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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #10 – CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF MOUNTAIN REGION
REVIEW OF ROAD AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES AND RELATED SERVICE
REVIEWS AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission continue these items to the February 15, 2012 hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the December 2010 Commission hearing, the discussion of the regional provision of road and snow removal services for the Mountain Region was opened and concerns and issues identified by LAFCO staff. At that hearing, the staff's position that a single County Service Area (CSA), at the time the chosen entity was CSA 68, would be expanded to encompass the entire Mountain Region to provide for a more comprehensive approach to service administration. This hearing was continued to the March 2011 hearing at which time information was provided to the Commission outlining concerns from the County Special Districts Department regarding the staff's position and additional questions which needed to be addressed by the County Auditor/Controller (copy of staff report included as Attachment #1). At the March hearing this review was again continued to the June 15, 2011 hearing to be heard in conjunction with the anticipated final review for the Bear Valley Community of the Mountains. At the June hearing the matter was again continued to allow for completion of the needed information and to receive the final determinations on special tax elections affecting CSA 59 and CSA 68 for new special taxes to fund road maintenance activities (copy of staff report included as Attachment #2). The matter was scheduled for final consideration of the entire Mountain region on the September hearing agenda.

On September 14, LAFCO staff received a request from Commissioner and Second District Supervisor Rutherford requesting that the matter be continued to at least the February 15, 2012 hearing to allow for completion of the special tax election process associated with CSA 68 (copy included as Attachment #3). In addition, the information needed from the County Auditor/Controller and Special District Department regarding audits and costs for operation are not yet complete as the adoption of the final budgets has not taken place.

For all of these reasons, staff is recommending that the Commission continue this consideration to the February 15, 2012 hearing.

However, another option would be for the Commission to remove the matter from its calendar with direction to staff to return at the earliest hearing possible. This action would require that the matter be re-advertised for consideration and would restrict the ability of the Commission to consider any proposal affecting one of the entities until the mandated service review and sphere of influence update are completed. Regardless of the option chosen, staff will continue to work with the County Departments to gather the information necessary to resolve and finalize the matter for Commission consideration.

Staff supports the option of continuation to the February hearing to keep these matters on the front burner for resolution. Staff will be happy to answer any questions prior to or at the hearing.

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Attachments:

- 1 – [March 7, 2011 Staff Report for Mountain Region Road and Snow Removal Service Review](#)
- 2 – [June 6, 2011 Staff Report for Mountain Region Road and Snow Removal Service Review](#)
- 3 – [September 14, 2011 Memorandum from Supervisor Rutherford Requesting Continuance of the Matter](#)