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Local Agency Formation Commission
Mrs. Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer
215 North "D" Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

Subject: County Service Area 120 Sphere of Influence Review

Dear Mrs. Rollings-McDonald:

As you are aware, the Special Districts Department on behalf of County Service Area 120 (CSA 120), submitted a recommendation to LAFCO for a sphere of influence for CSA 120, the open space district in North Etiwanda. The proposed sphere encompasses about 35,000 acres and was created based on natural resources and unimproved land within the area that could potentially be used for mitigation land.

Although the proposed sphere has advantages from a planning perspective, we believe events subsequent to the original recommendation make it necessary for us to revise our recommendation. Also, since the recommendation to LAFCO, several reviews of countywide open space are being conducted: LAFCO is looking into both private and public entities that provide open space management; San Bernardino Associated Governments has contracted with Environmental Element Group to review open space and habitat conservation within the County; and the County Land Use Services Department is looking at how open space will be handled in the next County General Plan.

In light of this, the County is revising its recommendation and proposing the sphere of influence for CSA 120 be coterminous with the boundaries of CSA 120 (minus the portion of the Fontana Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan that is within its boundaries).

We appreciate the amount of work you and your staff have put into this. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Jeff Rigney, Director of Special Districts Department. Thank you for your assistance and for the Commission's consideration.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Janice Rutherford

JANICE RUTHERFORD
Board of Supervisors Chair
Second District Supervisor

cc: Gregory C. Devereaux, Chief Executive Officer
Jeffrey O. Rigney, Director, Special Districts Department

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