

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Report on Municipal Service Reviews/ Sphere of
Influence Updates

January 4, 2018

Sphere of Influence Review Process

- The law requires that Spheres of Influence be updated every five years. The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) received a report from its staff regarding a proposed program and schedule to review and update Spheres of Influence for the cities and special districts in Santa Barbara County.
- After receiving the report and discussing the update program, the Commission directed the Executive Officer to confer with local agencies regarding whether changes necessitate new Municipal Service Reviews to update their Spheres of Influence. Updates will be prepared “as necessary” if there are significant changes to the city’s general plan, funding levels, or requested sphere of influence revisions.

Sphere of Influence Updates

- On October 16, 2017, staff sent out Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Update letters to the following special districts:
- Cuyama Resource Conservation District
- Casmalia Community Services District
- Cuyama Community Services District
- Cuyama Valley Recreation and Park District
- Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District
- Isla Vista Recreation and Park District
- Lompoc Valley Medical Center
- Los Alamos Community Services District
- Mission Hills Community Services District
- Mosquito and Vector Management District

Sphere of Influence Updates

In addition, Second Request Update Letters were also sent out to the following three special districts that did not respond to the LAFCO Staff Request Letters in 2016.

- Montecito Fire Protection District
 - Montecito Water District
 - Carpinteria Valley Water District
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- The deadline to either request that the Commission reaffirm the existing spheres of influence, or request changes, was November 17, 2017.

Sphere of Influence Updates

- At the time of this staff report two special districts, the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Mission Hills Community Services District have not responded to the information requests.
- For these two districts, staff is recommending that the Commission confirm the existing spheres of influence. Should the two districts in the future request changes to their SOI/MSR, these requests will be considered outside of today's action.

Sphere of Influence Updates

Based on the responses, the following Special Districts Sphere of Influence Updates are Recommended for Approval

- Cachuma Resource Conservation District
- Carpinteria Valley Water District
- Casmalia Community Services District
- Cuyama Community Services District
- Cuyama Valley Recreation and Park District
- Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District
- Isla Vista Recreation and Park District
- Lompoc Valley Healthcare District
- Los Alamos Community Services District
- Mission Hills Community Services District
- Mosquito and Vector Management District
- Montecito Fire Protection District
- Montecito Water District

Pending Municipal Service Reviews/Spheres of Influence

- There are 9 independent special district that have not been reviewed.
- In addition, there are 13 dependent special district, including 8 County Service Areas, that have not been reviewed or updated by the Commission

Recommendation

- Consider Recommendations Regarding Updates of Existing Spheres of Influence, as follows:
 - Determine that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), and
 - Adopt resolutions, that confirm the existing Spheres of Influence for the 13 listed special districts: