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Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

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Dear Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No.1 ("ID No.1") Board of Trustees, I would like to express my appreciation to the Local Agency Formation Commission's ("LAFCO") Executive Director Mr. Braitman for attending the February 15th, 2011 regular ID No.1 Board meeting and providing the Trustees with a summary of LAFCO's formation, its purpose and position in regards to ID No.1's status. He also presented and explained to the Board the Government Code provision, LAFCO Municipal Services Review ("MSR") process, proposed action to determine and adopt a Sphere of Influence for ID No.1, and answered questions posed by the Trustees.

The Board also heard a report from its staff and a legal briefing on the Water Code enabling act of ID No.1, the history of the jurisdictional issues, the attempt to settle the matter through legislation in 2008, and the need for continued efforts and cooperation by both parties to find a means to resolve these jurisdictional differences.

Following a significant discussion of the options available to the Board of Trustees in response to the LAFCO recommended actions, the Board unanimously approved the motion to request that the LAFCO Board of Commissioners table both the preparation of a Municipal Services Review and the determination and adoption of a Sphere of Influence for ID No.1 until the parties can reach agreement related the jurisdictional issues. The Board of Trustees is hopeful that by deferring this matter and allowing time to reconsider the past actions and new prospective solutions, this will result in achieving a mutually desirable outcome for both parties.

ID No.1 appreciates the continuing positive relationship between the two agencies and looks forward to working with LAFCO to develop solutions to this jurisdictional matter. ID No.1 staff and legal counsel are available to re-open the dialog necessary to make this occur.

Thank you for your understanding regarding this circumstance and consideration of this request.

Best Regards,

Chris Dahlstrom
General Manager

Cc: Board of Trustees

Attachment B

RESOLUTION OF THE
SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MAKING WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS AND CEQA FINDINGS
AND ADOPTING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, a Sphere of Influence is defined as a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a city or special district as adopted by the Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to adopt a sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county, and to review and update, as necessary, adopted spheres of influence not less than once every five years, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is directed to conduct a review of municipal services not later than the time it considers an action to establish or update a sphere of influence, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has conducted a municipal service review for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and

WHEREAS, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1 is not to be confused with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District which is a separate and distinct special district with a different governing board, boundaries and services, and

WHEREAS, in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing by the Commission to review and update the sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has heard, discussed and considered all relevant evidence, including but not limited to, the Executive Officer report, any environmental documents, applicable general and specific plans and all testimony, correspondence and exhibits received during the public hearing, all of which are included herein by reference.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The project before the Commission is adoption of the sphere of influence of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1.
2. The Commission finds adoption of this sphere to be exempt from CEQA because the sphere of influence is identical to the existing District boundaries.

3. The sphere of influence is hereby adopted identical to the District boundaries.

4. This resolution was adopted on April 7, 2010 and is effective on the date signed by the Chair.

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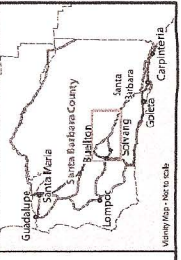
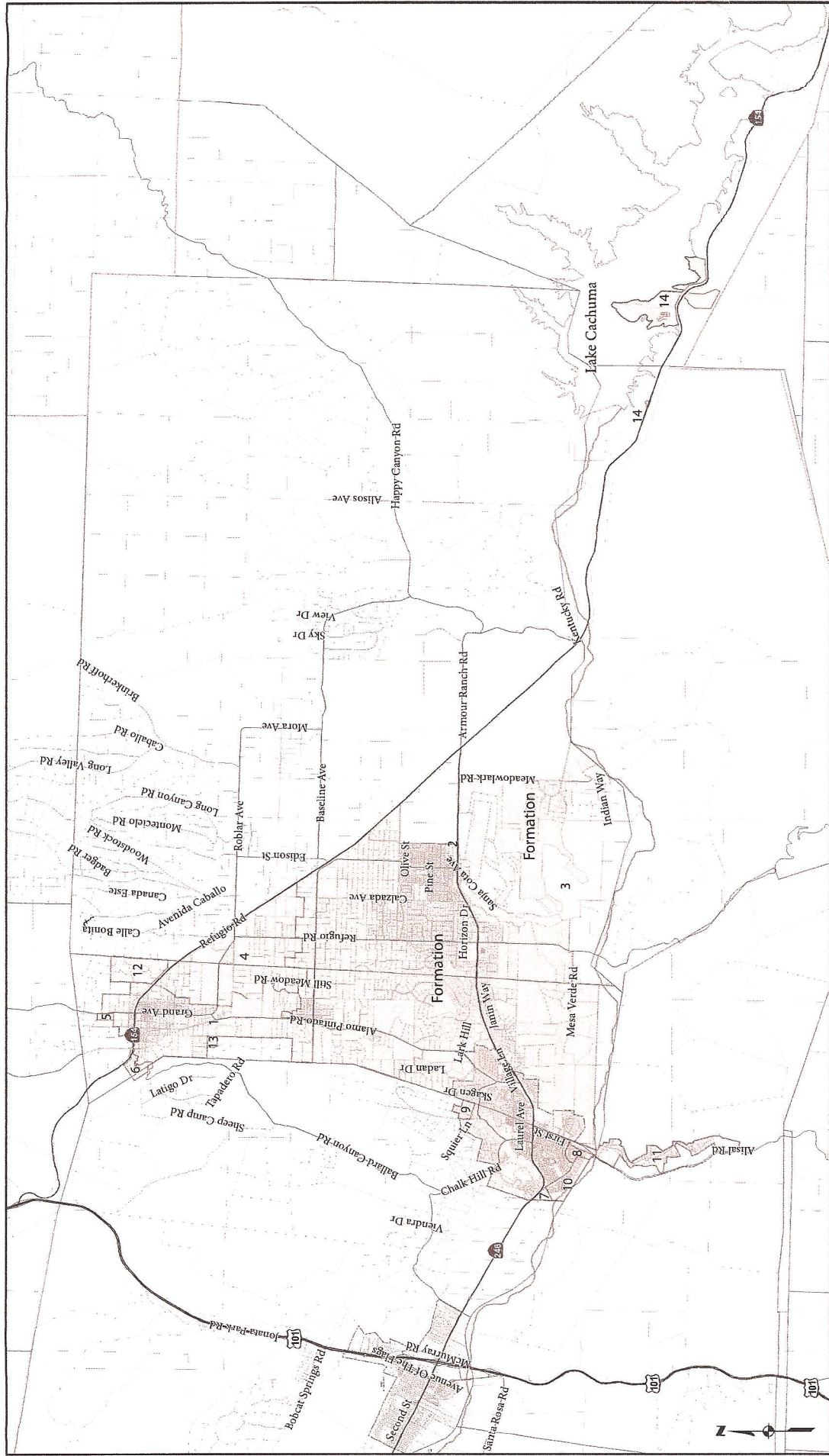
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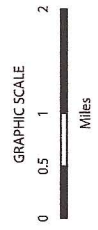
Chair, Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

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Bob Braitman, Executive Officer



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Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Improvement District No. 1

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