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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION



**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 9 – WORKSHOP PRESENTATION ON THE
MECHANISMS TO PROVIDE FOR MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACE
AND HABITAT PRESERVATION LANDS**

BACKGROUND:

In August of 2010 the Commission initiated the sphere of influence establishment process for County Service Area 120 (hereafter "CSA 120" or the "District"). Over the next approximately 18 months LAFCO staff was in consultation with the County regarding staff's position for a coterminous sphere and the desire of the County to expand the CSA 120 sphere territory. These discussions culminated in February 2012 when the County Board of Supervisors initiated a proposal which requested that the sphere of influence establishment include approximately 53 square miles (35,200 acres) outside CSA 120 boundaries.

Staff is currently preparing the materials necessary to present LAFCO 3157 Sphere of Influence Establishment for CSA 120 along with the required Service Review for Habitat Preservation for Commission consideration. As part of the review process, it is first and foremost necessary that the Commission understand the purpose of this agency whose power is limited to the following:

Open space and habitat conservation including, but not limited to, the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and operation of land to protect unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species, or historical or culturally significant properties. Any setback or buffer requirements to protect open-space or habitat lands shall be owned by a public agency and maintained by the county service area so as not to infringe on the customary husbandry practices of any neighboring commercially productive agricultural, timber or livestock operations

As the first step in this process, staff has requested that the State and Federal agencies which typically require habitat conservation mitigation as part of their permitting process provide information on that process and their requirements. At the hearing, information will be provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Santa Ana Regional

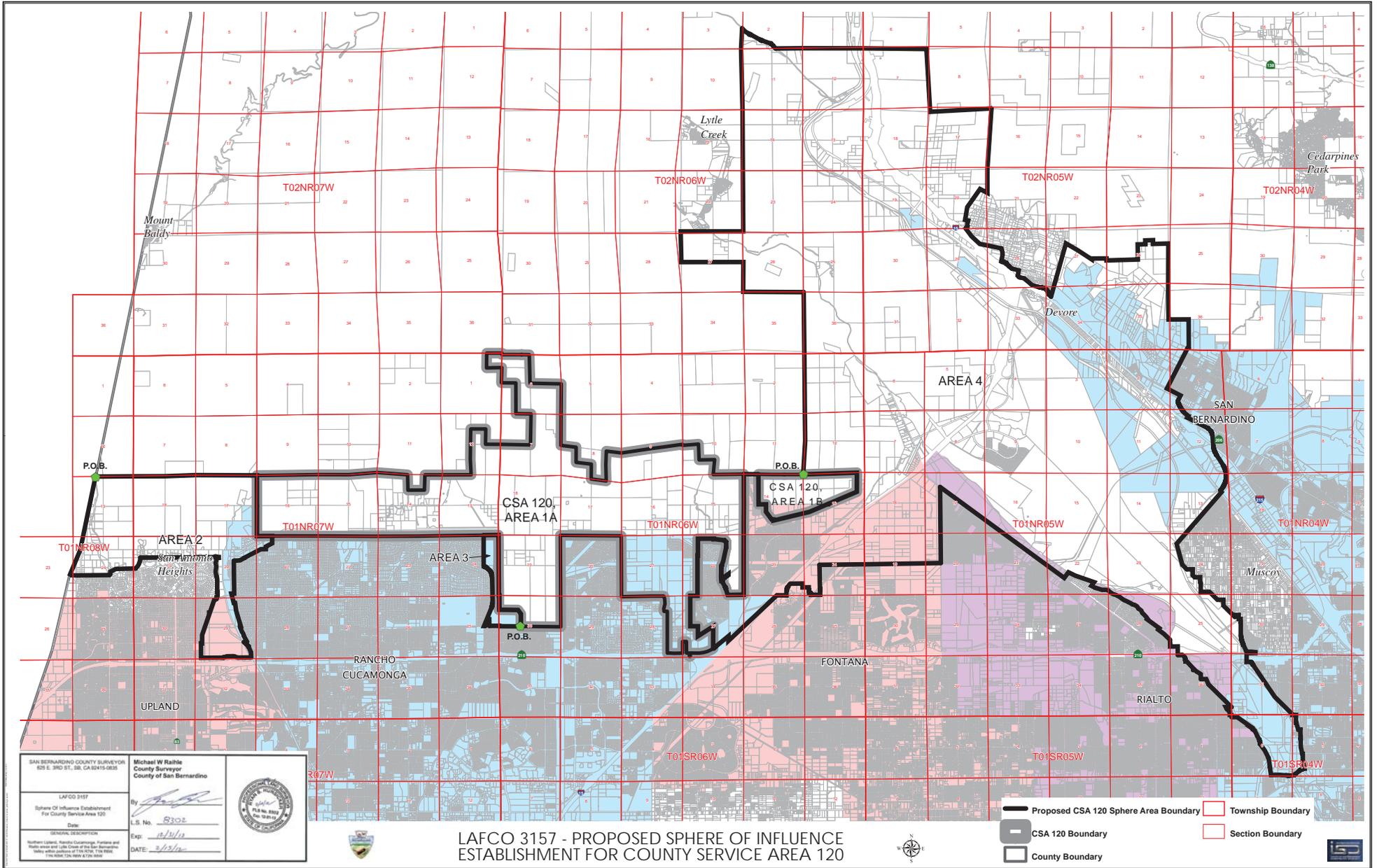
Water Quality Control Board, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on their roles related to these activities.

As a workshop session no discussion of the proposal will take place. However, it is anticipated that a question and answer session at the close of the presentations will be conducted. As noted above, no action is to be taken at this hearing. However, if the Commission has direction on any questions it wishes to be answered as a part of the service review or the sphere establishment for CSA 120 they can be directed to staff. Staff will be happy to answer any questions prior to or at the hearing.

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ATTACHMENT:

Map of LAFCO 3157 Sphere of Influence Establishment for County Service Area
120



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LAFCO 3157
 Sphere Of Influence Establishment
 For County Service Area 120

By: *[Signature]*
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LAFCO 3157 - PROPOSED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
 ESTABLISHMENT FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 120



- Proposed CSA 120 Sphere Area Boundary
- Township Boundary
- CSA 120 Boundary
- Section Boundary
- County Boundary

