

August 1, 2002 (Agenda)

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

Status Report on the Municipal Service Review Technical Task Force

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive and file this report.

DISCUSSION

The Technical Task Force for Municipal Service Reviews, created by the Commission on June 6, first met on Wednesday, July 17. Participants present at the initial meeting were Mike Brown and John Patton from the County of Santa Barbara; Dave Durlinger, Bill Shipsey and Peggy Wood representing cities; Mitch Bernstein, Charles Hamilton, Ron McClain and Mark Manion from special districts; Mike Powers from SBCAG, Alan Seltzer and me. The meeting was facilitated by the Commission's consultant Pam Cosby.

There was an ambitious agenda (attached) of discussion items for this inaugural meeting, with a freewheeling, wide ranging discussion of how Municipal Service Reviews should be prepared in a practical way that is useful and consistent with the intent of the legislation.

A second Task Force meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 13. The time between meetings will allow the facilitator to compile the many comments made at the meeting (the walls of the LAFCO office were filled with notes taken on writing pads). The second meeting will be more focused in terms of defining a specific approach, how to proceed with data gathering and analysis, what information to solicit from local agencies and developing a timed work program to complete the reviews within the mandatory schedule.

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No specific results or recommendations emerged from the initial meeting but there is clearly a common commitment and interest by the members in proceeding so MSRs are undertaken and completed in a logical and reasonable manner.

I would be pleased to provide additional information as requested.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN

Executive Officer

cc: Municipal Service Review Technical Task Force
Pamela Cosby