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To: California State Legislature

FROM: Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County

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Subject: Report on Pilot Program Related to Government Code Section 56133.5

Government Code § 56133.5 (Assembly Bill No. 402, effective January 1, 2016) established a pilot program for Napa and San Bernardino commissions to authorize a city or district to extend service(s) outside an agency's boundary and sphere of influence subject to certain determinations, i.e., service extension was identified/evaluated in a service review, service extension will not have an adverse impact on open space/agricultural lands and will not result in growth inducing impacts, and inclusion of the area to be served into an agency's sphere of influence is not feasible/desirable. The pilot program had sunset on January 1, 2021. The pilot program was then reestablished with additional provisions including extending the sunset date to January 1, 2026 (Senate Bill No. 13, effective January 1, 2021). The pilot program again requires that the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (hereafter "San Bernardino LAFCO") submit a report to the Legislature on its participation in the pilot program, the number of requests made pursuant to § 56133.5, and its actions.

Since the three (3) requests that were reported to the Legislature back in 2019, San Bernardino LAFCO received one (1) additional request pursuant to § 56133.5:

- **Running Springs Water District** (*Authorized 4/17/2024*)

The Running Springs Water District (District) is an independent special district that provides retail water distribution, wastewater service (collection and treatment), as well as fire protection and pre-hospital emergency medical aid services, which include ambulance and paramedic services. The Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) for San Bernardino County assigned an Ambulance Operating Area (AOA) for the District that goes beyond the District's actual boundaries and beyond its sphere of influence. San Bernardino LAFCO authorized the District to continue to provide ground ambulance service within the District's assigned AOA as defined by the County's LEMSA, which includes areas outside the District's boundary and sphere of influence.

San Bernardino LAFCO has successfully utilized the provisions of the pilot program a total of four (4) times and San Bernardino LAFCO staff is aware of one more request for approval (authorization) of service(s) pursuant to § 56133.5 that will be submitted prior to the sunset date of the pilot program. Unless this pilot program is made available to all LAFCOs throughout the State, San Bernardino LAFCO agrees that the pilot program should be repealed effective January 1, 2026.

This report, as well as copies of the reports for all requests pursuant to § 56133.5, can be downloaded from the following link: www.sbclafco.org/PilotProgram. To order a hard copy of any of the said reports, please call San Bernardino LAFCO at (909) 388-0480.

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