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## **Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission**

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### **Supplemental Report - Spheres of Influence for the Goleta and Goleta West Sanitary Districts**

Dear Members of the Commission:

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission accept public testimony, approve Municipal Service Reviews for the Goleta Sanitary District and Goleta West Sanitary District and affirm the current Spheres of Influence for these Districts.

It is further recommended staff be directed to monitor the study of prospective consolidation or reorganization of these two agencies and report to the Commission as appropriate.

#### DISCUSSION

After the report for this meeting was released, the Commission staff and legal counsel met with the managers and legal counsels of the Goleta Sanitary District and Goleta West Sanitary District. Both Districts requested that we modify our recommendation that the Commission adopt a combined or unified sphere of influence for the Districts at this time.

The Districts explained that a study evaluating possible consolidation of these agencies is nearing completion. The study may be available within two months. A concern was voiced that a single sphere of influence might prejudice the outcome of the report, which is being prepared by an independent consultant being funded by both agencies.

Since the LAFCO staff believes a single sanitary district in the Goleta Valley would result in savings and reduce fragmentation by having a single governing board, general manager, legal staff and so forth, we are pleased the Districts are considering this course of action and do not want to interfere with or appear to frustrate that effort.

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**Commissioners:** Tim Campbell, Chair ♦ Joe Centeno ♦ Dick DeWees ♦ John Fox ♦ Bob Orach ♦ Susan Rose ♦ Bernice Stableford

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Recommended Action

For the foregoing reasons rather than recommending the Commission adopt a common sphere of influence for these Districts at this time, we recommend there be no change to existing Spheres of Influence at this time.

It is further recommended that the staff be directed to report further on this matter following the completion and availability of the study being undertaken by these agencies.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN  
Executive Officer