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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item #8 — LAFCO 2921 — Service Review and Sphere
Of Influence Update for the City of Rialto**

INITIATED BY:

San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine that LAFCO 2921 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 existing sphere of influence for the City of Rialto should be changed to accommodate the 8+/- acres to be transferred to and the approximately 4+/- acres to be removed from San Bernardino County through the County Boundary Exchange within the Agua Mansa area to be finalized as of December 1, 2003; and determine that the balance of the City sphere of influence should be affirmed as presently configured; and,
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #2793 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations on this issue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This proposal was initiated by the Local Agency Formation Commission on January 15, 2003 in response to state mandates requiring service reviews and

sphere of influence updates for all cities and special districts on a rotating five-year schedule. LAFCO 2921, in general, is a routine, non-controversial service review and sphere of influence update for the City of Rialto. Included as Attachment #1 to this report are maps which identify the boundaries and sphere of influence for the City of Rialto. Attachment #2 to this report is a summary profile of the City of Rialto, a supplemental response, and a copy of the survey response provided by the City to the factors required by Government Code Section 56430 for a service review. Attachment #3 provides an identification of the area approved for a County Boundary Exchange between San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. This change, adopted on October 28, 2003, effective as of December 1, 2003, affects the current delineation of the City's sphere of influence.

The major points of consideration within the survey response provided by the City of Rialto are outlined as follows:

1. The City is not proposing any changes to its sphere of influence except to acknowledge the County Boundary Exchange recently approved by both the San Bernardino and Riverside County Boards of Supervisors.
2. The City of Rialto is a full-service city providing the services of general government, law enforcement(including animal control), fire protection, land use planning, code enforcement, building and safety function, recreation services, roads, water and sewer services within its corporate limits.

The City currently provides the following services outside its corporate limits through individual contract. These contracts are reviewed and are to be authorized by LAFCO prior to their final implementation pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 56133:

SERVICE	FUNCTIONS
Sewer	Collection, transportation, treatment, reclamation, disposal – City typically charges three times in-city rate to service recipients
Parkway maintenance	Authorizes the inclusion of unincorporated territory within its Landscape and Lighting District – the City charges an annual fee on the tax bill for these services

3. The City currently receives the following services through outside service providers/contractors:

SERVICE	FUNCTIONS
Refuse collection	Edco Company has franchise for pick-up refuse within City boundaries
Ambulance	Franchise granted by City to American Medical Response as directed by the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Authority (ICEMA)
Vector Control	Contracts with the County of San Bernardino Vector Control Program for the provision of service. Area included in the benefit assessment authorized by County Resolution No. 3103

4. The City of Rialto and its sphere of influence are overlaid by the following public agencies:

West Valley Water District (formerly known as the West San Bernardino County Water District) (portion)
 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (majority)
 Inland Empire Utilities Agency (corporate limits of the City of Rialto east of the City of Fontana, from San Bernardino Avenue to Highland Avenue, and west of Linden)
 Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District

In addition, the Fontana Water Company, a private water company, provides service to a portion of the City’s boundaries within its western central area.

The City’s sphere of influence is overlaid by the following additional public agencies:

Central Valley Fire Protection District
 Bloomington Park and Recreation District
 Rubidoux Community Services District
 County Service Area 70 (multiple authorized services)
 County Service Area 70 Improvement Zone P-11 (Park Maintenance and Streetlighting)
 County Service Area SL-1 (Streetlighting)

Within the City’s sphere of influence, the Fontana Water Company and the Marygold Mutual Water Company, a mutual water company governed by shareholders, provide retail water service to a portion of the territory.

It is noted that none of the adjacent or overlaying agencies have identified any concerns with the existing sphere of influence as established for the City of Rialto.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the information outlined above, and the response from the City of Rialto, staff recommends that the Commission modify the sphere of influence for the City to acknowledge the County Boundary Exchange within the Agua Mansa area, and uphold and affirm the balance of the existing sphere of influence for the City. In addition, staff recommends that the Commission adopt Resolution #2793 which sets forth written responses to the statutory factors related to service reviews and sphere of influence studies.

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Attachments:

1. Maps of the Existing Sphere of Influence of the City of Rialto
2. Summary City Profile Sheet, Survey Response and Supplemental Response from the City of Rialto
3. Map and Description of County Boundary Exchange within the Agua Mansa Area
4. Response from Tom Dodson and Associates
5. Draft Resolution #2793