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SUBJECT: Agenda Item #9: Consideration of Request for Reduction in Filing Fees Submitted for LAFCO 3054-Sphere of Influence Review (Expansion) for Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending that the Commission approve a reduction in filing fees for LAFCO 3054 and LAFCO 3055 to one filing fee to cover both proposals.

BACKGROUND

The Commission has received applications for a sphere of influence expansion and annexation from the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency. The proposals seek to expand the Agency's territory in order to supply water to two parcels on approximately 30 acres. Presently, the Agency encompasses approximately 44 square miles and serves the communities of Flamingo Heights, Landers, and Johnson Valley.

The Agency has submitted a request that the Commission reduce the fees for the processing of the applications to a single annexation fee because both proposals cover the same area. Submitted with the applications, the Agency included a check for \$5,473.50 that covers one LAFCO filing fee (\$4,250), a Registrar of Voters deposit (\$450), an environmental review deposit (\$750), and a \$23.50 deposit for landowner notification.

Since these proposals cover the same area and landowners and registered voters will be notified one time addressing both actions, staff supports the reduction in fees for the processing of these applications to one LAFCO filing fee (\$4,250). Costs in excess of the deposits, outlined above, would be billed to the Agency upon receipt of the invoices for service, and payment would be required prior to completion of these actions.

Attachments:

1. Letter from Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Requesting a Reduction in Fees
2. Map of Proposal Area
3. Commission Waiver Policy