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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Sphere of Influence for SYRWCD Improvement District No. 1

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission approve a Sphere of Influence coterminous with the District boundaries and find this action to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

DISCUSSION

Introduction

On March 1, 2012 the Commission approved a “Memorandum of Understanding to Establish Cooperative Relationship and Procedures Between LAFCO, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1.” We have since filed a fully executed MOU as approved by all three parties.

Adopting the ID No. 1 Sphere of Influence was also on the March agenda but the Commission deferred acting on the proposed Sphere without having a clearer map. An improved map of the District boundaries and proposed sphere is included as part of this report.

Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence for ID No. 1

The law requiring LAFCOs to develop and determine Spheres of Influence dates from 1971 and is set forth in Government Code Section 56425. The law regarding Municipal Service Reviews became effective in 2001 and states:

In order to prepare and to update spheres of influence in accordance with Section 56425, the Commission shall conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission.

Commissioners: Jeff Moorhouse, Chair ♦ Lupe Alvarez ♦ Doreen Farr ♦ Bob Orach ♦ Cathy Schlottmann ♦ Bob Short
Janet Wolf ♦ Joe Armendariz ♦ John Fox ♦ Steve Lavagnino ♦ Roger Welt
Executive Officer: Bob Braitman

The Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence for ID No. 1 is enclosed and describes services provided by the District.

Environmental Documentation:

The proposed Sphere of Influence is identical to the District boundaries. It can be seen with certainty that adopting this sphere has no potential significant adverse impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

Recommended Action

In light of the foregoing information, it is recommended the Commission:

1. Certify it has reviewed the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence report for the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1,
2. Determine that adopting the Sphere of Influence that adheres to the existing District boundary has no environmental impact and direct the Executive Officer to post a notice of exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), and
3. Adopt the enclosed resolution creating a Sphere of Influence for ID No. 1 that is coterminous with the District boundary.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer