084 | Sanitation Districts | 236.34 acres of uninhabited territory. Located on The Old road immediately west of Interstate 5, approximately 2,500 feet south of Pico Canyon Road, all within unincorporated Los Angeles County. | Notice of Filing sent 02-14-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution. | 2/13/2017 | Unknown |
| 28 | DD | Annexation No. 2017-03 to the Antelope Valley Cemetery District | Antelope Valley Cemetery District | inhabited territory. Located in and around the City of Palmdale (Parcel 1) and around the unincorporated area of Gorman (Parcel 2) | Notice of Filing sent 3-16-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, party disclosure, map and legal | 3/13/2017 | Unknown |
| 29 | DD | Reorganization No. 2017-04 to the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District | Las Virgenes Municipal Water District | uninhabited territory, located east of the intersection of Las Flores Canyon Road and Live Oak Meadow Road north of the City of Malibu | Notice of Filing sent 4-12-17 Incomplete filing: property tax transfer resolution, CEQA, approved map and legal. | 4/6/2017 | Unknown |
| 30 | DD | Out-of-Agency Service Agreement for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District | Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District | inhabited territory, the entire City of Vernon | agenda, July 12, 2017 | 6/13/2017 | Aug-2017 |
| 31 | 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 |

REVISED MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2017

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

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

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

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

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

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



Local Agency Formation Commission
for the County of Los Angeles

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REGULAR MEETING

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

May 10, 2017

Present:

Donald Dear, First Vice-Chair

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

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

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

Absent:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard Close

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Alternate
Sheila Kuehl, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

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

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

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

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

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

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

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and Filed.

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

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

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

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

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

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

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

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

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

The Commission took the following action:

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

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

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called for consideration:

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

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

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

The Commission took the following action:

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

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

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

None.

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Legislative Update.

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

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The public hearing was opened to receive testimony.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Commission took the following actions:

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

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

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

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Hidden Creeks Estates – Status Report.

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

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and Filed.

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

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

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

10 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

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

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

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

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

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

June 14, 2017

July 12, 2017

August 9, 2017

September 13, 2017

14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul Novak, AICP, Executive Officer

Staff Report

July 12, 2017

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

**Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley
Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena),
Amendment to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and
Vector Control District Sphere of Influence (SOI)**

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

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| Size of Affected Territory: | 2,221± acres |
| Inhabited/Uninhabited: | Inhabited |
| Applicant: | San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District ("District") |
| Resolution or Petition: | August 12, 2016 |
| Application Filed with LAFCO: | August 30, 2016 |
| Location: | The affected territory is the entire City of South Pasadena, which is surrounded by the cities of Alhambra, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and San Marino. |
| City/County: | Entire City of South Pasadena |
| Affected Territory: | The affected territory is the entire City of South Pasadena and consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and vacant land. The Arroyo Seco flood plain runs along the west side of the city. The topography is generally flat with some rolling hills. |
| Surrounding Territory: | The cities of Alhambra, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and San Marino surround the affected territory. |
| Landowners: | There are multiple owners of record. |
| Registered Voters: | 16,250 registered voters as of August 10, 2016 as per the applicant. |

Purpose/Background: The purpose of this annexation is for the entire City of South Pasadena to receive vector control services that will include disease surveillance, monitoring and control of vectors, and public education.

Related Jurisdictional Changes: There are no related jurisdictional changes.

Within SOI: No, but a concurrent Sphere of Influence Amendment is being processed along with this application. The amendment adds the City of Baldwin Park and the City of South Pasadena to the District's SOI.

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest: No

CEQA Clearance: The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. A Categorical Exemption was adopted by San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, as lead agency, on August 29, 2016.

Additional Information: None

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

a. Population:

The existing population is 26,151 residents as of August 11, 2017. The population density is 11.77 persons per acre.

The estimated future population is 26,151 residents (no anticipated change).

The affected territory is 2,221+/- acres. The affected territory is the entire City of South Pasadena and consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and vacant land. There are no proposed/future land use changes due to this proposal.

The assessed valuation is \$2,729,383,174 from the 2016-2017 tax roll.

The per capita assessed valuation is \$104,370.

On June 13, 2017, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is generally flat with some rolling hills.

The Arroyo Seco flood plain runs along the west side of the city.

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

The affected territory is surrounded by populated areas on all sides.

The affected territory is likely to experience no significant growth in the next ten years. The adjacent areas are likely to experience no significant growth in the next ten years.

b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory includes the entire City of South Pasadena, which requires organized governmental services.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of an alternative course of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is for the city to not receive vector control services, leading to increased risk of vector-borne disease, which could adversely impact property values and quality of life.

c. Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:

The proposed action will benefit adjacent areas, all of which are located within vector control districts, by providing seamless vector control prevention and protection. 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 only alternate action is for the City of South Pasadena to provide its own vector control services. 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, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The boundaries conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

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

g. Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan:

The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

h. Consistency with Plans:

The proposal is consistent with existing City of South Pasadena General Plan designations.

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

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

i. *Sphere of Influence:*

The affected territory is not within the Sphere of Influence of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, but a concurrent Sphere of Influence Amendment is being processed with this application. The amendment adds the City of Baldwin Park and the City of South Pasadena to the District's SOI.

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 District currently provides vector control service to over 165,760 acres of land throughout Los Angeles County. The annexation would add 2,221 acres to the service area. The District indicated that it has the ability to provide vector control 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:*

As a special district annexation, the proposal will not affect any city, nor the county, in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

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

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents. The City of South Pasadena conducted its own outreach and considered the proposed annexation at two (2) City Council meetings. City representatives indicated that public input was supportive of the proposed annexation.

o. *Land Use Designations*

The proposal is consistent with existing City of South Pasadena General Plan designations.

The proposal is consistent with the existing City of South Pasadena zoning designations.

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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

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

1. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The affected territory is the entire cities of South Pasadena and Baldwin Park and consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and vacant land. There are no proposed/future land use changes due to the proposal.

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

The affected territory is located within the City of South Pasadena and the City of Baldwin Park. 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 respective cities, the County, and other special districts.

The affected territory includes the entire City of South Pasadena and the entire City of Baldwin Park, both of which require organized governmental services.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of an alternative course of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is for the city to not receive vector control services, leading to increased risk of vector-borne disease, which could adversely impact property values and quality of life.

3. Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Services:

The District currently provides vector control service to over 165,760 acres of land throughout Los Angeles County. The annexations would add 6,554 acres to the service area. The District indicated that it has the ability to provide vector control service to the affected territory once the annexations are complete.

4. Social of Economic communities of interest

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

5. *Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities:*

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

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

The Commission has on file written statement of the functions and classes of service of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and can establish the nature, location and extent of its classes of service and that it provides vector control services within its boundary.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the district and within the annexation territory.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the annexation and SOI amendment;
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. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena); Amendments to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Sphere of Influence; and
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set September 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2016-31 TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL
DISTRICT (ENTIRE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA) AND AMENDMENT TO THE SAN GABRIEL
VALLEY MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE"**

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

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 2,221± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena); and

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

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide vector control service to the City of South Pasadena; 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 June 20, 2017, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2017, 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 September 13, 2017 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. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena), finds that this annexation and sphere of influence amendment are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because they consist of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes

do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised.

In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

2. The Commission hereby amends the Sphere of Influence of San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and makes the following determinations in accordance with Government Code Section 56425

- a. Present and Planned Land Uses in the Area

The affected territory is the entire cities of South Pasadena and Baldwin Park and consists of residential, commercial, industrial, and vacant land. There are no proposed/future land use changes due to the proposal.

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

The affected territory is located within the City of South Pasadena and the City of Baldwin Park. 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 respective cities, the County, and other special districts.

The affected territory includes the entire City of South Pasadena and the entire City of Baldwin Park, both of which require organized governmental services.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of an alternative course of action on the

cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas-is for the city not receive vector control services, leading to increased risk of vector-borne disease, which could adversely impact property values and quality of life.

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

The District currently provides vector control service to over 165,760 acres of land throughout Los Angeles County. The annexations would add 6,554 acres to the service area. The District indicated that it has the ability to provide vector control service to the affected territory once the annexations are complete.

d. Existence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest

There are no significant social or economic communities of interest within the subject territory.

e. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

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

f. Determination of the Services of the Existing District

The Commission has on file written statement of the functions and classes of service of the District and can establish the nature, location and extent of its

classes of service and that it provides water service within its boundary.

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 2,221 acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation: "Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena)".
5. Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of South Pasadena) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
 - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
 - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
 - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any,

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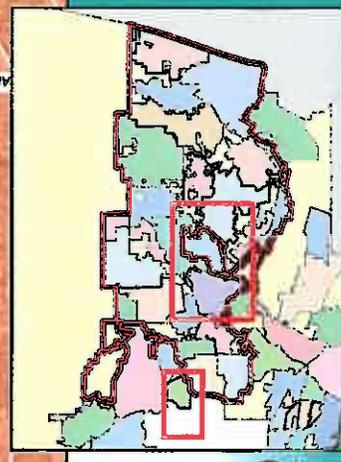
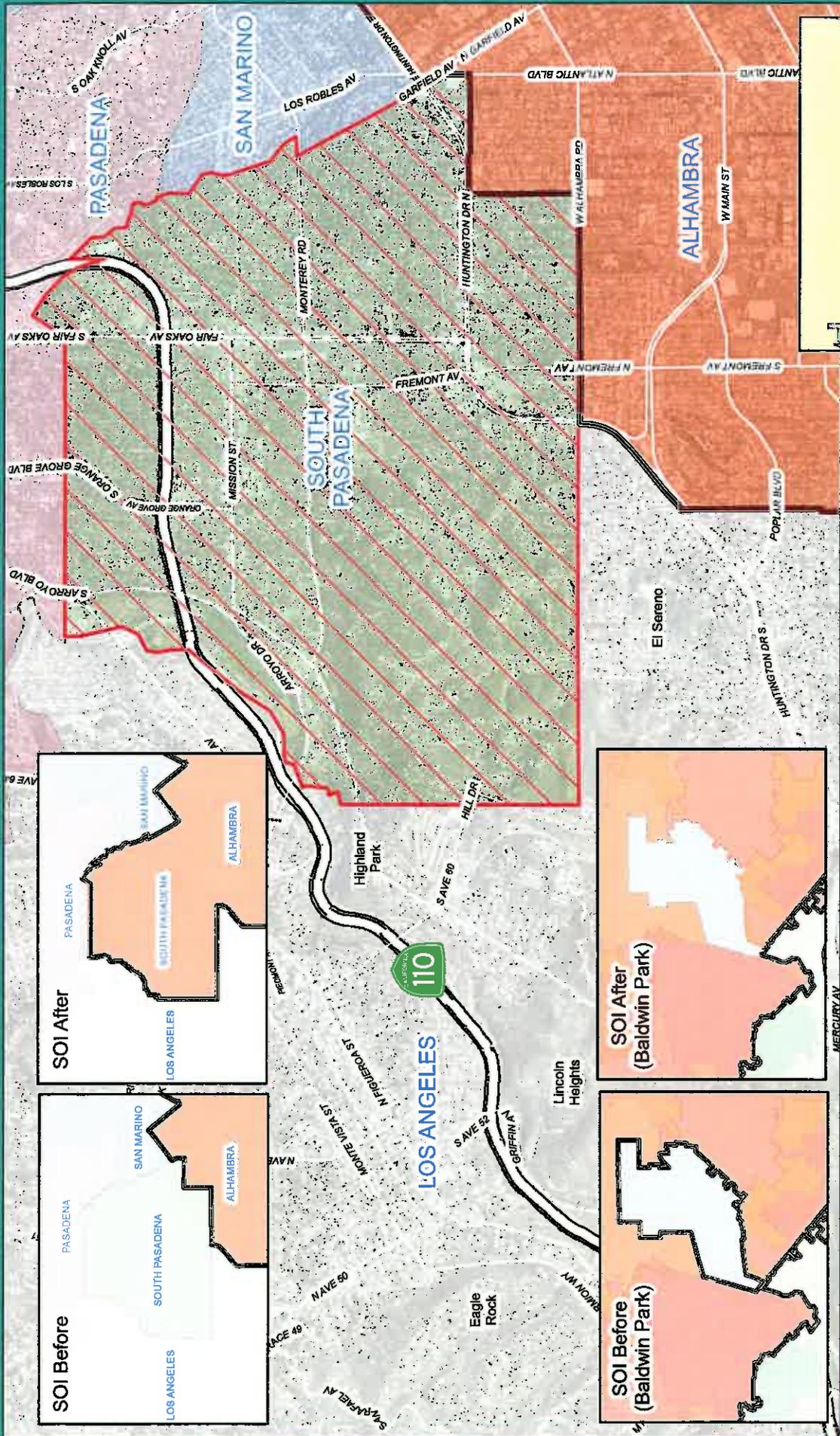
- g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for September 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. 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.

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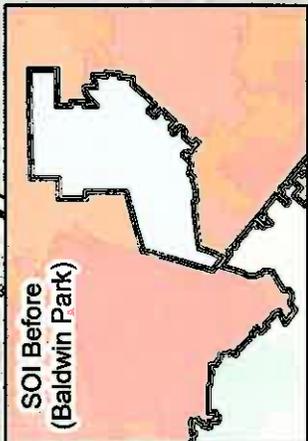
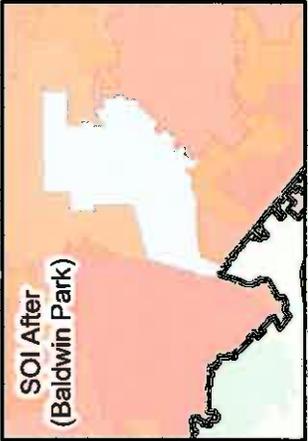
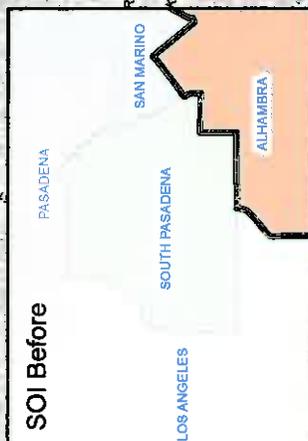
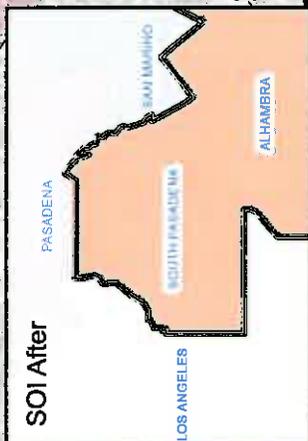
**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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**Annexation No. 2016-31 to the
 San Gabriel Valley Mosquito
 and Vector Control District
 (Entire City of South Pasadena)**
 Amendment to the San Gabriel Valley
 Mosquito and Vector Control District
 (South Pasadena and Baldwin Park)



Legend

-  Annexation No. 2016-31
-  City of Baldwin Park
-  City of South Pasadena
-  San Gabriel Valley Mosquito VCD
-  San Gabriel Valley Mosquito VCD
-  Sphere of Influence



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Staff Report

July 12, 2017

Agenda Item No. 7.b.

**Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
(Entire City of Baldwin Park)**

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

Size of Affected Territory: 4,333± acres

Inhabited/Uninhabited: Inhabited

Applicant: San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District
("District")

Resolution or Petition: June 10, 2016

Application Filed with LAFCO: August 30, 2016

Location: The affected territory is the entire City of Baldwin Park. It is generally bounded by the cities of El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, West Covina, and the unincorporated community of Bassett.

City/County: Entire City of Baldwin Park

Affected Territory: The affected territory includes 1,783 acres of single family residential; 343 acres of multi-family residential; 21 acres neighborhood commercial; 221 acres general commercial; 60 acres mixed-use commercial/residential; 243 acres general industrial; 510 acres public facility; 27 acres park; and 929 acre streets and rights of way, for a total of 4,333 acres. The topography of the affected territory is flat. The territory is bordered to the north by the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area and to the west by the flood control basins associated with retaining water from the San Gabriel River.

Surrounding Territory: Surrounding territory is bound to the west by flood control channels; residential to the south and east; and residential, light industry, and recreational land uses to the north.

Landowner(s): There are multiple owners of record.

Registered Voters: 28,197 registered voters as of August 10, 2016.

Purpose/Background: The purpose of this annexation is for the entire City of Baldwin Park to receive vector control services that will include disease surveillance, monitoring and control of vectors, and public education.

Related Jurisdictional Changes: There are no related jurisdictional changes.

Within SOI: No, but a concurrent Sphere of Influence ("SOI") Amendment is being processed along with Agenda Item 7.a. (Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District - Entire City of South Pasadena). The amendment adds the City of Baldwin Park and the City of South Pasadena to the District's SOI.

Waiver of Notice/Hearing/Protest: No

CEQA Clearance: The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. A Categorical Exemption was adopted by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, as lead agency, on August 29, 2016.

Additional Information: None

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 56668:

a. Population:

The existing population is 77,071 residents as of June 10, 2016. The population density is 17.79 persons per acre.

The estimated future population is 77,071 residents (no anticipated change).

The affected territory is 4,333+/- acres. The affected territory includes 1,783 acres of single family residential; 21 acres neighborhood commercial; 221 acres general commercial; 60 acres mixed-use commercial/residential; 243 acres general industrial; 510 acres public facility; 27 acres park; and 929 acre streets and rights of way, for a total of 4,333 acres. There are no proposed future land use changes due to this proposal.

The assessed valuation is \$2,225,561,691 as of August 11, 2016.

The per capita assessed valuation is \$28,876.77.

On June 13, 2017, the County adopted a negotiated tax exchange resolution; all other involved public agencies have adopted a property tax transfer resolution.

The topography of the affected territory is flat.

The affected territory is bordered to the north by the Santa Fe Dam Recreational Area and to the west by the flood control basins associated with retaining water from the San Gabriel River.

The affected territory is surrounded by populated areas on all sides, with the exception of the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area (a flood control and recreational facility).

Because the City is fully-developed, the affected territory is likely to experience only modest growth in the next ten years. The adjacent areas are likely to experience modest growth in the next ten years as well.

b. Governmental Services and Controls:

The affected territory is the entire City of Baldwin Park, which requires organized governmental services.

The present cost and adequacy of government services and controls in the area are acceptable. The probable effect of an alternative course of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the affected territory and adjacent areas is for the City not to receive vector control services, leading to increased risk of vector-borne disease, which could adversely impact property values and quality of life.

c. *Proposed Action and Alternative Actions:*

The proposed action will benefit adjacent areas, all of which are currently within District boundaries, by providing seamless vector control prevention and protection. 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 only alternative action is for the City of Baldwin Park to provide its own vector control services. The effect of alternative actions on mutual social and economic interest and on the local government 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, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

The boundaries conform to lines of assessment or ownership, and these boundaries have been reviewed and approved by LAFCO's GIS/Mapping Technician.

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

g. *Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan:*

The proposal has no significant impact upon, and is therefore consistent with, the Regional Transportation Plan.

h. *Consistency with Plans:*

The proposal would not have any impact on the existing General Plan and any specific plan(s) for properties within the affected territory. The provision of vector control services

has no direct nor indirect impacts on the land uses within the City of Baldwin Park. In this regard, the proposal is consistent with the General Plan and any specific plan(s) designations for the affected territory.

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

i. Sphere of Influence:

The affected territory is not within the Sphere of Influence of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, but a concurrent Sphere of Influence Update is being processed along with Agenda Item 7.a. (Annexation No. 2016-31 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District – Entire City of South Pasadena). The amendment adds the City of Baldwin Park and the City of South Pasadena to the District's SOI.

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 District currently provides vector control service to over 165,760 acres of land throughout Los Angeles County. The annexation would add 4,333 acres to the serviced area. The district has indicated that they have the ability to provide vector control 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:

As a special district annexation, the proposal will not affect any city, nor the county, in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

n. Comments from Landowners, Voters, or Residents:

Staff did not receive any significant comments from landowners, voters, or residents. The City of Baldwin Park conducted three (3) public outreach meetings with advance written notice. The majority of speakers at the public outreach meetings were supportive of the proposed annexation.

o. Land Use Designations

The proposal would not have any impact on the existing General Plan and zoning designations for properties within the affected territory. The provision of vector control services has no direct nor indirect impacts on the land uses within the City of Baldwin Park. In this regard, the proposal is consistent with the General Plan and zoning designations for the affected territory.

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.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposal as a logical and reasonable extension of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District which will be for the interest of landowners and/or present and/or future inhabitants within the district 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. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of Baldwin Park); and
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set September 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"ANNEXATION NO. 2016-32 TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MOSQUITO AND
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT (ENTIRE CITY OF BALDWIN PARK)"**

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

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 4,333± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of Baldwin Park)"; and

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

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide vector control services to the entire City of Baldwin Park; 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 June 16, 2017, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2017, 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 September 13, 2017 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. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are

exercised. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records. The Categorical Exemption was adopted by the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, as lead agency, on August 29, 2016.

2. 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 4,333± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation: "Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of Baldwin Park)".
4. Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (Entire City of Baldwin Park) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
 - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
 - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.

- d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for September 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.
6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.

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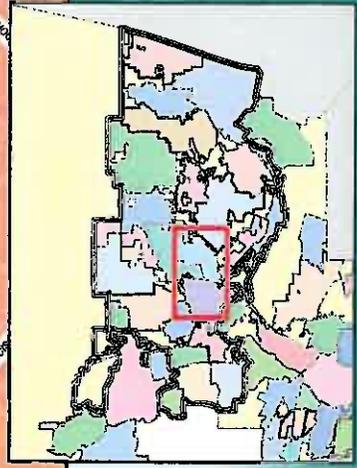
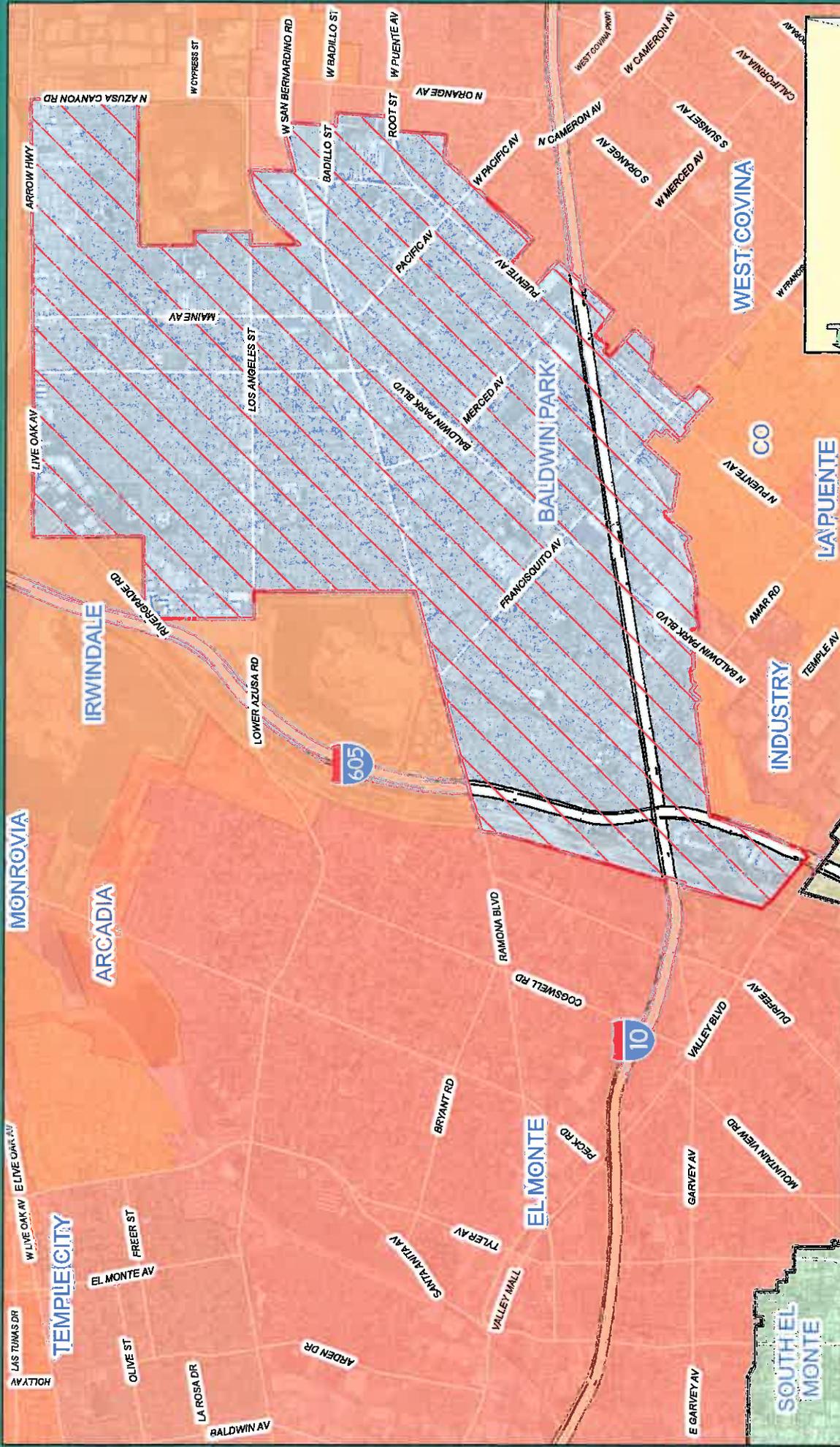
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**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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



Annexation No. 2016-32 to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito (and Vector Control District) (Entire City of Baldwin Park)

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- Legend**
- Annexation No. 2016-32
 - City of Baldwin Park
 - San Gabriel Valley Mosquito VCD
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Staff Report

July 12, 2017

Agenda Item No. 7.c.

**Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the
Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (Entire City of Vernon)**

PROPOSAL SUMMARY:

This is a proposal for the Commission to approve, pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(c), an out-of-agency service agreement for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to provide vector control services outside its jurisdictional boundary to the entire City of Vernon.

COMMISSION AUTHORITY (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56133):

The Commission shall consider any proposals for an out-of-agency service extension, either pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(b), if a future change of organization or reorganization is anticipated, or pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(c), to respond to an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory. Section 56133(c) further provides that any authorization must be consistent with adopted policy and that the following requirements must be met: (1) the entity applying for approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents; and (2) the commission has notified any alternate service provider including any water corporation that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The proposed out-of-agency service agreement would allow the Greater Los Angeles County Vector District ("District") to provide vector control services to the entire City of Vernon ("City") for period of two (2) years while the City and District evaluate the feasibility of a future annexation.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District currently serves over 857,600± acres throughout Los Angeles County. The out-of-agency service agreement will add 3,302± acres to its service area but not the District boundary. The District is the applicant and has indicated it has the ability to provide service to the affected territory for the out-of-agency service agreement and a potential future annexation.

LOCATION: The affected territory is the entire City of Vernon, surrounded by the cities of Bell, Commerce, Huntington Park, Los Angeles, and unincorporated County territory.

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE: The affected territory is outside the Sphere of Influence ("SOI") for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District. This approval authorizes service beyond the District's SOI in accordance with the state law provisions on out-of-agency service agreements.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) CLEARANCE:

The proposal is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

ANALYSIS:

For the Commission to approve the provision of district service outside of a district's jurisdiction and sphere of influence by an out-of-agency service agreement under subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 56133, there are three requirements:

- The proposal must be consistent with adopted Commission policy. (Government Code § 56133(c).)

This proposal is consistent with existing Commission Policy ("Requesting an Out-of-Agency Service Extension or Exemption Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133 and 56134") last revised on March 9, 2016, a copy of which is attached.

- The applicant requesting out-of-agency service approval must provide the Commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents. (Government Code § 56133(c)(1).)

To meet this requirement, the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District provided a letter dated June 13, 2017, a copy of which is attached, which documents a threat to public health and safety for the residents of Vernon as well as surrounding communities as a result of the rise in mosquito-borne illnesses such as West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis.

- The Commission must notify any alternate service provider. (Government Code § 56133(c)(2).)

Notice of Public Hearing/Proceedings were provided to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on June 20, 2017. To date, staff has not received any comments from any alternate service providers.

CONCLUSION:

Staff has reviewed the documentation relating to a threat to public health and safety provided by the District and concludes that it supports a recommendation approving the out-of-agency service agreement request pursuant to Government Code section 56133(c).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the Out-of-Agency Service Agreement;
2. There being no further testimony, close the public hearing;
3. Adopt the Resolution Making Determinations, including the California Environmental Quality Act determinations, Approving Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (Entire City of Vernon); and
4. Direct the Executive Officer to revise LAFCO's Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control map to indicate that the affected territory is serviced by the Greater Los Angeles County but not within the District boundary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-00RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT NO. 2017-08 FOR THE
GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT (ENTIRE CITY OF VERNON)"**

WHEREAS, proceedings for this out-of-agency service agreement were initiated by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (District), 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), all within the City of Vernon; and

WHEREAS, the proposed out-of-agency service agreement consists of approximately 3,302± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector District (Entire City of Vernon)"; and

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

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed out-of-agency agreement is for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector District to provide vector control service outside its jurisdictional boundary to the entire City of Vernon; 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 June 20, 2017, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication;

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2017, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector District (Entire City of Vernon), finds that this out-of-agency service agreement is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320 because it consists of a change in the organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. In addition, there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, nor other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposal records.

2. A map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, is set forth in Exhibits "A", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
3. The affected territory consists of 3,302± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector District (Entire City of Vernon)".
4. The Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with adopted Commission policy, that there is a documented threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents, and that the Commission has notified all alternate service providers and received no comments, all as set forth in Government Code section 56133(c).
5. Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector District (Entire City of Vernon) is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
 - b. Unless a request for reconsideration pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(d) is received, the effective date for this out-of-agency service agreement request shall be August 11, 2017.
 - c. The Los Angeles County Vector Control District may provide vector control

services outside its jurisdictional boundary and sphere of influence until August 1, 2019 to the City of Vernon.

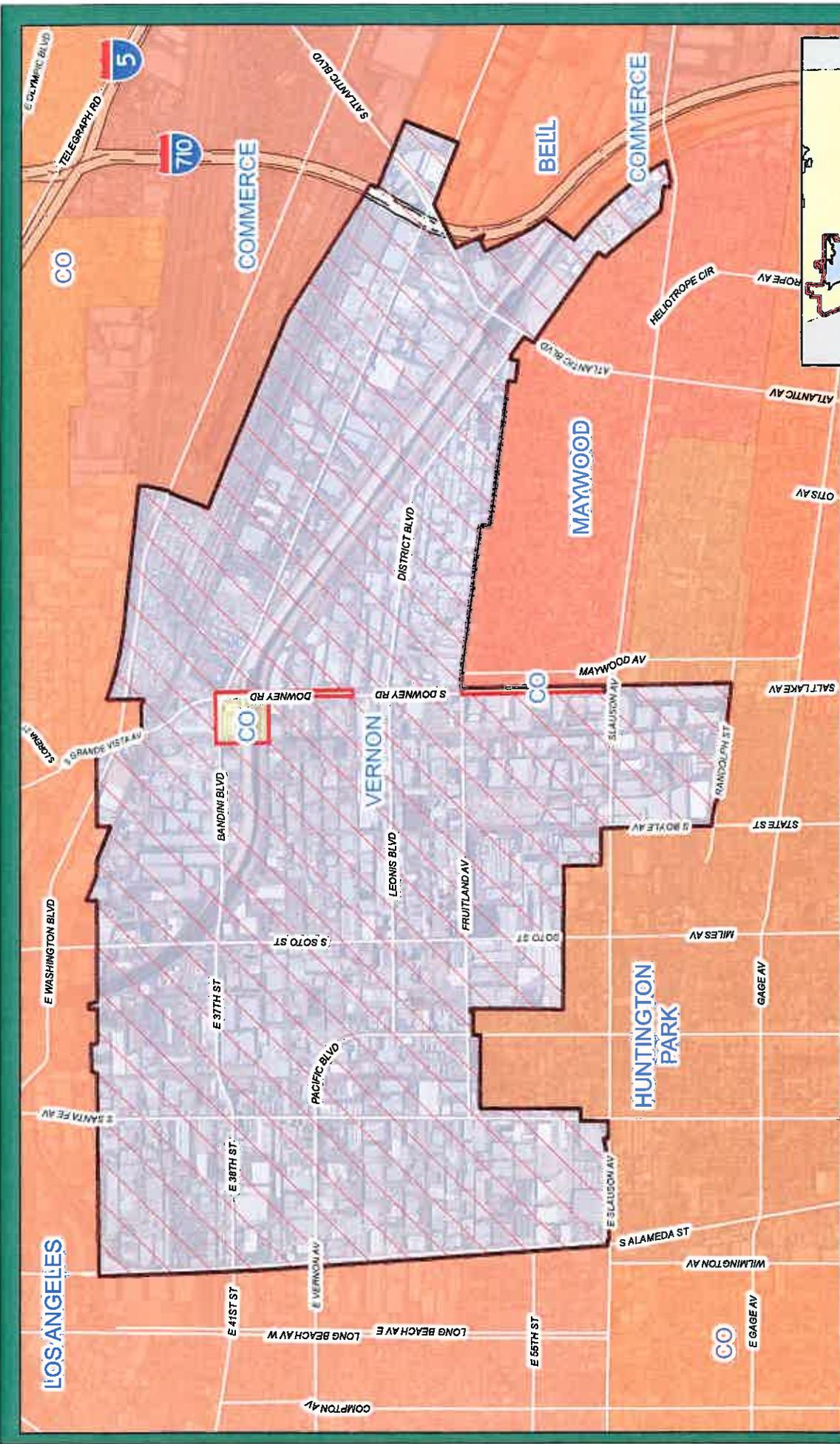
- d. Service extension of the affected territory is described in Exhibit "A".
 - e. The District shall notify LAFCO of any material changes (including termination) to its contract with the City of Vernon.
 - f. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "e", above, the general terms and conditions 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 out-of-agency service agreement.
6. 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 12th day of July 2017.

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

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



Legend

- Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08
- City of Vernon
- Greater LA County VCD
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Out-of-Agency Service Agreement No. 2017-08 for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (Entire City of Vernon)

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**Requesting an Out-of-Agency Service Extension or Exemption
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56133 and 56134**

**Adopted February 11, 2015
Revised May 13, 2015
Revised March 9, 2016**

Background:

Unless determined by the Commission to be exempt, a city or district may provide new or extended services by contract outside its jurisdictional boundaries only if it first requests and receives written approval from the Commission.

Procedures for Requests Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133:

If a request pursuant to Government Code Section 56133 is filed by a party other than the city or district which would provide the service, the affected city or district must provide a written endorsement indicating its willingness to provide the service if the Commission approves the request.

The Commission shall consider any proposals for an out-of-agency service extension, either pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(b), if a future change of organization or reorganization is anticipated, or pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(c), if the Commission finds that there is an existing or impending threat to public health or safety of the residents of the affected territory.

The Commission shall also consider any requests to be exempt from the requirement to obtain LAFCO approval of an out-of-agency service extension, pursuant to Government Code Section 56133(e).

LAFCO shall publish a notice no less than 21 days in advance of the public hearing before the Commission, consistent with Government Code sections 56153-56154, except as otherwise provided herein.

If the Executive Officer determines that an out-of-agency request is associated with an urgent situation where the public interest requires action in less than 21 days, the Executive Officer may waive the 21-day notice and agendaize the matter before the Commission as a special meeting, which may be by teleconference, pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 et seq) with the concurrence of the Commission Chair, or if the Chair is unavailable, the concurrence of the First Vice Chair, or Second Vice Chair as may be available.

Procedures for Requests Pursuant to Government Code Section 56134:

The Commission shall consider any proposals for an out-of-agency service extension for fire protection contracts consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 56134.

Reconsideration

Government Code Sections 56133 and 56134 provide that requests for reconsideration may be made by the applicant. It is the policy of the Commission to also consider requests for reconsideration filed by any person or affected agency. Reconsideration shall be subject to the procedures and requirements established in Government Code Section 56895, except as provided herein.

**Staff Report
July 12, 2017**

Agenda Item No. 9.a

Oral Report of Summary of Recommendations for Final Action on Executive Officer Salary; Proposed Contract Amendment No. 2 to Executive Officer Employment Agreement

Background

The Executive Officer's employment agreement provides that the Commission may approve merit raises based upon an annual review of the Executive Officer's job performance. The Commission last approved such a merit raise on August 13, 2014, raising the Executive Officer's salary to \$159,412. With two subsequent annual Cost of Living Adjustments, the Executive Officer's current salary is \$161,330.

On June 14, 2017, the Commission met in closed session to perform an annual review of the Executive Officer's job performance and to confer with its designated labor negotiator, Commission Chair Edward G. Gladbach, regarding unrepresented employee Paul Novak, Executive Officer. The Commission directed the Chair to negotiate a merit raise with the Executive Officer and provide the Commission with a recommended amendment to the Executive Officer's employment agreement at its next meeting. The vote was unanimous with the following Commissioners present: Commissioners Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt.), Close, Dear, Finlay, Gladbach, McCallum, Mitchell (Alt.), Ruzicka (Alt.), Ryu, Smith.

The Commission Chair now recommends that the Commission approve an amendment to the Executive Officer's employment agreement which would:

- Grant the Executive Officer a 12 percent (12%) merit raise, increasing his annual salary from the current rate of \$161,330 to \$180,690, effective July 1, 2017;
- Waive the Executive Officer's right to an annual Cost of Living Adjustment, which would otherwise have been effective July 1, 2017; and
- Provide that the Commission's next consideration of a merit increase will not take place before July 2020.

The attached Amendment No. 2 to the Employment Agreement By and Between the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles and Paul A. Novak has been reviewed and approved as to form by Commission Counsel.

A redlined version of the employment agreement showing changes between the existing employment agreement (as amended in 2014) and the proposed Amendment No. 2 is also attached.

Oral Report of Summary of Recommendations for Final Action on Executive Officer Salary

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(c)(3), the Commission provides the following summary of the proposed action which is to be taken in connection with this item. This summary will also be provided orally at the meeting prior to consideration of this item:

Agenda Item 9.a, if approved, would grant the Commission's Executive Officer with a 12 percent (12%) merit raise, increasing his annual salary from the current rate of \$161,330 to \$180,690, effective July 1, 2017. In connection with this increase, the Executive Officer will waive his right to an annual Cost of Living Adjustment, which would otherwise have been effective July 1, 2017. The Commission will not consider a further merit increase prior to July 2020.

Recommendation of the Agency Designated Representative:

1. Approve the attached Amendment No. 2 to the Employment Agreement By and Between the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles and Paul A. Novak and instruct the Chair to execute on behalf of the Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND PAUL A. NOVAK

WHEREAS the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles ("LAFCO" or "Commission") last considered the performance evaluation and potential merit increase for its Executive Officer Paul Novak ("Employee") in August 2014 pursuant to that certain Employment Agreement By and Between the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles County and Paul A. Novak entered into as of December 8, 2010, and effective January 3, 2011 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement ("Amendment No. 1") was approved on August 13, 2014, to establish a new salary for the Employee, incorporating a merit raise, limit Annual Cost of Living Adjustments, if any, to five percent per year, and limit the consideration of merit raises, which are in the Commission's sole discretion and based on performance evaluation, to once every three years; and

WHEREAS the Commission agreed on July 12, 2017, to amend the Agreement to address mutually acceptable changes to the Agreement including a 12 percent increase to the current rate of compensation as a merit raise based on a performance evaluation by the Commission, and to amend the Annual Cost of Living Adjustment provision to waive the Employee's previously negotiated right to an Annual Cost of Living Adjustment for 2017, and to make a conforming change to the scheduling of consideration of merit increases, so that following the consideration of the Employee's merit increase in July 2017 reflected in this Amendment, the next scheduled consideration of a merit increase will not be before July 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to this AMENDMENT NO. 2 ("Amendment No. 2"), the Agreement, as amended by Amendment No. 1, is hereby further amended effective July 12, 2017, following a performance review of Employee, as follows:

- I. Section 3.A (Current Rate) of Section 3 on Compensation is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:
 - A. Effective July 2017, Employee shall be compensated at a salary of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$180,690) per year, in installments payable on the 15th and 30th of each month. Employee shall work a minimum of 40 hours per week except holidays, sick days, and vacation days.
- II. Section 3.B (Annual Cost of Living Adjustments) of Section 3 on Compensation is amended to add a waiver of any COLA for 2017, adding a new last sentence to read as follows:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Employee expressly waives his right to an annual COLA in 2017 which would have been effective July 1, 2017. This waiver does not affect annual COLAs, if any, effective July 1, 2018 or later under the Agreement."

III. Section 3.C (Merit Raises) is amended to update the schedule so the last sentence reads as follows:

B. Merit Raises. Employee agrees that Commission will limit the consideration of merit increases to once every three years, and that the next scheduled consideration will not be before July 2020.

All other provisions of the Agreement as amended remain unchanged.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By: _____
Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Date: _____

PAUL NOVAK

By: _____
Paul Novak, Employee

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND
PAUL A. NOVAK**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into at Los Angeles California,
by and between the Local Agency Formation Commission for Los Angeles
County (hereinafter "LAFCO" and the "Commission") and Paul A. Novak
(hereinafter "Employee").

WHEREAS Government Code Section 56384(a) authorizes LAFCO to
appoint an executive officer who shall conduct and perform the day-to-day
business of the Commission, and to perform the duties prescribed by State law
and such duties as the Commission may authorize or direct; and

WHEREAS Employee is well-qualified to perform the services of
Executive Officer and has been hired by the Commission to perform that role
effective January 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS the parties desire to clarify their respective rights and
obligations with regard to tenure, compensation, termination benefits, and other
terms and conditions of employment of Employee;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT. This Agreement shall have an effective
date of January 3, 2011, and shall continue until terminated as provided in
Section 6 of this Agreement.

2. DUTIES. Employee shall perform all of the duties of an Executive Officer as provided by State law and as may be assigned by the Commission.

3. COMPENSATION.

A. Current Rate. Effective ~~September, 2014~~ July 2017, Employee shall be compensated at a salary of ~~ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$159,412)~~ ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$180,690) per year, in installments payable on the 15th and 30th of each month.

Employee shall work a minimum of ~~forty (40)~~ hours per week except holidays, sick days, and vacation days.

B. Annual Cost of Living Adjustments. The Employee shall receive an annual Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA"), effective July 1st of each year hereafter during the term of this Agreement. The COLA shall be based on the reporting of the COLA index for the Los Angeles/Anaheim/Riverside area on June 30th of each year. In no event shall the COLA exceed FIVE PERCENT (5%) per year. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Employee expressly waives his right to an annual COLA in 2017 which would have been effective July 1, 2017. This waiver does not affect annual COLAs, if any, effective July 1, 2018 or later under the Agreement.

C. Merit Raises. During the term of this Agreement, Employee may receive merit raises(s), as the Commission may approve. Any merit raise shall be based upon a review of the Employee's job performance by the Commission, and the granting of a merit raise is within the Commission's sole discretion. Employee agrees that Commission will limit the consideration of merit increases to once every three years, and that the next scheduled consideration ~~is not before August 2017~~ will not be before July 2020.

3.5 EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS. The Commission shall conduct a performance evaluation of the Employee no less than every THREE (3) years. Additionally, upon the request of any Commissioner or the Executive Officer, a performance evaluation of the Employee shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular or special Commission meeting.

4. BENEFITS. The Employee shall be entitled to all of the benefits described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. In no event shall any benefits exceed or differ from those approved by the Commission for the Employee's job position.

5. SUSPENSION. In the event that felony charges are brought against the Employee, the Commission, upon written notice, may suspend the Employee without salary and with the Employee's benefits "suspended" as of the date of the suspension. Thereafter, if the Employee is acquitted or found "not guilty" of the alleged criminal act, the Commission shall immediately reinstate the Employee, and the Employee's salary and benefits shall be due and payable retroactive to

the date of suspension. However, if the Employee is convicted of the alleged act, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated as of the date of the initial suspension. Nothing in this section shall in any manner limit nor restrict the termination provisions of Section 6, below.

6. TERMINATION. Either the Employee or the Commission may cancel this Agreement at any time without cause upon giving written notice to the other party. Upon termination, the Employee ceases to have the duties and authority of the office of Executive Officer.

7. TERMINATION BENEFIT. In the event that the Commission terminates this Agreement with or without cause, the Employee shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to six (6) months salary at the Employee's then current rate. This termination benefit shall be inapplicable if the Employee has been convicted of a felony, and shall not be paid during any period of time when felony criminal charges are pending against the Employee.

8. OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT. The Employee agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, any outside employment of the Employee: (1) shall be limited to a maximum of FIFTEEN (15) hours per week; (2) shall not conflict with the Employee's official duties as a LAFCO employee; (3) shall not involve advisory nor consultant services which might conflict with the interests of LAFCO; (4) shall not involve any financial interest in any contract, sale, or transaction to which LAFCO is a party; and (5) shall not involve work which is subject to review by the Employee in the Employee's official capacity or by any other LAFCO employee

or official. The Employee shall consult with the Commission and County Counsel prior to accepting any new outside employment, and shall not accept any new outside employment without the prior approval of the Commission. The Employee's existing outside employment is identified in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and is approved by the Commission upon execution of this Agreement.

9. CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT.

- A. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes and replaces any and all prior agreements, understandings, commitments and practices between them, including any and all prior employment agreements whether or not fully performed by either party before the date of this Agreement. No oral modification, express or implied, may alter or vary the terms of this Agreement. No amendments to this Agreement may be made except in writing signed by both parties. Any representations contrary to this Agreement, express or implied, written or oral, are hereby disclaimed.

- B. Modification in Writing. This Agreement may not be modified unless said modification is in writing and signed by the Employee and the Commission.

- C. California Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and any action brought upon this Agreement shall be brought with the Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District.

- D. Severability. The invalidity of any portion of this Agreement will not and shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other provision. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, the parties agree that the remaining provisions shall be deemed to be in full force and effect as if they had been executed by both parties subsequent to expungement of the invalid provision.
- E. Waiver of Rights. The failure of either party to this Agreement to insist upon the performance of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, or the waiver of any breach of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, shall not be construed as thereafter waiving any such terms and conditions, but the same shall continue and remain in full force and effect as if no such forbearance or waiver had occurred.
- F. Titles. The titles to the paragraphs of this Agreement are solely for the convenience of the parties and shall not be used to explain, modify, simplify, or aid in the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement.
10. PARTIES AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. The parties agree that they are authorized to execute this agreement (Chairman on behalf of the Commission and Employee on his own behalf).

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

By: _____
Edward G. Gladbach, Chairman

Date: _____

PAUL A. NOVAK

By: _____
Paul A. Novak, Employee

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

~~RICHARD D. WEISS~~ MARY C. WICKHAM
~~Acting~~ County Counsel

By _____

EXHIBIT "A"

EXECUTIVE OFFICER BENEFITS

1. Retirement – Participation in the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, Plans E or D, or any successor plan for which the Employee qualifies. The Commission will pay the "Employer" contribution for the applicable plan consistent with the plan terms.
2. Medical Plan –The Commission will pay the entire premium for family coverage (Employee, Employee's spouse and Employee's eligible children) of Anthem Blue Cross Point of Service (POS) or equivalent, procured through the County of Los Angeles ("County") if possible.
3. Dental Plan –The Commission will pay the entire premium for family coverage (Employee, Employee's spouse, and Employee's eligible children), Delta Dental or equivalent, procured through the County if possible.
4. Life Insurance – The Commission will pay the entire premium for ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) of term life insurance, procured through the County if possible.
5. Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance – The Commission will pay the entire premium for TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) of Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, procured through the County if possible.
6. Short-Term Disability Insurance – The Commission will provide short-term disability coverage to replace 70% of Employee's monthly salary after a 14-day waiting period if Employee is ill or injured and cannot work. This coverage will be provided for up to 26 weeks.
7. Long-Term Disability Insurance – The Commission will provide long-term disability coverage to replace 60% of Employee's monthly salary after the Short-Term Disability coverage (Item 6, above) ends.
8. Long-Term Disability Health Insurance – The Commission will provide long-term disability health insurance coverage to pay for 100% of monthly medical plan coverage (Item 2, above) while Employee receives Long-Term Disability benefits.
9. Worker's Compensation Insurance– as required by California law.

10. Vacations

- a. Except as noted herein, every year, Employee shall be credited with 160 hours (20 days, based upon an 8 hour work day) of vacation per year, which can be accumulated from year to year as set forth below. For 2011, Employee shall be credited with 80 hours on January 1, 2011, and 80 hours on July 1, 2011. Employee shall be credited with 160 hours on January 1, 2012, and with 160 hours every year thereafter on January 1.
- b. Each year Employee may elect, in lieu of using the annual allocated vacation time, to be paid for up to FIFTY-PERCENT (50%) of the annual allocation. Time for which Employee elects to be paid will be calculated at the salary rate in effect for the year in which the time was earned.
- c. Unused annual vacation time can be accumulated, up to a maximum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY (480) hours. Any vacation time credited in excess of this limit must be either converted to pay as indicated in Subsection b., above, or used within the following year. Any vacation time not converted to pay or used within the year next following the Employee reaching the maximum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY (480) hours will be forfeited.
- d. Payment for unused vacation time, whether at termination or earlier conversion, shall be subject to withholding of income taxes.

11. Sick Leave

- a. Except as noted herein, every year, Employee shall be credited with NINETY-SIX (96) hours (12 days, based upon an 8-hour work day) of sick leave per year, which can be accumulated from year to year as set forth below. For 2011, Employee shall be credited with 48 hours on January 1, 2011, and 48 hours on July 1, 2011. Employee shall be credited with 96 hours on January 1, 2012, and with 96 hours every year thereafter on January 1.
- b. Each year Employee may elect to be paid, at the Employee's then current salary rate, for up to TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of sick leave at the end of each SIX (6) month period of January through June and July through December for which no sick time has been used.
- c. At the time of termination, payment shall be made at the rate of FIFTY PERCENT (50%) of the accumulated hours, up to a maximum of payment for SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY (720) hours.

12. Accrual of Vacation and Sick Leave – The rates of accrual of vacation and sick leave set forth in paragraphs 10 and 11, above, are based on an Employee working a FORTY (40) hour work week (e.g., full-time employment). Vacation and sick leave accruals will be adjusted proportionally for part time employment.
13. Holidays – Employee shall be entitled to the same holidays as those enjoyed by County employees.
14. Automobile Allowance – The Commission shall provide Employee with an Automobile Allowance of FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$520.00) per month, in equal installments payable on the 15th and 30th of each month. The monthly rate shall be adjusted annually on each anniversary of initial employment to reflect the County's then current monthly department head automobile allowance, but shall in no case be reduced below FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$520.00) per month.
15. Alternate Work Schedule – Parties acknowledge that the Commission practice allows for an alternative work schedule for employees. The Commission currently utilizes a “4-10” schedule (four 10-hour days, Monday through Thursday) and that the Commission is closed for business on Fridays. Parties acknowledge that Employee shall utilize whatever work schedule for employees is in effect at the time, as approved by the Commission, and that this schedule may change in the future.

EXHIBIT "B"

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Employee's outside employment (on January 1, 2011) consists of the following:

1. Zoning Hearing Officer – Part-time zoning administrator (independent contractor) for the City of Pasadena. Commitment involves a maximum of eight (8) hearings per year and no more than four (4) hours per week.
2. Adjunct Instructor – Part-time university professor (independent contractor) for the University of Southern California. Commitment involves teaching one evening class in the Spring Term (maximum of five (5) hours per week) and one evening class in the Summer Term (maximum of eight (8) hours per week).

The Employee shall consult with the Commission and County Counsel prior to accepting any new outside employment, and shall not accept any new outside employment without the prior approval of the Commission.

Staff Report

July 12, 2017

Agenda Item No. 9.b.

Proposed Revisions to the Check-Signing Policy Re: New Deputy Executive Officer

In October of 2016, and due to the unanticipated resignation of the Deputy Executive Officer (DEO), the Commission amended its Check-Signing Policy to authorize the Administrative Clerk to sign checks under \$5,000. This policy was intended to be a short-term measure while the DEO position remained vacant (the staff report indicated that the interim policy was to be for “a period of not to exceed 9 months” that “would be in effect through July 12, 2017, unless modified by the Commission”).

Adriana Romo will start work as the DEO on Monday, July 17th. For this reason, staff is requesting that the Commission’s Check-Signing Policy be revised to eliminate authorization for the Administrative Clerk to sign checks. The proposed action effectively changes the policy back to existing policy prior to October of 2016. This policy authorizes three Commission officers (Chair, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair) and two management level employees (Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer) to sign checks. Exercise of this signature authority is limited by additional requirements:

- Checks of \$5,000.00 or more require two signatures, one of which shall be an officer of the Commission;
- Checks in excess of \$1,500.00, but less than \$5,000.00 require two signatures; and
- Checks of less than \$1,500.00 require one signature.

Enclosed are copies of the Existing Policy (strikethrough/underline version to show changes), the Proposed Policy, and a chart showing the history of the Commission’s Check-Signing Policy.

Recommended Action:

1. Adopt the Proposed Check-Signing Policy, as attached.

EXISTING POLICY
(Strikethrough/Underline Version to Show Proposed Changes)

Check Signing Policy
(Adopted April 11, 2012)
(Revised October 12, 2016)
(Revised July 12, 2017)

The following individuals are authorized to sign checks on behalf of LAFCO:

- Commission Officers:
 - Chair;
 - First Vice-Chair; and
 - Second Vice Chair;

- LAFCO Staff:
 - Executive Officer; and
 - Deputy Executive Officer; ~~and~~
 - ~~Administrative Clerk~~

Signing of checks shall be authorized as follows:

- For checks of \$5,000.00 or more, two signatures shall be required, at least one of which shall be an officer of the Commission;
- For two or more checks to a single payee totaling in excess of \$5,000.00, in one calendar month, two signatures shall be required, at least one of which shall be an officer of the Commission;
- For checks in excess of \$1,500.00, but less than \$5,000.00, two signatures shall be required;
- For checks of \$1,500.00 or less, one signature shall be required;
- All checks signed in any given month shall be reported on the next available LAFCO agenda under the "Operating Account and Check Register" item; and
- Individuals shall not be a signatory for a check to which he or she is the payee (i.e., reimbursement checks for expenses incurred).

The Administrative Clerk authority shall expire on July 12, 2017, unless modified by the Commission.

PROPOSED POLICY

Check Signing Policy
(Adopted April 11, 2012)
(Revised October 12, 2016)
(Revised July 12, 2017)

The following individuals are authorized to sign checks on behalf of LAFCO:

- Commission Officers:
 - Chair;
 - First Vice-Chair; and
 - Second Vice Chair;

- LAFCO Staff:
 - Executive Officer; and
 - Deputy Executive Officer

Signing of checks shall be authorized as follows:

- For checks of \$5,000.00 or more, two signatures shall be required, at least one of which shall be an officer of the Commission;
- For two or more checks to a single payee totaling in excess of \$5,000.00, in one calendar month, two signatures shall be required, at least one of which shall be an officer of the Commission;
- For checks in excess of \$1,500.00, but less than \$5,000.00, two signatures shall be required;
- For checks of \$1,500.00 or less, one signature shall be required;
- All checks signed in any given month shall be reported on the next available LAFCO agenda under the "Operating Account and Check Register" item; and
- Individuals shall not be a signatory for a check to which he or she is the payee (i.e., reimbursement checks for expenses incurred).

Commission Check-Signing Policy -- History

| | Prior Policy Adopted 4/25/2001 | New Policy Adopted 4/11/2012 | Revised Policy Adopted 10/14/2016 | Proposed Policy 7/12/2017 | Comments |
|-------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| All | Two (2) signatures, one (1) of which must be a Commission Officer (Other is EO or DEO) ¹ | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| \$5,000 or more | N/A | Two (2) signatures, one (1) of which must be a Commission Officer (Other is EO or DEO) | Two (2) signatures, one (1) of which must be a Commission Officer (Other is EO, DEO, or Administrative Clerk) | Two (2) signatures, one (1) of which must be a Commission Officer (Other is EO or DEO) | Eliminates signature authority for Administrative Clerk |
| \$1,501 - \$4,999 | N/A | N/A | Two (2) signatures (Commission Officer, EO, DEO, or Administrative Clerk) | Two (2) signatures (Commission Officer, EO, or DEO) | Eliminates signature authority for Administrative Clerk |
| \$1,500 or less | N/A | N/A | One (1) signature (Commission Officer, EO, DEO, or Administrative Clerk) | One (1) signature (Commission Officer, EO, or DEO) | Eliminates signature authority for Administrative Clerk |
| \$501-4,999 | N/A | Two (2) signatures (Commission Officer, EO, or DEO) | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| \$500 or less | N/A | One (1) signature (Commission Officer, EO, or DEO) | N/A | N/A | N/A |

¹ Commission Officers are the Chair, the First Vice-Chair, and the Second Vice Chair

Staff Report

July 12, 2017

Agenda Item No. 9.c.

Hidden Creeks Estates Project – Status Report

At the January 13, 2016 meeting, the Commission directed staff to provide bi-monthly updates on the status of the proposed Hidden Creeks Estates Project and associated proposed Annexation No. 2011-27 to the City of Los Angeles due to its proximity to the Southern California Gas Company Aliso Canyon Storage Facility.

Since the last bi-monthly report (May 10th), staff has learned that the City of Los Angeles (“City”), which is the lead agency reviewing the project and its proposed entitlement approvals, is currently reviewing a revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared by the environmental consultant. The DEIR is likely to be recirculated in the fall, with City public hearing on the proposed zoning approvals expected to be held in late 2017.

Based on the current status, staff does not anticipate agendizing Annexation No. 2011-27 to the City of Los Angeles before the Commission until early 2018.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and file.

Staff Report
July 12, 2017

Agenda Item No. 9.d.

Legislative Update

Staff is monitoring several bills of interest to LAFCO.

- **SB 693 (Mendoza)**: This bill proposes to establish a new district, the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District, “by petition or resolution submitted to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission.” The bill establishes the parameters of the proposed district’s board of directors, and leaves the remaining formation issues to be addressed by LA LAFCO. **The bill was approved by the Senate on May 31, 2017. In the Senate, SB 693 has been double-referred to the Local Government Committee and the Water, Parks, & Wildlife Committees. The Assembly Local Government approved the bill on June 28th and forwarded it to the Revenue & Taxation Committee for consideration.**

Commission Position: SUPPORT (Meeting of April 12, 2017)

- **AB 464 (Gallagher)**: This bill amends Government Code Section 56653 to address a holding in *City of Patterson v. Turlock Irrigation District*, where the court found that because services were already being provided, the application to annex territory was deemed incomplete because no new service would be provided. By amending Section 56653, any pending/future annexation for a territory that is already receiving services (i.e., via an out-of-area service agreement) will not be in question. The bill is being sponsored by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO). **AB 464 passed BY both houses. The bill was enrolled on June 23, 2017, and it is now pending before the Governor.**

Commission Position: SUPPORT (Meeting of April 12, 2017)

- **AB 979 (Lackey)**: This bill, co-sponsored by CALAFCO and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), proposes to amend Government Code Section 56332.5 to streamline the process of seating special districts on LAFCO (at present, 30 of the 58 LAFCOs have added special district commissioners). Further, it will allow for the potential consolidation of elections for any action of the independent special district selection committees (the seating of special district commissioners on LAFCO, the election of special district commissioners to LAFCO, and the appointment a countywide redevelopment agency oversight board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34179 (j)(3)). **The bill was approved by the Assembly on May 22, 2017. The Senate Governance & Finance Committee approved AB 979 on June 21, 2017, and it is now pending before the Appropriations Committee.**

Commission Position: SUPPORT (Meeting of April 12, 2017)

- **AB 1725 (Assembly Local Government Committee)** – Sponsored by CALAFCO, this is the annual Omnibus bill to make technical corrections to the Coretese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (“Act”). The bill originally had one item, and several

additional items submitted by CALAFCO were expected to be added after introduction. **The Assembly approved AB 1725 on May 18th. With amendments introduced on June 21st, AB 1725 now includes five (5) proposed changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. The Senate Committee on Governance & Finance approved the amended bill on June 28th and forwarded it to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.**

Commission Position: SUPPORT (Meeting of April 12, 2017)

The proposals in AB 1725 would amend the Act to:

- Re-define the term “contiguous” as territory that abuts or shares a common boundary with territory within a local agency (as opposed to “adjacent” to territory);
 - Require notification to the appropriate state agencies when a detachment from a health care district is filed with LAFCO;
 - Empower LAFCOs to impose and collect fees for SOI amendments (current law only allows for the collection of fees for changes of organization/reorganizations).
 - Change existing incorrect verbiage (the word “proposal”) to the correct word (“application”) in four places within Government Code Section 56857. In the Act, a “proposal” is a complete application for which an Executive Officer has issued a Certificate of Filing (COF); Section 56857 refers to receipt of applications for which a COF has not yet been issued.
 - Amend Government Code Section 56658 to clarify that notice for receipt of a change of organization or reorganization applies only to affected local agencies. Existing language may require additional notice to agencies with no jurisdiction and which are not impacted in any way by the application filed with LAFCO.
- **SB 634 (Wilk):** This bill proposes a legislative consolidation of two independent water districts (the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and the Newhall County Water District (NCWD)) into a newly-formed “Santa Clarita Valley Water District.” **The Senate approved SB 634 as amended on May 31st. In the Assembly, SB 634 has been double-referred to the Local Government Committee and the Water, Parks, & Wildlife Committees. The Assembly Local Government Committee unanimously approved the amended bill at its June 28th meeting.**

On June 26, 2017, the California Association of California Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) removed its “Oppose Unless Amended” position and adopted a “Neutral” position (see copy, enclosed), similar to the position adopted by the Commission at your June 14, 2017 meeting (see copy, enclosed).

Commission Position: NEUTRAL (Meeting of June 14, 2017)

Staff Recommendation:

1. Receive and file the Legislative Report.

Enclosures:

- LA LAFCO Letter of June 14, 2017 to Senator Scott Wilk (“Neutral” Position on SB 634)
- CALAFCO Letter of June 26, 2017 to Senator Scott Wilk (“Neutral” Position on SB 634)

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June 14, 2017

The Honorable Scott Wilk
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Re: SB 634 – NEUTRAL Position

Dear Senator Wilk:

At its meeting of June 14th, 2017, the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles ("LA LAFCO") approved a motion to **withdraw its "Oppose Unless Amended" position and adopt a "Neutral" position** relative to SB 634.

The Commission is grateful to you for introducing amendments to SB 634 which address the most significant concern identified in our original letter of March 23, 2017 (copy enclosed) by requiring that the new Santa Clarita Valley Water District submit an "application for conditions" to LAFCO in early 2018. These amendments afford LA LAFCO with the critical and important role we have sought from the beginning.

Beyond our primary concern, the Commission discussed additional, technical concerns at two recent meetings. We appreciate the outreach from Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District representatives who communicated with our staff to formulate additional amendments. Our staff reports indicates that SB 634, as recently amended, satisfactorily addresses these additional, technical concerns.

Again, should SB 634 become law, the Commission is tasked with reviewing an "application for conditions," and imposing conditions as applicable, in early 2018. The "Neutral" position reflects our feeling that the Commission should not take any position which could be interpreted as a position on the merits of a future application.

On behalf of the Commission, I want to thank you for your leadership in addressing our concerns about SB 634.

Sincerely,



Don Dear
First Vice-Chair

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June 26, 2017

Senator Scott Wilk
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California State Capitol, Room 4090
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RE: **SB 634 – REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION**

Dear Senator Wilk:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), representing all 58 LAFCos in the state, has been following your bill, **SB 634**, which proposes to consolidate the Castaic Lake Water Agency (CLWA) and the Newhall County Water District (NCWD) into a new district to be known as the Santa Clarita Valley Water District (SCVWD).

As a result of the amendments made in the May 26, 2017 version of the bill, CALAFCO is pleased to remove our opposition to the bill and move to a neutral position.

We want to thank you, your staff and the sponsors of the bill for working with CALAFCO and Los Angeles LAFCo, considering and responding to our concerns, and making the necessary amendments to create a formation process that includes LAFCo. We very much appreciate your willingness to respond to our requests for amendments.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have about CALAFCO's change of position from Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.

Yours sincerely,



Pamela Miller
Executive Director

Cc: Committee Members, Assembly Local Government Committee
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