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DATE: JUNE 11, 2012 
FROM: SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Assistant Executive Officer
TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #10: 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 further the consideration of LAFCO 3125 to the August 15, 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 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.
- On January 26, 2012, LAFCO staff received a letter from the City 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. All this time, 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.

LAFCO staff met with the DWP general manager on May 22 to finalize the remaining outstanding items. At the meeting it was identified to LAFCO staff that the DWP's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan ("UWMP") is scheduled for adoption on June 26. Since the UWMP is scheduled for adoption just six days after this LAFCO hearing, coupled with the fact that the UWMP was due to the Department of Water Resources by June 30, 2011 and will contain information relevant to the service review, the DWP is requesting an additional continuance. This will allow the UWMP to be reviewed by LAFCO staff and incorporated in the staff report.

The letter received from the DWP identifies the July hearing as the requested continuance date. Staff had considered reinstating the July hearing, but determined that a continuance to August would be the preferred action. For these reasons, staff is recommending that this request for continuance be granted again and that the item be continued to the August 15, 2012 hearing with direction to staff that the matter will be finalized at that hearing.

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

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Attachment

Department of Water



May 23, 2012

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Executive Officer
San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission
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Subject: Municipal Service Review for City of Big Bear Lake, Department of Water & Power

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald,

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday to discuss miscellaneous items related to DWP's Municipal Service Review. One of LAFCO's concerns with DWP was the lack of a current Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). DWP has recently contracted with Carollo Engineers to prepare DWP's 2010 UWMP. DWP will receive a draft document on May 25, 2012 and expects to have a final 2010 UWMP on June 26, 2012.

Because DWP's 2010 UWMP will not be complete by June 20, 2012, your next scheduled Board Meeting, DWP respectfully requests that the Commission continue its consideration of DWP's Municipal Service Review to your July 18, 2012 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Reginald A. Lamson, PE LS
General Manager, DWP

Cc: Jeff Mathieu, City Manager