



**RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
RUNNING SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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**Plan for Service and Fiscal Impact Analysis**

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**Reorganization to include Annexation to the Running Springs Water District and Detachment from San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its Mountain Service Zone**

In 2018, the Running Springs Water District (District) entered into a temporary outside water and sewer service agreement with the Getaway House Property (Property) which is located within the sphere of influence of the District and contiguous with the District's jurisdictional boundary with the intent of annexing the property at a future date. The Property owner has requested that the District annex the Property into the District's jurisdictional boundary in order to continue water and sewer service and to provide for a more logical, efficient and effective delivery of the services provided by the District.

**Description of Services:**

**Water**

Water service to the Property is currently provided by Running Springs Water District through a temporary outside water and sewer service agreement dated August 28, 2018. District potable water infrastructure already exists adjacent to the Property. Water service has been provided by Running Springs Water District on an as needed basis since at least 2002. The private onsite water facilities will continue to be owned, operated and maintained by the property owner.

**Wastewater**

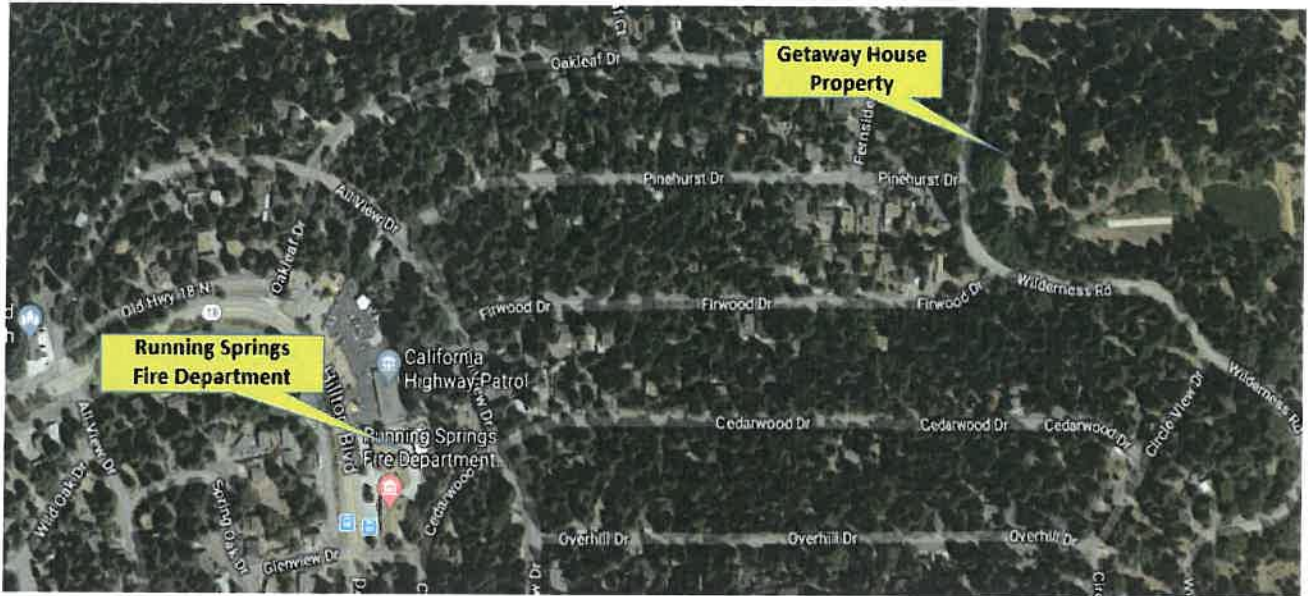
Wastewater service is currently provided to the Property under a temporary outside water and sewer service agreement dated August 28, 2018. Wastewater service has been provided by Running Springs Water District since 1975. The District will be responsible for the wastewater services at the existing point of connection. The private onsite sewer facilities will continue to be owned, operated and maintained by the property owner.

**Fire Protection**

Fire Protection Service is currently under the Jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its Mountain Service Zone, which is proposed to transition to the Running Springs Fire Department (RSFD) upon annexation.

The RSFD infrastructure and apparatus includes two Fire Stations, two Type 1 Fire Engines, one Brush Engine, one Squad, three Ambulances and two snow cats. Fulltime RSFD personnel includes two Chief Officers, two Firefighter Captain/Paramedics, one Firefighter Engineer/Paramedic, three Firefighter Paramedics and 20 part time Paid Call Firefighters which respond to emergencies to supplement the fulltime 3-0 staffing. RSFD staffing is always 3-0 with three personnel 24 hours per day, 7 days per

week, 365 days per year. RSFD also has a Cooperative Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) which staffs out of the Running Springs Fire Station No. 51 and is less than 0.5 miles east of the Getaway House.



Currently, the RSFD is first on scene for fire, rescue and medical emergencies at the Getaway House due to the proximity of its fire service infrastructure and apparatus being within a 0.5 mile distance from the Property. The nearest full time San Bernardino County Fire Station is located in Lake Arrowhead which is more than 7.5 miles away and in extreme weather conditions travel across Highway 18 from Lake Arrowhead can be significantly delayed.



RSFD will provide the necessary response for any fire emergency involving structure fires, rescues and wildland fires with Automatic Mutual Aid Response from CalFire, San Bernardino County Fire, Big Bear Fire Authority and the United States Forest Service (USFS) if necessary. Additionally, all wildland fires that occur within the area and surrounding wildland area of the Getaway House are the primary responsibility of CalFire and the USFS who would respond with any necessary aircraft and/or equipment for suppression. RSFD would then fall into an assisting role for both Agencies.

All plan check services will be handled by Running Springs Fire Prevention Staff. The hazard abatement services will be handled through the RSFD's current Defensible Space Program which follows all applicable State and County Codes.

### **Ambulance Emergency Medical Service (EMS)**

RSFD currently does and will continue to provide Advance Life Support (ALS) Ambulance EMS to the Getaway House, which is already within the RSFD Exclusive Operating Area (EOA 19). Ambulance EMS is provided by one or more of three ambulance units, and if necessary, a Squad that is equipped with an additional Paramedic and rescue gear and a local CalFire Unit that is stationed at the Running Springs Fire Station No. 51 to assist with EMS services or rescue.

### **Timing and Improvements**

The services described above are currently being provided and no additional infrastructure is required.

### **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

This annexation is for one parcel located adjacent to the District's jurisdictional boundary and within the District's sphere of influence. There will be no additional financial burden placed on the District to annex and provide water, wastewater and fire protection services to this parcel. For fire protection services, in addition to the District's annual \$65 per unit of benefit special tax, it is also anticipated that there will be a normal property tax transfer from the special district being detached as part of the reorganization based on the valuation of the area to be annexed and the affected tax rate areas. The water and wastewater revenue is listed in the table below. The revenues anticipated would be sufficient to cover the expenses for water, wastewater and fire protection services.

There is not anticipated to be any significant fiscal impact due to the fact that the Running Springs Water District already provides water, wastewater, fire protection and emergency medical services to the Property. All that changes is the Running Springs Fire Department becomes the primary fire protection district for structure fires and rescues and the County would become the secondary fire protection district providing mutual aid to Running Springs Fire Department.

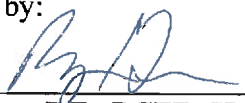
All costs of operating and maintaining the District owned water and wastewater facilities downstream of the existing point of connection will be recovered through rates and fees charged monthly to the property owner per District resolution. The annexing territory will be included within the existing jurisdictional service boundaries of the District.

The following table compares the charges under the existing Outside Water and Sewer Service Agreement with the estimated charges if the property is annexed including water, wastewater service and fire protection service:

| <b>FY 2019/2020 Outside Water and Sewer Service Agreement Charges</b>                          |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Annual in-lieu of taxes charge: \$2,910 / 12 =   | \$242.50          |
| Fixed Monthly Sewer Service Charge: 7 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) x \$50.98 =             | \$356.86          |
| Outside District Sewer Service Charge: 7 EDUs x \$2.00 =                                       | \$14.00           |
| Sewer Volumetric Charge: \$0.0099 x 5,000 Cubic Feet of Water Usage =                          | \$49.50           |
| Fixed Monthly Water Service Charge =   | \$335.73          |
| Water Usage Charge: 5,000 cf x \$0.0483 per cubic foot (cf)                                    | \$241.50          |
| <b>CURRENT TOTAL MONTHLY CHARGES =</b>   | <b>\$1,240.09</b> |
| <b>FY 2019/2020 Charges if Annexed*</b>  |                   |
| *Charges subject to change based on actual EDU count and currently adopted District rates.     |                   |
| *Additional connection and capacity charges will apply for each new/additional EDU.            |                   |
| Fixed Monthly Sewer Service Charge: 7 Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) x \$50.98 =             | \$356.86          |
| Sewer Volumetric Charge: \$0.0099 x 5,000 Cubic Feet of Water Usage =                          | \$49.50           |
| Fixed Monthly Water Service Charge =   | \$335.73          |
| Water Usage Charge: 5,000 cf x \$0.0483 per cubic foot (cf)                                    | \$241.50          |
| Annual Fire Availability Charges: \$65 per Unit of Benefit (UOB) = \$65 x 7 UOB = \$455 / 12 = | \$37.92           |
| <b>TOTAL MONTHLY CHARGES (IF ANNEXED) =</b>  | <b>\$1,021.51</b> |
| <b>Potential Annual Savings to Getaway House if Annexed = \$218.58 x 12 =</b>                  | <b>\$2,622.96</b> |

All fees for the LAFCO Reorganization, Annexation and Detachment process to be paid by the property owner.

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