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March 1, 2012 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403
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Goleta Water District - Sphere of Influence Update

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission accept public testimony and adopt the enclosed resolution confirming the existing Sphere of Influence for the Goleta Water District.

DISCUSSION

Statutory Requirement to Periodically Update Spheres of Influence

LAFCO's enabling statute, the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act, as revised in 2001, states "On or before January 1, 2008, and every five years thereafter, the commission shall, as necessary, review and update each sphere of influence."

A Sphere of Influence is defined in Government Code §56076 as "...a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area. . ." of a city or special district as adopted by LAFCO.

Government Code §56430 directs LAFCO to prepare Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) to help inform Commission decisions regarding adopting or updating SOIs.

Upon the enactment of this law the Commission considered Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates for the cities and special districts in the County. The approved work plan to review and update Spheres directed staff to confer with each city and special district to determine whether changes have occurred that would necessitate an in-depth MSR in conjunction with updating the agency's sphere.

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If this review indicated no changes are needed in the existing sphere, the LAFCO staff was to prepare a resolution for the Commission to confirm the existing sphere. If, on the other hand, the initial review indicated circumstances require a more detailed evaluation, the staff was to prepare a new MSR and SOI Update, including appropriate compliance with CEQA.

Goleta Water District Sphere of Influence

The Commission reviewed Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence for local agencies in the Goleta Valley Area, including the Goleta Water District, in late 2005.

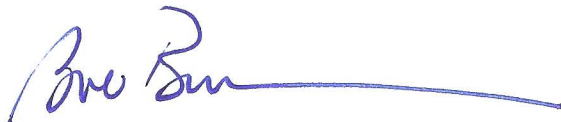
Following a public hearing, on September 1, 2005 the Commission approved Municipal Service Review determinations and affirmed the District's then existing Sphere of Influence.

It is now timely to update the Goleta Water District Sphere of Influence. It is recommended the Commission review the enclosed Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Update for the Goleta Water District and confirm the existing sphere.

A map of the District boundary and its sphere as prepared by the County Surveyor is enclosed.

Please contact the LAFCO staff if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Executive Officer

cc: John McInnes, General Manager, Goleta Water District