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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 6, 2012   
**FROM:** SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Assistant Executive Officer  
**TO:** LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #9: CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF LAFCO 3125 -  
SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR CITY  
OF BIG BEAR LAKE**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission continue further the consideration of LAFCO 3125 to the June 20, 2012 hearing.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission has already continued the consideration of the service review and sphere of influence update for the City of Big Bear Lake a couple of times. First, in August 2011, the City of Big Bear Lake (City) requested that its service review and sphere of influence update (LAFCO 3125) be continued to the November 2011 hearing on the basis that additional time was needed to review the areas of concern it had identified to the staff report. Then, at the November 16, 2011 hearing, the item was continued again to the February 2012 hearing (this hearing) at the request of the City and its Department of Water and Power (DWP) in order to address some of the DWP-related issues that were identified in the staff report. Since then, the DWP has been updating LAFCO staff with its efforts in resolving some of the issues and both the LAFCO and DWP staffs have been working cooperatively in determining the extent of DWP's current service area.

On January 26, 2012, LAFCO staff received a letter from the City (included as Attachment #1) requesting that the service review and sphere of influence update be continued again in support of the DWP's request for additional time to complete or, at least, finalize some the work that is already under way. As identified in the DWP's letter dated January 24, 2012 (included as Attachment #2), it continues to provide LAFCO

staff with additional information related to the “service area analysis”, and it has commenced initial talks with the other agencies (i.e. the Big Bear City Community Services District, County Service Area 53C, and the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District) regarding agreements/MOUs that have implications on the recommendations identified in the original service review report.

For these reasons, staff is recommending that this request for continuance be granted again and that the item be continued further to the June 20, 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](#)