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FROM: SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Assistant Executive Officer
TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5: CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF LAFCO 3125 -
SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR CITY
OF BIG BEAR LAKE**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission continue the consideration of LAFCO 3125 to the February 15, 2012 hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the August 17, 2011 hearing, LAFCO 3125 was continued to November at the request of the City of Big Bear Lake (City) on the basis that additional time was needed to review areas of concern identified in the staff report. Since then, LAFCO staff has met with the City and its Department of Water and Power (DWP) on two separate occasions.

As a follow-up to those meetings, on October 26, 2011, LAFCO staff received a letter from the City (Attachment #1) requesting that the service review and sphere update be continued again in order to address some of the issues discussed related to its DWP. As identified in the letter from the DWP dated October 27, 2011 (Attachment #2), the DWP identified a number of actions that it will be taking related to LAFCO staff's concerns such as documenting the extent of its existing service area (which the DWP anticipates completion by November 30, 2011), commence negotiations with the Big Bear City Community Services District related to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding a wheeling and blending agreement between the two systems, and commence negotiations with County Service Area 53 and the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (CSD) regarding MOUs related to development on the north shore and the transfer of the DWP's Rimforest system, respectively. Last week,

LAFCO staff was made aware that the DWP had begun discussions with the Lake Arrowhead CSD related to the Rimforest system transfer.

In order to allow for completion of the “service area analysis”, and to complete some of the negotiations that the DWP is moving forward with, all of which have implications on the recommendations identified in the service review report, LAFCO staff is recommending that this request for continuance be granted and that the item be continued to the February 15, 2012 hearing.

Staff will be happy to answer any questions prior to or at the hearing.

Attachments:

1. [Letter from the City of Big Bear Lake](#)
2. [Letter from the City of Big Bear Lake Department of Water and Power](#)