

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

December 4, 2003 (Agenda)

LAFCO 03-15: City of Santa Barbara Annexation to the Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District

PROPONENT: Board of Directors, Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District, by resolution.

ACREAGE & LOCATION Approximately 11,200 acres consisting of the City of Santa Barbara except for the Santa Barbara Airport area which is currently within the District

PURPOSE: To provide community vector control services, ensure problems are treated and avoid having other areas adversely affected.

GENERAL ANALYSIS:

This proposal follows a series of steps to reorganize vector control services in the County.

- 1936 saw the formation of the Carpinteria Mosquito Abatement District.
- In 1959 the Goleta Valley Vector Control District was formed. It's name was later changed to Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District (SBCVCD).

Both Districts were created and operated pursuant to the Pest Abatement District Law, specifically Health & Safety Code section 2800 et seq.

- In 1998 a Countywide Sphere of Influence (except for territory within the Carpinteria MAD) was adopted for the SBCVCD, indicating there should be only one VCD within Santa Barbara County.
- In 1999 the SBCVCD Sphere was expanded to include the Carpinteria area and the two agencies were, in essence, consolidated by the dissolution of the Carpinteria MAD and the concurrent annexation of its territory to the SBCVCD (LAFCO 98-12).
- In 2002 the remaining portions of the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County were annexed to the SBCVCD (LAFCO 01-11).

The current proposal will expand District boundaries by including the territory within the City of Santa Barbara which is already within the District's Sphere of Influence.

As part of the annexation process, following LAFCO approval, the District will conduct a mailed ballot benefit assessment of property owners that meets the requirement of Proposition 218. The District is conducting a property owner survey of approximately 10,000 property owners.

If the District determines the results to be positive it will proceed with the required "Engineer's Report" and a direct mailing of nearly 24,000 property owner "ballots" to decide the level of support for a benefit assessment. This is scheduled to take place in mid-February.

Also, as depicted in the enclosed Preliminary Staff Report prepared by the District, it is proposed to extend the current Zone I service area with its existing assessment rate structure to the parcels within the City of Santa Barbara.

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

1. Land Use, Planning and Zoning - Present and Future:

The annexation area is within the District's Sphere of Influence.

No change in land use, planning or zoning are proposed or will result from this change, nor will there be a change in population.

The property consists of a mixture of land uses including primarily residential, commercial, industrial and institutional uses.

Surrounding land uses vary and are generally open space to the north, the Pacific Ocean to the south, the Goleta Valley to the west and Montecito to the east.

2. Topography, Natural Features and Drainage Basins

The topography varies, with no significant features that would affect the annexation.

3. Governmental Services and Controls - Need, Cost, Adequacy and Availability:

The District's plan for providing services, in the form of a "Preliminary Staff Report on the Proposed Annexation of the City of Santa Barbara (Zone 1 extension) to the Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District" is appended to and made part of this report.

4. Assessed Value, Tax Rates and Indebtedness:

The proposal is presently within numerous tax rate areas. No change in overall tax rates, assessed value or indebtedness will result from this proposal.

5. Environmental Impact of the Proposal:

Services to be provided by the District are presently provided by the City. No change in land use will result from this proceeding and the proposal is found to be categorically exempt. (Class 20 - Changes in Government Organization).

6. Boundaries, Lines of Assessment and Registered Voters:

The boundaries are definite and certain. There are no conflicts with lines of assessment or ownership. The property is contiguous to the District. The territory is inhabited; namely, there are more than 12 registered voters.

No map or legal description will be needed to file this proceeding since the boundaries adhere to established City boundaries.

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

After reviewing this report and any testimony or materials that are presented, the Commission can take one of the following actions:

OPTION 1 – APPROVE the proposal as submitted.

- A. Find the proposal to be categorically exempt.
- B. Adopt this report and approve the proposal, to be known as the City of Santa Barbara Annexation to the Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District, subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) The territory shall be subject to a benefit assessment authorized by the landowners and administered by the District.
 - 2. The subject territory shall be included within Zone 1 of the annexing District.
 - 4. The annexation area shall be liable for any authorized or existing District taxes, comparable to properties presently within the District.

- C. Direct the staff to initiate and conduct subsequent proceedings in compliance with the findings of the Local Agency Formation Commission only upon the signing of the resolution by the Chair.

OPTION 2 – DENY this proposal.

- A. Find the proposal to be categorically exempt.
- B. Adopt this report and deny the proposal.

OPTION 3 - CONTINUE this proposal to a future meeting for additional information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve OPTION 1.

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