

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE
HAGERMAN AMENDMENT OF THE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND
ANNEXATIONS TO LAGUNA COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the above-referenced proposal has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the Executive Officer issued a Certificate of Filing regarding LAFCO Application No. 21-05. The application proposes annexation of the property known as Hagerman involving sphere of influence amendment and annexation to the Laguna County Sanitation District (Annexation No. 46); and

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law the Executive Officer has given notice of the Commission's consideration of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, a staff report was prepared, and the public hearing was duly conducted under the Assembly Bill 361 meetings laws; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony related to the proposal including, but not limited to, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document or determination, Spheres of Influence and applicable General and Specific Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered all factors required to be considered by Government Code Sections 56668 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Commission as follows:

- (1) Find the proposal to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15319, Class 19 Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities and common-sense rule pursuant to CCR Section 15061(b)(3);
- (2) The Commission's written determination pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e) (1-5) include:

- a) Present and planned land uses in the area, including agriculture, and open space lands:

The present and planned uses for this Sphere of Influence Amendment are consistent with the County's General Plan for recreation and the City's General Plan for open space. The plan for providing services for this area include irrigation of Waller Park. The Laguna County Sanitation District would provide recycled water to irrigate recreational/open space land. The policy document and existing land uses provide for the logical and orderly growth of the Sanitation District. The annexation contains no agricultural resources or changes to land use as a result.

- b) Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area:

The present need for public services in the proposed SOI area consist of services for existing recreational/open space uses. Recycled water services would be provided by the Laguna County Sanitation District. The Laguna County Sanitation District is the wastewater utility serving the Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria area. Discharge of recycled water is the essential function provided. Law enforcement and other municipal services are provided by the City of Santa Maria. Other neighboring parcels already resides within both agencies for these services provided within each agency's boundaries. The neighboring lot within Hagerman Sports Complex was annexed into the City of Santa Maria. The primary purpose is to allow for recycled water irrigation service to the identified properties.

- c) Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide:

The proposed boundary change does not involve a development project and the land is not zoned for new development. Sanitary services are not required; however, discharge of recycled water is the essential function provided in this boundary change. A tank and pump station are the only improvements required. The Districts capital improvement funds would fund the improvements.

- d) Existence of social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency:

The Sphere of Influence areas of Laguna County Sanitation District are linked to the City of Santa Maria and Orcutt communities social and economic interest. No development is proposed in the Sphere amendment and the District or surrounding areas provide places for shopping and services for the people living in the area. Areas to recreate, schools, places of worship and cultural events would also be available to the areas in the Sphere of Influence.

- e) Present and probable need for public facilities and services of Disadvantage Unincorporated Communities:

The Santa Maria and Orcutt area has a variety of economic diversity within the community and surrounding area including within or adjacent to the Sphere of Influence. A Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community is defined as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income. This amendment of the Sphere of Influence is currently recreation and open space land and will remain after the boundary change. This proposal does not qualify as a disadvantage unincorporated community for the present and probable need for public facilities and services.

- (4) The proposal is found to be in the best interests of the affected area and the total organization of local governmental agencies within Santa Barbara County;
- (5) The Laguna County Sanitation District's spheres of influence is revised to include the property known as 0.13-acres of APN 111-100-019 (Hagerman property) as set forth in Exhibit A;
- (6) The subject proposal is assigned the distinctive short-form designation:
Hagerman Sphere and Annexation;
- (7) Said territory is found to be uninhabited;
- (8) The boundaries of the affected territory as revised are found to be definite and certain as set forth in Exhibits B and C, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (9) The proposal is subject to the terms and conditions that the annexed territory shall be liable for any existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to other properties presently within the District.
- (10) All affected landowners have given written consent to the annexations and the annexing agency have consented to waive conducting authority proceedings.
- (11) The conducting authority proceedings are waived and staff is directed to complete the proceedings, subject to compliance with all conditions of this Resolution;
- (12) All subsequent proceedings in connection with this reorganization shall be conducted only in compliance with the approved boundaries set forth in the attachments and any terms and conditions specified in this Resolution.

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(13) The Sphere of Influence amendments and annexation shall become final upon the recordation of the Certificate of Completion.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 9th day of December, 2021 in Santa Barbara, California.

AYES: Commissioner Aceves, Freeman, Geyer, Hartmann, Lavagnino, and Stark

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission

By: 

~~Etta Waterfield, Chair~~

ROGER ACEVES CHAIR PRO TEM Roger Aceves, Chair Pro Tem

Date: 12-9-2021

ATTEST:


Jacquelyne Alexander, Clerk

Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission