

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

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #8: LAFCO #2899--Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Chino Hills

INITIATED BY:

San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine that LAFCO #2899 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 City of Chino Hills should not be changed; and,
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #2761 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 #2899 is a routine, non-controversial service review and sphere of influence update for the City of Chino Hills.

The City of Chino Hills was incorporated in December, 1991. With the exceptions of fire protection and emergency medical services provided by the Chino Valley Independent Fire District, and wholesale water delivery from the Monte Vista Water District, the City provides the full range of urban services to the nearly 70,000 residents within its boundaries.

The corporate boundaries of the City of Chino Hills, which are identical to the boundaries of the City's sphere of influence, have not changed since its incorporation. This is because the City is "landlocked" by the Los Angeles County boundary to the north and west, the Orange County boundary to the south, and the Riverside County boundary and the City of Chino boundaries to the east. The City of Chino Hills, therefore, cannot annex any additional territory, unless the City of Chino were to agree to detach portions of its western area to accommodate an annexation to Chino Hills. There is no likelihood of such an agreement within the foreseeable future, and there does not appear to be any strong interest in boundary reorganizations by either city.

Thus, the service review and sphere of influence study for the City of Chino Hills are extremely routine and non-controversial, with no changes to the existing sphere of influence configuration being proposed. Due to scheduling conflicts and other factors, the City of Chino Hills did not provide a written response to the service/sphere review factors of consideration. Given the routine nature of this review, however, staff included LAFCO #2899 on the November 20 agenda, and has provided written responses to the statutory factors for a service/sphere review within the attached LAFCO Resolution. This Resolution upholds and affirms the current sphere of influence for the City of Chino Hills.

Attachments:

1. Draft Resolution #2761 for the City of Chino Hills service review and sphere update
2. Response from Tom Dodson and Associates