

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

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**DATE:** MAY 12, 2008

**FROM:** KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

**TO:** LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #7: Transfer Of Principal County Status from San Bernardino LAFCO to Riverside LAFCO for Reorganization Involving the Yucaipa Valley Water District (LAFCO 3099)**

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**INITIATED BY:**

Letter from Representative of Applicants – Merlin Properties and Oak Valley Partners L.P.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the Riverside LAFCO to assume exclusive jurisdiction for LAFCO 3099 – Reorganization to include Annexation to the Yucaipa Valley Water District and Detachment from the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District; and,
2. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #3005 reflecting this action.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 14, 2008, staff received a letter from Mr. Patrick Meyer, on behalf of the applicants for a proposed change of organization involving the Yucaipa Valley Water District (annexation) and Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District (detachment) requesting that the principal county for the annexation to Yucaipa Valley Water District be shifted to the Riverside LAFCO. Under typical procedures, San Bernardino LAFCO would be the agency to conduct proceedings for this change of organization as the “principal” county for the Yucaipa Valley Water District. However, State law provides a procedure where the principal LAFCO can transfer that authority to the LAFCO of another affected County under certain circumstances.

The applicant for this change has requested this transfer based upon the following facts:

- This change of organization requires a sphere of influence amendment in Riverside County for both agencies – Yucaipa Valley Water District and Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District – a process within the sole purview of Riverside LAFCO.
- San Bernardino LAFCO would be the principal county for the annexation to the Yucaipa Valley Water District and Riverside LAFCO would be the principal county for the detachment from the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District. Through this transfer of jurisdiction, it would simplify the process so that a single LAFCO would be charged with the considerations necessary for the sphere of influence changes and the reorganization.

This process has been reviewed with the Yucaipa Valley Water District staff and they have informally consented to the transfer. Therefore, staff recommends Commission approval of the transfer of principal county status for the proceedings related to the reorganization to the Riverside LAFCO pursuant to Government Code Section 56388.

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

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Attachments:

1. April 14, 2008 Letter from Mr. Patrick Meyer of Urban Environs requesting Transfer of Jurisdiction
2. [Draft Resolution No. 3005](#)