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DATE: AUGUST 7, 2012 
FROM: MICHAEL TUERPE, Project Manager
TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM #9:** Reconsideration of LAFCO 3152 – Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for Twentynine Palms Public Cemetery District

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission continue the reconsideration of LAFCO 3152 to the November 28, 2012 hearing.

BACKGROUND:

At the May 16 hearing, the Commission considered the service review/sphere of influence update for the Twentynine Palms Cemetery District. The actions of the Commission included the following:

- Adoption of a zero sphere of influence based upon financial and operational issues identified in the report and at the hearing;
- Modifications to the service description of its authorized Cemetery function;
- Conditions requiring ongoing reporting to LAFCO;
- Direction to LAFCO staff to submit the Commission's determinations to the Grand Jury and District Attorney Public Integrity Unit; and
- Continue the adoption of the resolution to the June 20 hearing.

Additionally, staff identified that should the District's governance practices or financial position not improve, LAFCO staff would return to the Commission with a request for an immediate service review with the recommendation for an alternative governance structure.

Following the May hearing, the District has been making an effort to finally respond to our questions in order that LAFCO staff can provide a complete service review. At the June hearing, the Commission approved staff's request for reconsideration of the District's service review based upon the anticipated completion of the FY 2010-11 audit requested by LAFCO staff and the submission of supplemental information from the District.

Since that time, the audit has been provided to the District in draft form but has not yet been accepted by the District. Further, staff's questions regarding the lack of a balanced budget remain. Without the requested material, staff cannot complete the service review for this hearing. Attached to this report is a request from the District to continue this matter to the October 17 hearing. Staff has been coordinating with the District to obtain the requested information, but realizes that the District as well is waiting for completion of its audit. Staff is recommending a continuation to the November 28 hearing to insure receipt of a completed audit.

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

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Attachment

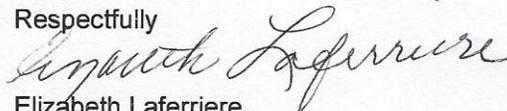
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July 18, 2012

From: District Board Members
To: Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Subj: Audit Re-Schedule

1. It is with regret, that I must inform you, the audit for the Twentynine Palms Cemetery will not be completed by July 20, 2012.
2. I am requesting the Commission to remove the Twentynine Palms Cemetery from the agenda for August 15, 2012 and reschedule to October 17, 2012 agenda. We will be sending two Board members to attend the August meeting.
3. Our current auditor, David Whitford, is requesting additional time to complete audit.

Respectfully



Elizabeth Laferriere
Chairperson