Santa Barbara LAFCO

Confirmation of Existing City MSR/SOI's

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- The Commission is required to adopt a sphere of influence for each city and special district.
- The Commission's obligation is to review and approve existing Spheres of Influence at least every five years and, as necessary, update them.
- On December 4, 2014, the Commission reaffirmed that process and directed staff to update exiting spheres of influence, as necessary.

- At the beginning of November 2015, staff sent copies of the existing MSR/SOI reports and maps to all eight cities in Santa Barbara County.
- The cover letter asked the cities to review the existing spheres of influence and determine if changes are warranted. Staff has received responses from all eight of the County's Cities regarding updates to their respective spheres of influence.
- The six cities, listed below, are requesting that the Commission reaffirm their existing spheres of influence. This action is exempt from CEQA because no changes will be made to exiting spheres of influence.

- City of Buellton
- City of Guadalupe
- City of Lompoc
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Santa Maria
- City of Solvang

 The City of Carpinteria is requesting that two areas be deleted for their current sphere of influence.

 The City of Goleta is going before the City Council to consider two additions to its sphere of influence.

 Carpinteria and Goleta's spheres of influence consideration will be calendared for future commission meetings.

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Commission accept public testimony adopt the attached resolutions confirming Spheres of Influence for the following Cities:
- City of Buellton
- City of Guadalupe
- City of Lompoc
- City of Santa Barbara
- City of Santa Maria
- City of Solvang