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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 6: LAFCO #2905—Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Cucamonga County Water District

INITIATING AGENCY:

San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine that LAFCO #2905 is statutorily exempt from environmental review, and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption within five days;
2. Make findings related to a service review required by Government Code Section 56430, and determine that the existing sphere of influence for the Cucamonga County Water District should not be changed; and,
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #2756 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations on this issue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This proposal was initiated by the Local Agency Formation Commission in response to new state mandates requiring service reviews and sphere of influence updates for all cities and special districts on a rotating five-year schedule. LAFCO #2905 is a routine, non-controversial service review and sphere of influence update for the Cucamonga County Water District.

The Cucamonga County Water District is an independent special district formed under the provisions of Division 12 of the California Water Code (Water Code Section 30000 et seq.) in March, 1955. It is governed by a five-

member, locally-elected Board of Directors, and provides retail and wholesale water service, and sewer collection services to approximately 152,000 customers within its 47 square mile service area. The District primarily serves areas within the City of Rancho Cucamonga, but it also overlays portions of the City of Fontana, and small portions of the Cities of Ontario and Upland.

Attached for Commission review is the response from the Cucamonga County Water District to the factors required by Government Code Section 56430 for the conduct of service reviews. Those responses are not duplicated in this report, but are instead contained within the District's response and the draft LAFCO Resolution (#2756, which is also attached for Commission review). The basis for this approach is that the Commission has indicated that unless there is some interagency disagreement over the service review factors, or unless the subject agency proposes a sphere of influence change, then the written LAFCO staff report for the service/sphere reviews need not duplicate the local agency's responses to the statutorily required factors. Instead, the reader is referred to the draft resolution prepared by LAFCO staff and the District's report on the required service review elements.

In this case, the Cucamonga County Water District does not envision a sphere of influence change within the next five years, and it has provided a thorough response to each of the service review factors of consideration. It is, in the staff opinion, one of the most comprehensive and high-quality efforts by a local agency's staff in response to the new state mandate for the conduct of these reviews. Staff wishes to commend the staff of the Cucamonga County Water District for its outstanding efforts in compiling this information for LAFCO consideration.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the response from the Cucamonga County Water District, staff recommends that the Commission uphold and affirm the existing sphere of influence for the District, on the basis that there is no apparent rationale for any sphere amendments. In addition, staff recommends that the Commission adopt Resolution #2756 which sets forth written responses to the statutory factors related to service reviews and sphere of influence studies.

Attachments:

1. Response from Cucamonga County Water District
2. Draft Resolution #2756

3. Response from Tom Dodson and Associates