

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Consideration of LAFCO 2919 – Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Continued Hearing)

INITIATED BY:

Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommendation is that the Commission approve the concept that a basin-wide water conservation entity should be pursued and take the following actions:

1. Determine that the designation of a zero sphere of influence for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District is statutorily exempt from environmental review and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption within five days;
2. Designate a zero sphere of influence for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District indicating that it is the position of the Commission that the District should ultimately consolidate with another; and,
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #2893 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations related to this consideration.

However, if the Commission determines that the Stakeholders Committee report, the response from the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District and additional materials show affirmation of the District's existing sphere of influence or a coterminous sphere of influence is the appropriate action, it may take the following actions to close this consideration:

1. Determine that the affirmation of the District’s existing sphere of influence or the amendment to a coterminous sphere of influence through LAFCO 2919 is statutorily exempt from environmental review and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption within five days;
2. Make the findings related to a service review required by Government Code Section 56430 and determine that the sphere of influence for the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District should be affirmed in its present configuration or amended to be coterminous with the District’s boundaries; and,
3. Defer adoption of the resolution making these determinations to the consent calendar for the April 19, 2006 Commission hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the February 15, 2006 hearing, the Commission continued consideration to March 15th at the request of Supervisor and Commissioner Hansberger. The Staff Report from the February 15th hearing, without attachments, is included as Attachment #1; the letter from the City of Redlands received at the February 15th hearing is included as Attachment #2; and the draft Resolution No. 2893 implementing the staff’s recommendation is include as Attachment #3.

Staff will respond to questions on the materials at the hearing. As noted above, the staff recommendation remains unchanged.

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Attachments:

1. Staff Report dated February 6, 2006 for LAFCO 2919 Without Attachments
2. Letter from City of Redlands dated February 15, 2006
3. Draft LAFCO Resolution #2893