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Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

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Municipal Service Reviews

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive and file this report on the progress being made with regard to adopting Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates.

DISCUSSION

Although the legislature is moving to extend the permitted time to complete MSR's it appears that the Santa Barbara LAFCO will be able to adopt MSR's and Update Spheres of Influence before the current statutory deadline expires on December 31, 2005. Following is a thumbnail sketch of the overall project.

- Lompoc Area- The MSR's were adopted and Spheres updated on February 23, 2005
- Santa Barbara/Goleta Valley - The draft MSR's/Sphere Updates have been distributed to local agencies for review and comment. We plan to schedule Commission hearings on these MSR's on Thursday, September 1.
- Eastern South Coast Area - The draft MSR's/Sphere Updates have been distributed to local agencies, allowing the same time frame for review and comment. As we get closer to the hearing date it may be necessary to schedule second LAFCO meeting, perhaps two weeks after September 1, though that may be needed only with significant controversy regarding the report or its recommendations.
- Santa Maria Valley Area - We anticipate distributing the draft MSR's/Sphere Updates this Friday, July 29 and will report on that objective at the August 4 Commission meeting.

Commissioners: Tim Campbell, Chair ♦ Joe Centeno ♦ Dick DeWees ♦ John Fox ♦ Bob Orach ♦ Susan Rose ♦ Bernice Stableford

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- Santa Ynez Valley – A kick-off meeting with local agencies is scheduled for Friday afternoon, August 5. We anticipate Commission hearings on November 3.
- Cemetery Districts - A kick-off meeting is scheduled for Friday morning, August 5 with the same anticipated hearing date.
- Cuyama Valley – Only two special districts are headquartered in the Cuyama Valley. The kick-off meeting is in Cuyama on Tuesday, August 2.
- Miscellaneous Special Districts – These six special districts are being studied separately due to their isolation from other agencies:
 - Casmalia Community Services District
 - Cachuma Resource Conservation District
 - County Service Area No. 41 (Rancho Santa Rita)
 - County Service Area No. 45 (Lompoc Library)
 - Los Alamos Community Services District.

Two agencies, the Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, do not appear to require sphere of influence updates since both agencies' boundaries are Countywide.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer