

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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PROPOSAL NO.: LAFCO 3187

HEARING DATE: JULY 19, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 3248

A RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MAKING DETERMINATIONS ON LAFCO 3187 – COUNTYWIDE SERVICE REVIEW FOR WATER (RETAIL, WHOLESALE, RECYCLED).

On motion of Commissioner Curatalo, duly seconded by Commissioner Williams, and carried, the Local Agency Formation Commission adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a service review mandated by Government Code 56430 has been conducted by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) in accordance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Sections 56000 et seq.); and,

WHEREAS, at the times and in the form and manner provided by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing by the Commission on this matter; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed available information and prepared a report including her recommendations thereon, the filings and report and related information having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing by this Commission was called for July 19, 2017 at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing and in any order or orders continuing the hearing; and,

WHEREAS, at the hearing, this Commission heard and received all oral and written support and opposition; the Commission considered all objections and evidence which were made, presented, or filed; and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter relating to the service review, in evidence presented at the hearing; and,

WHEREAS, at this hearing, this Commission certified that the service review is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and such exemption was adopted by this Commission on July 19, 2017. The Commission directed its Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption within five working days of its adoption; and,

WHEREAS, the determinations required by Government Code Section 56430 and local Commission policy are included in the report prepared and submitted to the Commission dated July

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5, 2017 and is recommended for acceptance and filing by the Commission on July 19, 2017, a complete copy the service review is on file in the LAFCO office.

WHEREAS, the following additional determinations are made in conformance with the Government Code and local Commission policy:

- A stakeholder group was convened within each region (Valley on May 8, 2017; Mountain on June 15, 2017; North Desert on January 31, 2017; and South Desert on May 15, 2017) to provide a peer review of the service review's purpose, objective, and methodology. The stakeholder groups were composed of a variety of public agencies and at least one private system.
- Following the peer review, each water system identified in this review was provided a draft of the report for review and comment. Comments from the water purveyors are included in Appendix A of the service review.
- As required by State Law, notice of the hearing was provided through publication in newspapers of general circulation within the area, the *Big Bear Grizzly*, *Daily Press*, *Desert Dispatch*, *Hi-Desert Star*, *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, *Mountain News*, and *San Bernardino Sun*. Individual notice was not provided as allowed under Government Code Section 56157 as such mailing would include more than 1,000 individual notices. As outlined in Commission Policy, in-lieu of individual notice the notice of hearing publication was provided through an eighth page legal ad.
- As required by State law, individual notification of the hearing was provided to affected and interested agencies, County departments, and those agencies and individuals requesting mailed notice.
- Due to the size and scope of the report, the service review document was provided in advance of the staff report to allow additional time for review. The service review document was published July 5, 2017 and a copy was provided to affected and interested agencies and County departments, as well as those agencies and individuals requesting mailed notice. The service review document was also made accessible on the LAFCO website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County, State of California, that this Commission shall:

1. Accept and file the Countywide Service Review (Retail, Wholesale, Recycled), included as Exhibit A to this resolution, which sets forth the written statements for the six determinations outlined in Government Code Section 56430 as presented and as amended at the hearing.
2. Initiate the establishment of a sphere of influence for Metropolitan Water District of Southern California within San Bernardino County to be coterminous with the sphere of influence of its member agency, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.
3. Direct LAFCO staff to continue to monitor County Service Area 70 Zone CG (Cedar Glen) and provide an update to the Commission by February 2018.

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4. Indicate the Commission's intent to reduce the City of Adelanto's sphere of influence following the completion of the countywide wastewater service review.
5. Indicate the Commission's preference that the Hesperia Water District and County Service Area Zone J implement a mechanism (e.g., joint powers agreement or memorandum of understanding) to provide stability to the water source and boundary challenges within the territory of southwestern Hesperia and Oak Hills communities.
6. Direct LAFCO staff to continue to monitor County Service Area 70 Zone J (Oak Hills) and provide an update to the Commission by February 2018.
7. Reaffirm the Commission's position that the Apple Valley Foothill, Apple Valley Heights, and Mariana Ranchos County Water Districts have a combined sphere of influence signaling the Commission's position that a future consolidation of the agencies is appropriate.
8. Reaffirm the Commission's position that Daggett Community Services District and Yermo Community Services District have a combined sphere of influence signaling the Commission's position that a future consolidation of the agencies is appropriate, and direct LAFCO staff to coordinate with Mojave Water Agency to further assist Daggett Community Services District through its Small Water Assistance Program.

THIS ACTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Bagley, Cox, Curatalo, Williams

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Lovingood, McCallon, Ramos

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County, California, do hereby certify this record to be a full, true, and correct copy of the action taken by said Commission, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Commission at its meeting of July 19, 2017.

DATED: July 24, 2017



KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD
Executive Officer