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San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer
215 North D Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

December 19, 2011

Re: LAFCO Service Review 3148

Dear Kathleen Rollings-McDonald

Please accept these comments and the attached letters for LAFCO Service Review 3148, regarding the BDVWA proposed sphere of influence expansion.

The service review draft issued November 18th 2011 identifies several areas recommended for BDVWA sphere of influence expansion. I am particularly concerned about the section identified as Area 8.

Page 71 of the draft contains a map illustrating the Homestead Valley Community boundaries, current BDVWA jurisdiction, and BLM territories, as well as other designations including "Private Land" areas outside of the BDVWA jurisdiction. One of these "Private Land" areas matches the Area 8 proposal and is identified in white on this map (attachment 1). Identifying this section as private land, as the map suggests, is not entirely accurate. In fact a majority of the land in Area 8 is public lands managed by the BLM. (attachment 1)

Only three residences are located in the entire Area 8 (attachment 2). These are the same 3 residences that have been located in this area for the past 30 years. The only addition has been a small pull-along camper for a weekender in the far bottom right section of Area 8, which now appears to have been abandoned. This area contains a very large percentage of public BLM land as previously noted, and a very low percentage of coterminous private lands. This is most likely the reason this area was not included in the original Bighorn Mountains Water Agency service area, and very little has changed.

The property owners of record for each of the three developed properties located in Area 8 have written letters in opposition to considering Area 8 for BDVWA sphere of influence. Everyone understands that sphere of influence does not expand BDVWA jurisdiction and authority to the area at this time, but it is a first step towards that end. None of the residents wish to become part of BDVWA's future jurisdiction (please see attachments 3,4,5).

Because of the significant public land mass in Area 8, and because of the unanimous opposition to BDVWA gaining sphere of influence over Area 8 by the residents, I respectfully request that Area 8 be removed from the Homestead Valley Community Service Review staff recommendations as part of the January 18th LAFCO hearing.

Sincerely,

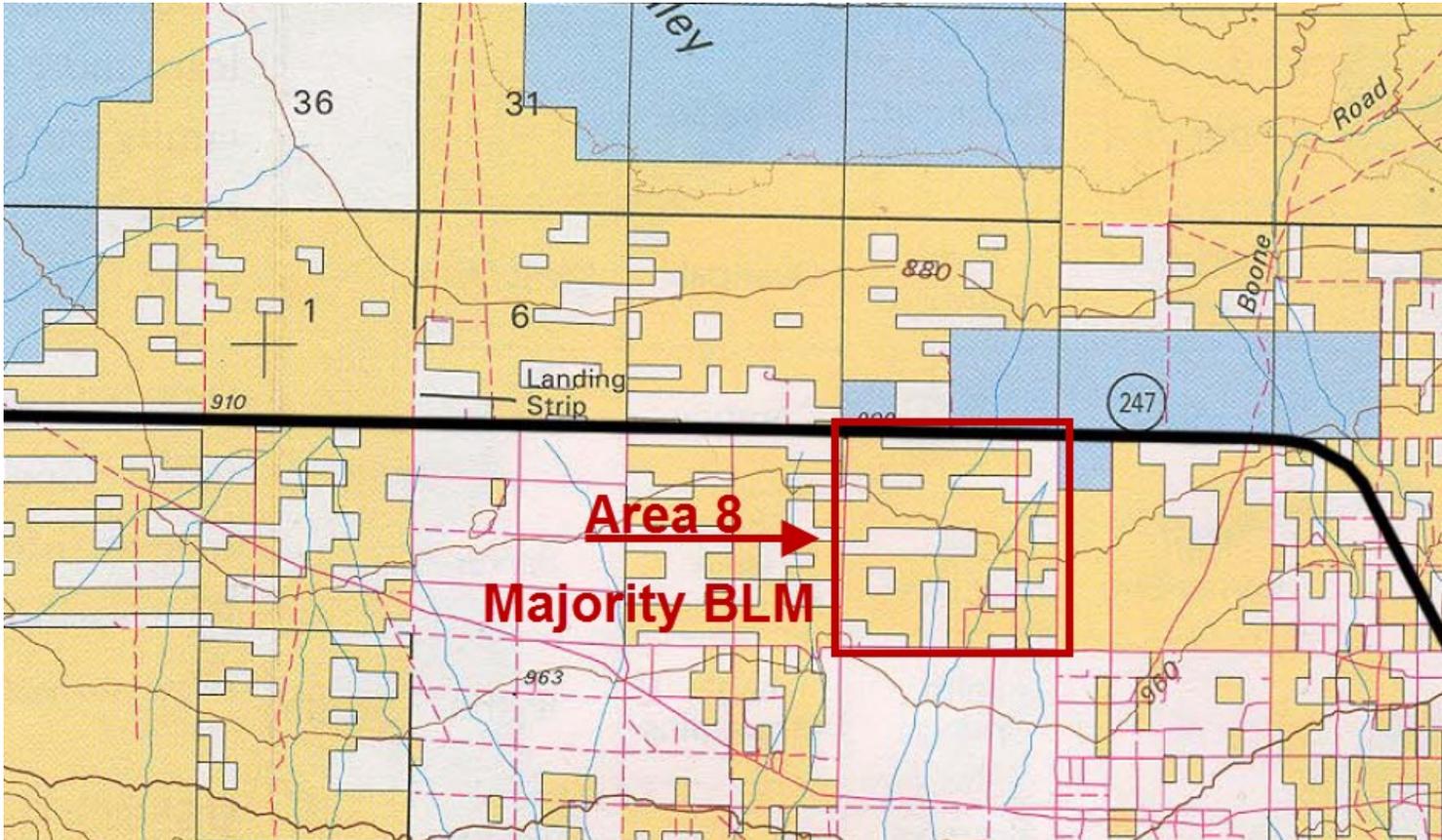
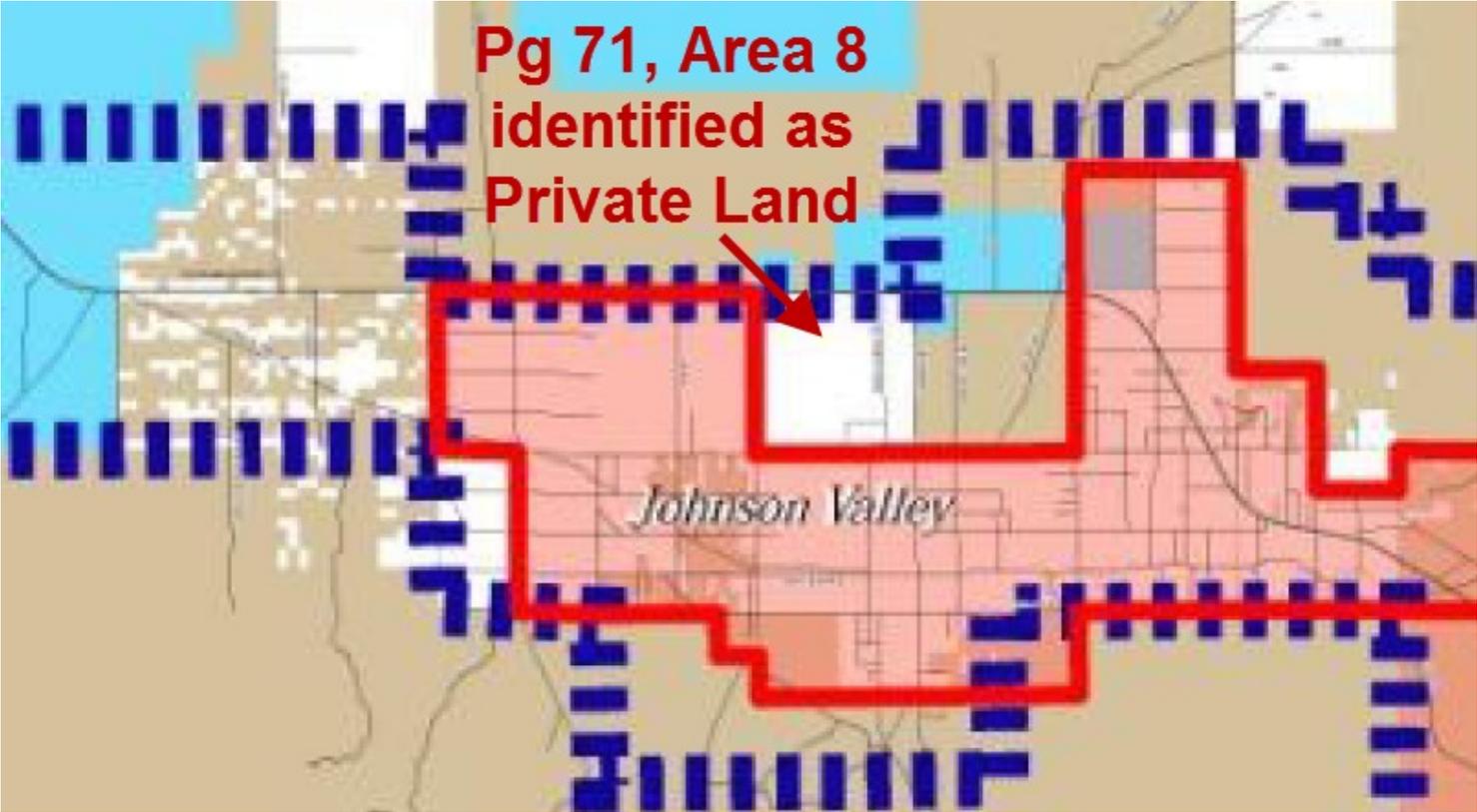
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Jim Harvey

Attachments:

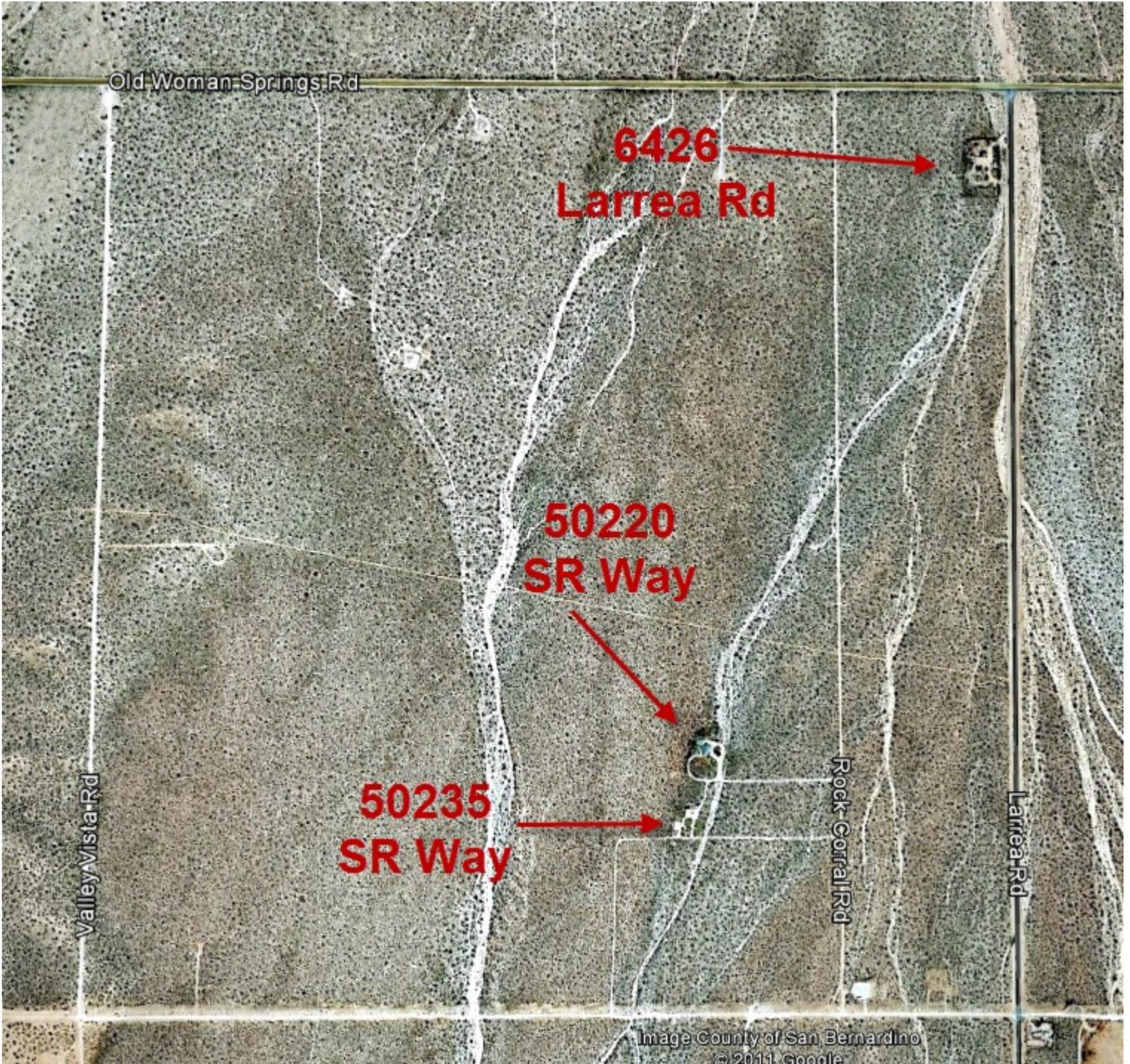
- 1) LAFCO HVCSR draft pg. 71 boundary map / BLM Surface Management map (north JV)
- 2) Google Earth image of Area 8
- 3) Opposition Letter from property owner David Judson
- 4) Opposition Letter from property owner Victor McNeil
- 5) Opposition Letter from property owner Catherine Janowicz

Boundaries Map & BLM Map
(attachment 1)



BLM lands in yellow

Google Earth Image of Area 8
(attachment 2)



David Judson
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To:
San Bernardino LAFCO
215 North D Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

Dear LAFCO

The current Homestead Valley Community Service Review draft proposes changes in the BDVWA sphere of influence. I would like to comment on the proposed Area 8.

I live near the intersection of Joshua Tree and Rock Corral Rd. This is within the Area 8. Please remove Area 8 from the list of sphere of influence expansion proposals. I have never been a customer of BDVWA, nor do I ever want to be. I do not wish my residence to be in the BDVWA sphere of influence.

Thank you

David Judson

David G. Judson

From:

Victor McNeil
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To:

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)
215 North D Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

December 15, 2011

Dear LAFCO,

My name is Vic McNeil and I reside at 6426 Larrea Rd in Johnson Valley. It has come to my attention that the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency is currently under service review by LAFCO. It is being proposed that LAFCO grant several sphere of influence expansions to BDVWA as part of this review.

My place of residence is in the proposed Area 8 sphere of influence expansion. I have lived at this property for over 15 years. I have my own water source through my private water well. I have no need for BDVWA services, nor do I have any desire for future services by BDVWA.

Please do not place my residence in BDVWA's sphere of influence. I am formally requesting that LAFCO remove Area 8 from consideration during the January 2012 review.

Thank you very much.

Victor McNeil

Sincerely
Victor McNeil

Catherine Janowicz
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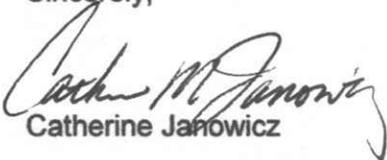
I have reviewed the Homestead Valley Community Service Review draft that will be considered at the January 18, 2012 LAFCO hearing. I would like to comment on LAFCO Service Review 3148.

LAFCO staff is recommending several areas in Johnson Valley for BDVWA sphere of influence expansion. I reside at 50220 Saddle Rock Way in Johnson Valley and have owned my residence for 11 years now. My residence lies within the area identified for BDVWA sphere of influence expansion as Area 8.

My water needs are served through a private well on my property. I am not a customer of BDVWA, have never been, and given the controversial history of BDVWA, I have no desire to be served by BDVWA in the future. I have spoken with the other 2 residents that would be affected by this Area 8 proposal and we are all in concurrence.

Please extend the same courtesy afforded Mr. Hans Gubler and withdraw Area 8 from consideration for BDVWA sphere of influence expansion.

Sincerely,


Catherine Janowicz