

NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

LAFCO 3254 - Reorganization to include Annexation to Running Springs Water District, Dissolution of CSA 79 and CSA 79 Zone R-1, and Formation of CSA 70 Zone R-52

WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

You are a registered voter, a landowner, or both, within the area for LAFCO 3254 and by law, you have the opportunity to protest this proposal that the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") approved on November 16, 2022. The proposed terms and conditions for the proposal are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3359.

WHAT IS LAFCO 3254?

LAFCO 3254 is a reorganization proposal initiated by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, acting as the governing body of County Service Area 79 (CSA 79), and the Board of Directors of the Running Springs Water District (Water District) that would dissolve CSA 79 and annex the area into the Water District. The Water District would assume CSA 79's sewer collection service. CSA 79's road service, provided through its Zone R-1, would also be dissolved and, in its place, a zone of County Service Area 70, CSA 70 Zone R-52, would be formed to continue the road service and its voter-approved special tax.

The overall reorganization area includes the entire service boundary of CSA 79 including its Zone R-1 that comprises two areas encompassing a total of approximately 1,600 acres located in the Mountain region of the County, within the community of Green Valley Lake.

This Notice and all related documents (staff report, resolution, maps, etc.) are available on the LAFCO website at: <https://sbclafco.org/lafco-3254/>

If you have issues accessing information on the LAFCO website, please contact LAFCO at (909) 388-0480.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE PROTEST HEARING AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The Executive Officer of LAFCO will conduct the Protest Hearing for LAFCO 3254, which will take place:

**Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at the Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center,
2929 Running Springs School Road, Running Springs, CA 92382**

At the conclusion of the protest hearing, a determination will be made whether there is sufficient landowner or registered voter protest submitted to terminate the proposal.

WHO CAN FILE A PROTEST:

Any registered voter or landowner within the proposal area may file a written protest using the official LAFCO Protest Form, usable for both landowners and registered voters. Registered voter protest must include the name of the voter, signature and address as they appear on the affidavit of voter registration. Landowner protest must include the name of landowner, signature and address of the land owned within the proposal area and/or the Assessor Parcel Number. Agents submitting protest on behalf of landowners must attach proper authorization. This may include written consent of the landowner, written consent from a trustee of property placed into a trust, signature authorization or majority shareholder consent of a corporation or LLC, or other suitable documentation. See Government Code Sections 56704, 56708 and 56710 for more information.

The protest process includes a separate count for registered voter protest and a separate count for landowner protest. If you are both a registered voter and landowner, and you wish to protest LAFCO 3254, you must complete both the landowner and registered voter sections on the Protest Form. If landowner owns multiple properties within the proposal area and wish to protest LAFCO 3254, landowner must list all properties on the form or attach a separate sheet that enumerates all the properties.

WHERE TO GET A PROTEST FORM:

If you wish to protest LAFCO 3254, you first need to obtain a Protest Form by:

- Downloading the form from the LAFCO website:
<https://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/lafco/protest/ProtestForm3254.pdf>
- Calling the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or emailing LAFCO at lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov to have a form mailed to you. *You will need to provide your name and mailing address for delivery.*
- Picking up a form in person at the LAFCO office located at 1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA.
- Attending the Protest Hearing to be held at the Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center, 2929 Running Springs School Road, Running Springs, CA 92382 on January 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

HOW TO SUBMIT PROTEST:

All protest must be made by filling out a Protest Form and submitted:

- In person at the LAFCO office located at **1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA**, prior to the conclusion of the Protest Hearing on January 23, 2023.
- By mail addressed to LAFCO, **1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490**. *If your mailed protest is postmarked by January 23, 2023 and received by LAFCO within four (4) days of a January 23, 2023 postmark, we will process, verify, and count that protest.*
- At the Protest Hearing to be held at the Robert Hootman Senior/Community Center, 2929 Running Springs School Road, Running Springs, CA 92382 on January 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

The written protest must have an original signature and dated during the official protest period, which begins on December 22, 2022 and ends on January 23, 2023. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to December 22, 2022, received in-person after the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, or postmarked after January 23, 2023 and not received by LAFCO within four (4) days of a January 23, 2023 postmark, shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or email.

HOW PROTEST IS EVALUATED:

Within 30 days following the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, the Executive Officer will make a determination on whether LAFCO 3254 is terminated or approved, as follows:

- **Terminate** LAFCO 3254 if written protest is received from 50% or more of the registered voters within the reorganization area;
- **Call an election of registered voters** if written protest is received from at least 25% but less than 50% of the registered voters or if at least 25% of the landowners—who own at least 25% of the total land value—submit written protest; or,
- **Approve** LAFCO 3254 without an election if written protest is submitted from less than 25% of the voters or less than 25% of the landowners—who own less than 25% of the total land value—within the reorganization area.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or by email at: lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov

Dated: December 22, 2022
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Executive Officer
BY: ANGELA SCHELL, Clerk to the Commission