

# LAFCO MEMORANDUM

## ***SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION***

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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater  
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: REPORT ON SUMMERLAND & CARPINTERIA SANITARY DISTRICTS STATUS

*This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary*

### DISCUSSION

This status report is to bring the Commission and public up-to-date with regards to the efforts Summerland and Carpinteria Sanitary Districts are undertaking to explore if dissolution and annexation is a feasible option. The Districts have hired Ridgeline M.S. to prepare a feasibility analysis and will provide a verbal presentation of these efforts.

The analysis will develop an in-depth understanding of the District through staff interviews and review of appropriate documents, including, but not limited to audits, budgets, strategic plan, capital improvements program, rate and fee studies, and other documents. Prepare a fiscal model and 5-10-year cash flow and reserves projections for the District operating on a stand-alone basis. Calculate potential savings from the District's annexation into the Carpinteria Sanitary District.

The analysis will incorporate key areas in:

- o Long-term debt and other long-term liabilities
- o Rate and fee structures and revenues of both Districts
- o Staffing levels and costs

### **Report Analysis**

The purpose of the analysis is for both district's to better understand if dissolution of Summerland Sanitary District and subsequent annexation into the Carpinteria Sanitary District is viable. The report will explain the District's current financial situation and document all administrative considerations for the Carpinteria Sanitary District's potential annexation of the Summerland Sanitary District. LAFCO may rely on the study and other documents if an application is brought forward.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.