

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

175 West Fifth Street, Second Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490
• (909) 387-5866 • FAX (909) 387-5871
E-MAIL: lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov
www.sbclafco.org

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2002
FROM: JAMES M. RODDY, Executive Officer
TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #4: LAFCO #2896--Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the City of Montclair

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue LAFCO #2896 to the October 16 hearing to allow additional time for discussions between the City of Montclair and the Monte Vista Fire Protection District concerning possible dissolution of the district.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The September agenda contains two service reviews and sphere of influence studies concerning the City of Montclair and the Monte Vista Fire Protection District.

The City of Montclair has submitted all the information necessary to conduct its reviews. In addition, staff contacted the County Fire Department for responses on behalf of the Monte Vista Fire Protection District, which is governed by the County Board of Supervisors.

Most citizens in the Montclair area probably are not aware that the Monte Vista Fire Protection District exists. It overlays the City of Montclair and the southern unincorporated area of the Montclair sphere of influence. Staff understands that since the early 1980's, the District has essentially been a "paper" district which simply passes through its share of property tax revenue to the City, and the City actually provides the fire protection services in the incorporated and unincorporated areas.

It seems to staff that service reviews and sphere of influence studies now required by Government Code Sections 56425 and 56430 would be good

opportunities to consider dissolving the Monte Vista Fire Protection District and officially designating the City of Montclair as the successor agency. This would simply eliminate a district whose reason for existence has apparently been outlived.

Accordingly, staff recommends continuation of this proposal to the October 16th hearing to allow additional time for the City staff and County Fire Department staff to discuss this issue.

JMR/