

**Letter Dated April 28, 2014 from the
Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency**

Attachment 1

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Ms. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer
San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission
215 North D Street, Suite 204
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RE: Application requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to initiate proceedings for reorganization to include annexations to the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency and dissolution of County Service Area 70 Zone W-1

Ms. Rollings-McDonald,

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency is pleased to submit the enclosed application package to initiate proceedings for a reorganization to include annexations to the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency and dissolution of CSA 70 Zone W-1.

In accordance with the attached Table 1 – Estimated LAFCO Application Submission Fees BDVWA is enclosing a check in the amount of \$28,804.00. BDVWA understands additional fees will be required later in the proceedings and has provided the minimum estimate of these fees in the attached Table 2.

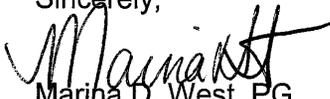
In addition to the required application elements, BDVWA would like the following to be considered as part of the overall application:

- Request for Filing Fee Reduction: BDVWA respectfully requests a reduction in the filing fees for the annexation of island areas depicted on the enclosed legal description/plat map as "Parcel 2", "Parcel 3" and "Parcel 4". Rather than assessing a filing fee per island, we request the three islands be considered as one area thus lowering the filing fee by \$10,000. BDVWA believes a fee reduction is warranted for the following reasons:
 - The islands are in close proximity to each other;
 - All islands are within the Sphere of Influence of BDVWA;
 - One island is a single property and the others are geographically small;
 - One Island contains several properties owned by W-1;
 - All properties within the three islands are within the existing boundaries of W-1;

- The process will ultimately result in a clean-up of the island areas.
- Individual Notices: In accordance with the footnote 6 of Table 1, BDVWA is hereby informing LAFCO that there are more than 1,000 parcels within the existing CSA 70/Zone W-1 to be notified. However, BDVWA prefers individual notices in lieu of advertisement in the local paper.
- Inventory of Capital Assets: The Plan for Service and Fiscal Impact Analysis includes discussion regarding capital assets owned by W-1. The information contained therein was derived from the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2013 and also from BDVWA staff knowledge. An actual listing of capital assets belonging to W-1 was obtained for the fiscal year ending 2011 (Exhibit 1). This exhibit was not included in the Plan for Service and Fiscal Impact Analysis.
- Letters of Support: BDVWA has obtained resolutions in support of our application from the Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council and the Landers Community Association. Also, a letter of support has been received from California Senator Jean Fuller (District 18). These documents are included as appendices in the Plan for Service and Fiscal Impact Analysis.
- Support from San Bernardino Supervisor Ramos: Third District Supervisor James Ramos has indicated his support for BDVWA's application to annex W-1 and we have been communicating directly with Mr. Phil Paule, Chief of Staff, on this effort. He is aware that action by the County Board of Supervisors is a required "first step" in the proceedings and is prepared for the formal notification from LAFCO concerning such requirements.

We believe that our application package along with this letter of transmittal contain all the necessary elements to allow LAFCO to initiate proceedings but await input from LAFCO as to the overall completeness of the application.

Sincerely,


Mariha D. West, PG
General Manager

Attachments (3)

Enclosure – Application Package