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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #7 – LAFCO 2945 – Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for County Service Area SL-1 (Streetlighting District)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Continue LAFCO 2945 to the January 19, 2005 hearing; and,
2. Direct staff to request an audit of the streetlight services billed to County Service Area SL-1 through Southern California Edison.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Staff anticipated the ability to complete the review and prepare the documents necessary to present the service review and sphere of influence update for County Service Area SL-1 (hereinafter CSA SL-1) at the November hearing. However, as the staff's review has progressed, it has become apparent that several questions need to be answered before Commission consideration can take place. Those questions relate to the boundaries of the agency and the location of streetlights paid for through its tax proceeds.

Staff has obtained a map of the boundaries of County Service Area SL-1 (attached to this report) prepared through the verification of Tax Rate Areas associated with the agency. Upon receipt of this map and its further review, staff has raised a number of questions regarding the location of streetlights billed to this agency compared to the area in which its revenues are generated. Staff has met with County Special Districts staff to review concerns and will

meet with Special Districts staff and representatives of Southern California Edison on November 8th to further review concerns and identify additional information needs.

One item that is needed to complete the service review/sphere update for CSA SL-1 is a clear definition of the location of streetlights billed to this agency for the payment of electricity costs. It is understood, at the present time, that the only way to verify the location of these facilities in relation to the boundaries of CSA SL-1 is through an audit conducted by SCE. Item #2 of the staff's recommendation will direct staff to request that such an audit be provided by SCE.

Mr. Tom Sutton, Director of the County Special Districts Department, has participated in discussions regarding the agency and has been advised of the recommendation for continuance. Mr. Sutton has not expressed concern regarding a continuance of this matter.

Based upon the need to acquire this additional information, staff is recommending that this matter be continued to the January 19, 2005 hearing.

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Attachment – Map of Valley portion of County Service Area SL-1