

# JUSTIFICATION FOR PROPOSAL AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION FORM

INTRODUCTION: The questions on this form and its supplements are designed to obtain enough data about the proposed project site to allow the Commission, its staff and others to adequately assess the project. By taking time to fully respond to the questions on the forms, you can reduce the processing time for your project. 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: Wrightwood Community Services District

2. NAME OF APPLICANT: Natalie Lopiccolo, Committee Chair MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 1126 Wrightwood, CA 92397

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- 3. GENERAL LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The subject area is surrounded by national forest. The western boundary of the subject area is located on the eastern boundary of Los Angeles County east of the Angeles National Forest boundary that wraps to the north of the Wrightwood unincorporated area. San Bernardino National Forest makes the eastern and southern boundary, though an overlap of both forest areas are part of the WWCSD area to provide recreational interface with the forest.
- 4. Does the application possess 100% written consent of each landowner in the subject territory? YES NO (X) If YES, please provide a written authorization for change.
- 5. Indicate the reasons that the proposed action has been requested.

  The residents of the community of Wrightwood have expressed the desire for local control and input into the decision making process for the delivery of services of park and recreation, street lighting, and solid waste.
- 6. Would the proposal create a totally or substantially surrounded island of unincorporated territory?

  YES NO(X) If YES, please provide a written justification for the proposed boundary configuration.

### LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

- 1. Total land area (defined in acres): Approximately 6012 acres (9.61 square miles, plus or minus).
- 2. Current dwelling units in area: Approximately 2,000 dwellings.
- 3. Approximate current population in area: 4,500. There are approximately 2000 registered votes according to the San Bernardino Registrar of Voters.
- 4. Indicate the General Plan designation(s) of the affected city (if any) and uses permitted by this designation(s): The area is unincorporated.

San Bernardino County General Plan designation(s) and uses permitted by this designation(s): The primary land use is Rural Living with a variety of other uses, such as Commercial in the center of the community.

- 5. Describe any special land use concerns expressed in the above plans: None.
- 6. Indicate the existing land use: The primary land use is Rural Mountain Community Living with a variety of other uses, such as Commercial in the center of the community. The Pacific Crest Trail is close to the community and hikers frequently stop for provisions.
- 7. For a city annexation, State law requires pre-zoning of the territory proposed for annexation. Provide a response to the following: a. Has pre-zoning been completed? YES NO . b. If the response to "a" is NO, is the area in the process of pre-zoning? YES NO . Identify below the pre-zoning classification, title, and densities permitted. If the pre-zoning process is underway, identify the timing for completion of the process.

Not applicable, this is not a proposal for annexation.

8. On the following list, indicate if any portion of the territory contains the following by placing a checkmark next to the item: Agricultural Land Uses ... Agricultural Preserve Designation ... Williamson Act Contract ... Area where Special Permits are required ... any other unusual features of the area or permits required:

None.

9. If a Williamson Act Contract(s) exists within the area proposed for annexation to a City, please provide a copy of the original contract, the notice of the nonrenewal (if appropriate) and any protest to the contact filed with the County by the City. Please provide an outline of the City's anticipated actions with regard to this contract.

Not applicable.

10. 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 (X) If YES, please explain.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

- 1. Provide general description of topography. The area is a mountain valley surrounded by national forest; the valley sits approximately 6,000-ft elevation with surrounding peaks of various heights
- 2. Describe any existing improvements of the site as % of total area.

Residential 75 % Agricultural 0 % Commercial 15 % Vacant 10 % Industrial 0 % Other 0 %

3. Describe the surrounding land uses: All sides are national forest land

NORTH: Angeles National Forest. EAST: San Bernardino National Forest

SOUTH: San Bernardino and Angeles National Forest

WEST: Angeles National Forest

There are no adjoining incorporated or unincorporated communities.

4. Describe site alterations that will be produced by improvement projects with this proposed action.

There will be no site alterations with this proposed action.

5. Will service extensions accomplished by this proposal induce growth of this site? YES NO (X) Adjacent sites? YES NO (X) Unincorporated . Incorporated .

This proposal does not include any service extensions.

6. Is this project a part of a larger project or series of projects? YES NO (X) 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

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. I understand that if this proposal is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the applicant to indemnify, hold harmless, and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

DATE September 1, 2015

Natalie Lopiccolo Committee Chairperson

PLEASE CHECK SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS ATTACHED:

... ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT, REORGANIZATION SUPPLEMENT

... SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE SUPPLEMENT

... CITY INCORPORATION SUPPLEMENT

X FORMATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT

... ACTIVATION OF LATENT POWERS SUPPLEMENT

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