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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item #5:** Request for Waiver of Filing Fees For LAFCO 2942 - Dissolution of County Service Area 77 (Mariana Ranchos area)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a reduction in fees for LAFCO 2942 to the direct charges for legal advertising, Registrar of Voter charges, and environmental review costs billed to the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has received an application from the County of San Bernardino for the dissolution of County Service Area 77 (Mariana Ranchos area). This District currently provides road services to an area of approximately 480 acres in the southern Apple Valley area. A complete application package has been received and a copy of the Board of Supervisors agenda item is attached for the Commission's information.

The County Special Districts Department has submitted a request that the Commission reduce the fees for the processing of this application to the direct costs due to the "precarious" financial position of this District (copy attached). As outlined in the memo received from the Director of Special Districts, Emil Marzullo, the District currently receives approximately \$2,365 a year as its share of the ad valorem property tax and the Commission's fee for processing the dissolution would be in excess of \$5,700, more than two years of tax proceeds.

The staff supports reducing the fees for the processing of this application to the direct costs to the Commission. The staff anticipates that these costs would include legal advertising (estimated at \$500), environmental review (not anticipated to exceed \$450), and Registrar of Voter costs (not determined at this time). These costs would be billed to the County Special District's Department upon receipt of the invoices for service and payment would be required prior to completion of this action.

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Attachments