

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

**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEMS #4 (B) THROUGH (I) – MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEWS FOR
THE AGENCIES WITHIN THE APPLE VALLEY COMMUNITY AND RELATED
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions:

1. For environmental review certify that each proposals' action is statutorily exempt from environmental review and direct the Clerk to file the Notices of Exemption within five (5) days.
2. Receive and file the municipal service reviews for the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, Apple Valley Heights County Water District, Apple Valley Foothill County Water District, Mariana Ranchos County Water District, Thunderbird County Water District County Service Area 17, Juniper Riviera County Water District, and County Service Area 60, and make the findings related to the service review required by Government Code 56430 as outlined in the staff report.
3. Define the area of the Community of Apple Valley as identified by staff in this report.
4. Take the actions to update the spheres of influence for the agencies included in this staff report defined as follows:
 - a. Amend the Apple Valley Fire Protection District sphere of influence as identified;
 - b. Amend the Apple Valley Foothill County Water District sphere of influence to consolidate those of the Apple Valley Foothill, Apple Valley Heights, and Mariana Ranchos County Water Districts;
 - c. Assign zero spheres of influence to the Apple Valley Heights and Mariana Ranchos County Water Districts, noting their inclusion in the Apple Valley Foothill County Water District sphere of influence;

- d. Affirm the sphere of influence of the Thunderbird County Water District;
 - e. Expand the sphere of influence of County Service Area 17 to include the unincorporated territory within the eastern and southern sphere of influence of the Town of Apple Valley; and,
 - f. Reduce the sphere of influence of County Service Area 60 to include the urban core of the Victor Valley, including the boundaries and sphere of influence of the Cities of Adelanto, Hesperia, and Victorville and Town of Apple Valley.
5. For LAFCO 3005, approve a modified sphere expansion request from the Juniper Riviera County Water District to include only the territory within the Este sub-basin of the Mojave River Adjudication.
 6. Schedule the adoption of the appropriate resolutions reflecting the Commission's determinations on the consent calendar of the October 15, 2008 Hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the August 20, 2008, hearing the Commission continued the consideration of the municipal service reviews and sphere of influence updates for the Apple Valley community. LAFCO staff had prepared a report addressing all of the agencies excepting the Town of Apple Valley. A copy of the staff report dated August 11, 2008 is included as Attachment #1 to this report. No change in the staff position has taken place in the interim.

The only additional information received during the interim is a letter from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District indicating it has no objection to the changes in the sphere of influence proposed by LAFCO staff. In addition, staff has met with representatives of the County Special Districts Department and the County Administrative Office to review CSA 17. Additional information on this agency will be provided at the hearing.

Staff's recommendation is unchanged related to these agencies and is outlined above.

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Attachments:

1. LAFCO Staff Report dated August 11, 2008
2. Letter Dated September 4, 2008 from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District