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## SAN BERNARDINO LAFCO APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION FORM

**INTRODUCTION:** The questions on this form and its supplements are designed to obtain enough data about the application to allow the San Bernardino LAFCO, its staff and others to adequately assess the proposal. By taking the time to fully respond to the questions on the forms, you can reduce the processing time for your proposal. You may also include any additional information which you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, or attach any relevant documents.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. NAME OF PROPOSAL: Twentynine Palms Water District (hereafter known as TPWD), as the governing body of Twentynine Palms Fire Department, requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission to take proceedings for a sphere of influence amendment and reorganization of the Twentynine Palms Fire Department and San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (hereafter known as SBCFPD ) as more specifically described below:
2. NAME OF APPLICANT: Twentynine Palms Water District  
APPLICANT TYPE:  Landowner  Local Agency  
 Registered Voter  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Twentynine Palms CA, 92277  
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3. GENERAL LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The TPWD boundaries as currently defined and in force. The TPWD is located in the south desert region of the County and is generally bordered by the Joshua Tree National Park on the south, the Joshua Basin Water District on the west, the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base on the north, and the Wonder Valley community, defined by County Service Area 70 Zone M, on the east. The City of Twentynine Palms, except that portion of the city located on the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base, is located within the boundaries of the TPWD.
4. Does the application possess 100% written consent of each landowner in the subject territory?  
YES  NO  If YES, provide written authorization for change.
5. Indicate the reason(s) that the proposed action has been requested. The purpose of the proposal is to maintain, or improve, the existing level of fire protection and emergency medical services while providing for a sustainable revenue source to provide for said service and other related services within the territory of the TPWD.

### LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

1. Total land area of subject territory (defined in acres): 56,919

2. Current dwelling units within area classified by type (single-family residential, multi-family [duplex, four-plex, 10-unit], apartments)  
Single Family Residential: 6,586  
Multi-Family (2-4 Units): 2181  
Multi-Family (5 units plus): 588  
Mobile Homes: 307  
Source: California DOF, E-5, 2014

3. Approximate current population within area: 17,974 (based on the 2010 Census)

4. Indicate the General Plan designation(s) of the affected city (if any) and uses permitted by this designation(s): The City of Twentynine Palms - Open Space Residential, Rural Living, Single-Family Residential, Multi-Family Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Floodway, Tribal Land, and Public.

San Bernardino County General Plan designation(s) and uses permitted by this designation(s): Rural Living, Resource Conversation, Commercial, and Institutional.

5. Describe any special land use concerns expressed in the above plans. In addition, for a City Annexation or Reorganization, provide a discussion of the land use plan's consistency with the regional transportation plan as adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 65080 for the subject territory: The proposal will have no direct effect on the land use designations.

6. Indicate the existing use of the subject territory. The proposal will have no direct effect on the existing land use designations.

What is the proposed land use? The proposal does not propose any changes to the existing land use designations.

7. Will the proposal require public services from any agency or district which is currently operating at or near capacity (including sewer, water, police, fire, or schools)? YES  NO  If YES, please explain.

8. On the following list, indicate if any portion of the territory contains the following by placing a checkmark next to the item:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land Uses                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Preserve Designation       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Williamson Act Contract                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Area where Special Permits are Required |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other unusual features of the area or permits required: |  |

9. Provide a narrative response to the following factor of consideration as identified in §56668(p): *The extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice. As used in this subdivision, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services:*

With respect to environmental justice, the proposal provides for the continuation of existing fire protection and emergency medical services within the area and will not result in the unfair treatment of any person based upon race, culture or income.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

1. Provide general description of topography. The TPWD is located in the Morongo Basin which forms the southwestern corner of the Mojave Desert. This basin includes Joshua Tree National Park and

the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center. The Mojave Desert is separated from the Sonoran Desert to the south by the Little San Bernardino and Eagle Mountains, which are extensions of the Transverse Ranges. The western Mojave Desert is a flat, sparsely vegetated region that is interspersed with mountain ranges and dry lakes. The area is part of the high desert, large portions of which are at elevations between 2,500 and 4,000 feet above mean sea level.

2. Describe any existing improvements on the subject territory as % of total area.

Residential	28%	Agricultural	0%
Commercial	2%	Vacant	54%
Industrial	1%	Other	15%

3. Describe the surrounding land uses:

NORTH	Federal – Military Installation
EAST	Rural Living - Unincorporated
SOUTH	Federal – National Park
WEST	Rural Living - Unincorporated

4. Describe site alterations that will be produced by improvement projects associated with this proposed action (installation of water facilities, sewer facilities, grading, flow channelization, etc.).

N/A

5. Will service extensions accomplished by this proposal induce growth on this site? YES   
NO  Adjacent sites? YES  NO  Unincorporated  Incorporated

6. Are there any existing out-of-agency service contracts/agreements within the area? YES   
NO  If YES, please identify.

7. Is this proposal a part of a larger project or series of projects? YES  NO  If YES, please explain.

**NOTICES**

Please provide the names and addresses of persons who are to be furnished mailed notice of the hearing(s) and receive copies of the agenda and staff report.

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**CERTIFICATION**

As a part of this application, the Twentynine Palms Water District (the applicant) agree to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, proceeding brought against any of them, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it.

This indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, damages, penalties, fines and other costs imposed upon or incurred by San Bernardino LAFCO should San Bernardino LAFCO be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application.

As the person signing this application, I will be considered the proponent for the proposed action(s) and will receive all related notices and other communications. I understand that if this application is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the applicant and/or the real party in interest to indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached supplements and exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation 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 9/22/2015

  
SIGNATURE

Kerron E. Moore, President  
Board of Directors  
Twentynine Palms Water District

PLEASE CHECK SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS ATTACHED:

- ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT, REORGANIZATION SUPPLEMENT
- SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE SUPPLEMENT
- CITY INCORPORATION SUPPLEMENT
- FORMATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT
- ACTIVATION OR DIVESTITURE OF FUNCTIONS AND/OR SERVICES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS SUPPLEMENT