

**Letter Dated August 31, 2015 from  
Chino Basin Water Conservation District**

**Attachment 1**



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James V. Curatalo, Chair  
c/o San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission  
215 North D Street, Suite 204  
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**Re: LAFCO 3192 – Letter of Support for Expansion of CBWCD Sphere of Influence Coterminous with IEUA Sphere of Influence**

Dear Chairman Curatalo:

On behalf of the Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD), I would like to express CBWCD's appreciation to you, the full Commission, and your staff for the very thorough and well-researched Municipal Service Review (MSR) report prepared for "Water Conservation in the Valley Region." It is our understanding that, as follow-up to the MSR and the Commission's adopted MSR determinations, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will be considering an update to the sphere of influence (SOI) for CBWCD (LAFCO 3192) at a public hearing that is scheduled for September 16, 2015. CBWCD supports expansion of its SOI to be coterminous with the Inland Empire Utility Agency's (IEUA) SOI.

Expansion of CBWCD's SOI recognizes and validates the value that CBWCD's "Water Conservation Educational Strategy" provides to a broader base of communities and agencies in the Valley Region, including school districts, and not only to CBWCD's jurisdictional boundaries. In fact, the timing of expansion of CBWCD's SOI coincides with and supports CBWCD's internal business planning and strategic development efforts that are already taking place. Our Board and staff are focused on scaling and building greater internal and external capacity in the agency to structurally and financially meet a growing need and desire by our partner agencies to create greater behavioral awareness and education among their constituents about water conservation practices that are cost-effective and impactful to statewide water conservation goals and statutory requirements. These efforts build upon the major capital investments CBWCD has made during the past seven years to build and use its own facilities as an education center and demonstration site that is broadly used in the region by schools, local organizations, builders, landscapers, and the general public.

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We are simultaneously investing in external relationships and are reaching out to key partner agencies/organizations in the Valley Region, including IEUA, who we can collaborate and jointly leverage resources to achieve the greatest good for all agencies and water users in the region, both through our Water Conservation Educational Strategy and other basin recharge and management activities. In fact, our external discussions are focused on how we can further expand our educational services to communities and agencies in whole, rather than offering services to only portions of a community or agency. Our current SOI and jurisdictional boundaries bifurcate five school districts. An expanded SOI that is coterminous with IEUA's SOI will ultimately allow us to reach additional K-12 schools in the remaining portions of those school districts. Since the expanded SOI would still bifurcate some school districts, we believe that, at some future date, our SOI and service boundaries should ultimately align with school district boundaries to provide a more logical service boundary that aligns with our core mission of water conservation education targeted at K-12 students and the communities they live in.

We also concur with LAFCO staff that there may be both near-term and long-term opportunities for shared resources, services, and facilities with other agencies, whether through a joint powers agreement or other arrangement. We support such partnership opportunities but oppose any proposals or recommendations for consolidation or reorganization of CBWCD with another agency.

Thank you again for recognizing the value that CBWCD's programs and operations provide to the region. We look forward to seeing and addressing you and the rest of the Commission at the September 16, 2015 LAFCO meeting. If you, the Commission, or LAFCO staff have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Eunice Ulloa, at (909) 267-3220 or [eulloa@cbwcd.org](mailto:eulloa@cbwcd.org).

Respectfully,



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