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**SUPPLEMENT
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE**

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INTRODUCTION: The questions on this form are designed to obtain data about the specific sphere of influence change proposal to allow the Commission, staff and others to adequately assess the project. You may also include any additional information that you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, and/or include any relevant documents.

- 1. Please provide an identification of the agencies involved in the proposed sphere of influence change:

SPHERE EXPANSION	SPHERE REDUCTION
City of Victorville _____	_____
_____	_____
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- 2. Provide a narrative description of the following factors of consideration as outlined in Government Code Section 56425. (If additional room for response is necessary, please attach additional sheets to this form.)

The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.

The dominant land use currently is vacant land over a majority of the proposal. The community of Oro Grande has present land uses which include agricultural, mining, cement manufacturing, restaurant/bar and a liquor store. In addition, a mobile home park, single and multi-family housing and the Oro Grande Elementary School exist in the area. Planned land uses include open space, residential, commercial and industrial.

The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

The present need is minimal at this time for most of the area due to it being undeveloped or single family homes on large lots. In addition, the commercial and industrial uses have functioned for a long time. The probable need will not immediately change due to it being within the City of Victorville sphere.

The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency to be expanded provides or is authorized to provide.

The City of Victorville provides a wide range of public services which include animal control and licensing, business licensing, building permits, fire, police, sanitation, full service public works and utilities. City facilities include City Hall, public works yards, libraries, parks and joint authority of the Southern California Logistics Airport. The City of Victorville is well positioned to handle all additional future needs in the area.

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.

Oro Grande is the only community in the area of economic or social interest. Economically, the Riverside Cement Company still operates and provides jobs, however, the social aspect is not as strong as many employees are no longer residents of Oro Grande. The community of Helendale/Silver Lakes is located approximately two miles to the north of the proposed boundary.

3. If the proposal includes a city sphere of influence change, provide a written statement of whether or not agreement on the sphere change between the city and county was achieved. In addition, provide a written statement of the elements of agreement (such as, development standards, boundaries, zoning agreements, etc.) (See Government Code Section 56425)

On September 18, 2006, City Manager, Jon Roberts and Deputy City Manager, Doug Robertson met with Norm Kanold and Wayne Thies of the County Administrator's Office. At the meeting the boundary of the proposed sphere of influence expansion was discussed along with proposed land use zoning designations. The City of Victorville agreed to provide a proposed zoning map for County staff to review and consult upon receiving requests for development activities in the sphere of influence. Staff agreed to use current methods of notification of proposed development within the sphere of influence, providing an opportunity for review and comment. While no formal agreement was drawn up, all parties agreed to continue the existing good relationship with respect to the land use and development within the City's sphere of influence.

Additionally, current City Manager, Jim Cox, and Deputy City Manager Doug Robertson recently met with Kimberly Cox, Helendale CSD, and agreed to a new proposed boundary line between the two agencies.

4. For any sphere of influence update, either initiated by an agency or individual or mandated by Government Code Section 56430, the following service review information is required to be addressed in a narrative discussion, and attached to this supplemental form:

- a. Infrastructure needs or deficiencies within the area

Most of the land in the SOI expansion area is open space. Current needs are limited to the Oro Grande area which receives water, sewer, park and street lighting through CSA 42. Other services are provided directly by the County of San Bernardino. Future needs will be extensive as the area develops and requires municipal services.

- b. Growth and population projections for the area

At buildout, Victorville estimates approximately 21,322 housing units with a population of 61,833. Additionally, approximately 80,000 employees are projected to work in the area.

c. Financing constraints and opportunities by entity affected

Existing county administrative policy guarantees a minimum property tax transfer of 7% for future annexations. Additionally, Victorville has development impact fees in place to fund future development as well as a strong sales tax base which commercial areas in the SOI expansion area would supplement.

d. Cost avoidance opportunities

As Victorville annexes land within the SOI, the City will take over the provision of municipal services, preventing duplication of services and minimizing unnecessary costs. The City currently participates in joint ventures to achieve cost avoidance in the areas of emergency dispatch, mutual aid, wastewater treatment and disposal, public transit, and solid waste disposal. Additionally, the City jointly operates park facilities in conjunction with school sites.

e. Opportunities for rate restructuring

Rate restructuring would not occur with an amendment to the sphere of influence, however, as land was annexed, those opportunities would be appropriately determined.

f. Opportunities for shared facilities

The City shares facilities with other state, county, and federal representatives, as well as with local school districts. Upon annexation, any future facilities in the proposed sphere expansion area could utilize similar shared resources.

g. Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of consolidation or reorganization of service providers

None apparent with sphere expansion, however, as areas are annexed, existing service providers, such as CSA 42, would be reorganized as necessary.

h. Evaluation of management efficiencies

None present upon amendment of sphere of influence. As municipalization of the area occurs, opportunities for management efficiencies will be present and best served by a single multi-purpose agency, the City of Victorville.

i. Local accountability and governance

This area is currently governed by the County of San Bernardino which also governs other unincorporated areas throughout the county. Upon annexation, the City will provide local accountability and governance.

The narrative description shall be signed and certified by an official of the agency(s) involved with the sphere of influence review as to the accuracy of the information provided.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above present the data and information required to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE 1/21/10

Chris Borchert
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT