

1. INTRODUCTION

This report regarding County Service Area No. 45 (Lompoc Libraries) was prepared by the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in accordance with Section 56430 of the California Government Code. It responds to the requirement that LAFCO conduct a Municipal Service Review (MSR) to study the delivery of municipal services and update spheres of influence.

The MSR evaluates services provided by the District and issues regarding its sphere of influence. MSR Guidelines prepared by the State Office of Planning and Research were referred to in developing information, performing analysis and organizing this study.

This report describes services and related issues for LAFCO to consider and presents determinations as required by law. The decision to approve or disapprove any policies or determinations rests entirely with the Commission.

Written determinations regarding the MSR and sphere of influence update are provided for the Commission's consideration. This report is an informational document and does not substitute for discretionary decisions that can only be made by the Commission.

This report is subject to reconsideration and revision as directed by the LAFCO staff or by the Commission during the course of its deliberations.

2. MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW

Description of District

The District was formed in 1992 and operates pursuant to the County Service Area Law (Government Code, Section 25210 et seq.).

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors.

The District encompasses a large area, extending from the Pacific Ocean to a location midway between Buellton and Lompoc. It includes the Lompoc Valley, surrounding hills and much of Vandenberg Air Force Base.

The District's boundaries and sphere of influence are coterminous. A map of the District and its sphere is included.

District Services

The District has no assets and has provided no services since it was created.

Other Governmental Agencies within the District

Local agencies that overlap the District are the City of Lompoc, Lompoc Health Care District, Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, County Service Area No. 4 (Open Space Maintenance), County Service Area 32 (Law Enforcement), Lompoc Cemetery District, Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District, North County Lighting District and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

3. MSR DETERMINATIONS

This portion of the report addresses the factors specified in LAFCO's governing statute for the MSR for County Service Area No. 45 (Lompoc Libraries).

Infrastructure Needs and Deficiencies

The district has no assets; it was created to support library services in the Lompoc area by augmenting funding for staffing library facilities.

Growth and Population Projections

Although the district was created to enhance library services it has never been active, not does it affect the rate or location of population growth or development.

Financing Constraints and Opportunities

The District has no source of revenue; it was formed in anticipation of the voters within the district enacting a local tax or benefit assessment, which has never occurred.

Cost-Avoidance Opportunities

This is not a pertinent issue to this agency which was intended to be a funding source for enhanced library services.

Opportunities for Rate Restructuring

This is not a pertinent issue to this agency which was intended to be a funding source for enhanced library services but has never been activated. It does not charge or administer rates or fees for services.

Opportunities for Shared Facilities

The district does not own or manage any facilities.

Government Structure Options

This is not a pertinent issue to this agency, which was intended to be a funding source for enhanced library services. It is governed by the Board of Supervisors and would support library services provided by the City of Lompoc as part of the countywide library system.

Management Efficiencies

This is not a pertinent issue to this agency, which was intended to be a funding source for enhanced library services. It has no separate or independent staffing.

Local Accountability and Governance

The District is governed by the Board of Supervisors, which is elected by districts each of which include approximately 20% of the total County population.

4. SPHERE OF INFLUENCE REVIEW AND UPDATE

Description of Current Sphere of Influence

The District's boundaries and sphere of influence are coterminous, although it is essentially a "paper" district that has no budget and provides no services.

Proposed Sphere Changes

No sphere changes are proposed at this time although it appears appropriate to consider dissolving the district as a “non user of corporate powers” which can be accomplished without the expense of an election by district voters.

Formal consideration of utilizing County Service Area No. 25 as the vehicle for taxpayers in the Vandenberg Village area to authorize a special tax to support enhances library services was the subject on an election in November 2006. The election failed in that the necessary percentage of voters did not support the special tax as proposed.

Sphere of Influence Determinations

Inasmuch as no changes in the sphere of influence are proposed at this time, other than possible dissolution of the district, it is not necessary for the Commission to adopt or approve any determinations.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & REFERENCES

The Santa Barbara LAFCO staff prepared this Municipal Service Review. Responsibility for any errors or omissions rests with those who prepared the report.

Mapping services were provided by JDL Mapping.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

In consideration of information gathered and evaluated during the Municipal Service Review it is recommended the Commission affirm the current Sphere of Influence and direct the staff to contact the County regarding the possibility of dissolving this agency.