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July 3, 2003 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission 105 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara CA 93101

Status Report on Organization and Preparation of Municipal Service Reviews

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive and file the status report.

DISCUSSION

This is a periodic status report on plans to prepare Municipal Service Reviews and update Spheres of Influence in Santa Barbara County. No action by the Commission is needed at this time.

Recent Chronology

On April 10 the Commission authorized the staff to distribute <u>draft Municipal Service Review</u> materials to local agencies for their review. These included the Work plan, Adoption Schedule, Request for Information and Operational Policies.

On May 6 and 7 informational workshops were held by the LAFCO staff to meet with interested agencies to review these materials and respond to questions. A number of beneficial changes in the documents were identified

On June 5 the Commission received the revised materials and the staff was directed to recirculate the modified Request for Information for further review. The Request for Information has been mailed to all local agencies for their review. Any further changes will be considered at the next LAFCO meeting.

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County of Santa Barbara

The County has a high degree of interest in the Municipal Service Review program, which is understandable given the potential benefits of this study process. The enclosed June 13 letter from Scott Ullery, Deputy County Administrator, indicates that the County wants to help meet the goals of Municipal Service Reviews and has formed a Project Executive Committee to coordinate the County's efforts with the Commission. Jason Stilwell will be the primary County liaison with our office.

I will make a presentation to the Board of Supervisors about Municipal Service Reviews on Tuesday, July 8 and answer any questions that the members may have about the Commission's approach to this mandated information gathering and planning program.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN Executive Officer