

May 1, 2014 (Agenda)

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

**Consideration of Municipal Services Review Schedule  
For the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District**

Dear Members of the Commission,

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission Schedule a Municipal Services Review Update for the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District for 2015

DISCUSSION

At the April 3, 2014 meeting, during the discussion of taking a position on Assembly Bill 2455 (Williams), the Commission discussed the schedule for updating the Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence (MSR/SOI) for the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District (SRHCSD). The Commission directed staff to report back at the next meeting regarding the schedule for reviewing the district's MSR/SOI.

Government Code Section 56430(a) states that: *In order to prepare and 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.* Government Code Section 56425(g) states that: *On or before January 1, 2008 and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall, as necessary, review and update each sphere of influence.* The Commission adopted a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence for the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District on February 3, 2011. Therefore, the Santa Rita Hills CSD is not scheduled for a MSR/SOI update until early 2016.

As part of the 2011 Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Report the Commission determined that the Sphere of Influence for the SRHCSD should follow the existing District boundary and include only the territory within the existing District boundary. Although lack of sufficient access is mentioned in the MSR, there is no discussion regarding expanding the district's sphere of influence to include an adjacent road access parcel that would provide an essential connection to Sweeney Road.

The issues addressed in AB 2455 relate more to allowing the SRHCSD to be able to muster a quorum to conduct meetings rather than a review of municipal services. Currently the board of directors is comprised of five members. AB 2455, if approved, would allow this particular CSD to have three members on its board of directors thereby requiring only two directors to conduct meetings. The SRHCSD has limited powers, namely road improvement and maintenance. These services are currently allowed to be provided only within the district. However, the larger issue for the board of directors is how to gain adequate access to the district across an adjacent parcel from Sweeney Road. Without this access the property owners in the Lakeview Estates Tract will not be able to build on the 35 parcels within the SRHCSD's boundaries.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer