

**SANTA BARBARA
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF HEARING

LAFCO File 19-01: Formation of the San Antonio Basin Water District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. **Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Joseph Centeno Betteravia Government Administration Building, 511 East Lakeview Parkway, Santa Maria, California. At the meeting, the Commission will consider the Formation of the San Antonio Basin Water District (District).

Located in Santa Barbara County, California, the San Antonio Creek Groundwater Basin is a rural agricultural area that is reliant on local water supplies, predominantly groundwater. Because of the growth of irrigated agriculture in the area, water demands have increased significantly, taxing local groundwater supplies. Groundwater resources are also used to supply local inhabitants, as well as parts of Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB). A copy of the proposed district boundary is included with the notice.

Santa Barbara County, VAFB, and the U.S. Geological Survey are working together to better understand the water resources and demands in the San Antonio Creek Groundwater Basin. The cooperative study, referred to as the San Antonio Creek Groundwater Availability Project, seeks to help stakeholders plan for future water use by providing data that will help assess the quantity and quality of the area's water supply, and by establishing tools to allow stakeholders to effectively utilize the available water resources.

The proposed District would provide a public agency with powers and abilities to, among other things, (i) administer, develop, construct and operate projects and programs to enhance water supplies to help stabilize the groundwater conditions in the San Antonio Creek Groundwater Basin, and (ii) advance groundwater management and conservation programs and thereby pursue stabilizing the Basin and sustaining its resources for the beneficial use of all those who use water within the proposed District.

The need for local groundwater management was highlighted with the adoption of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (Water Code Section 10720, ("SGMA")), which will require for the Cuyama Basin that certain groundwater management action be taken within the next approximately four years. After formation, the District will be financed by the creation of an assessment district pursuant to a Proposition 218 ballot proceeding/election.

Remote Testimony is Permitted - Persons may address the Commission in person or by using the remote video testimony system at the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room located at 105 East Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor, Santa Barbara.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions – LAFCO Commissioners are disqualified and are not able to participate in proceedings involving an "entitlement for use" if, within the 12 months preceding the LAFCO decision, the Commissioner received more than \$250 in campaign contributions from

the applicant, an agent of the applicant or an financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the LAFCO decision on this matter.

Those who have made such contributions are required to disclose that fact for the official record of the proceedings. Disclosures must include the amount of the contribution and the recipient Commissioner and may be made either in writing to the Executive Officer of the Commission prior to the hearing or by an oral declaration at the time of the hearing.

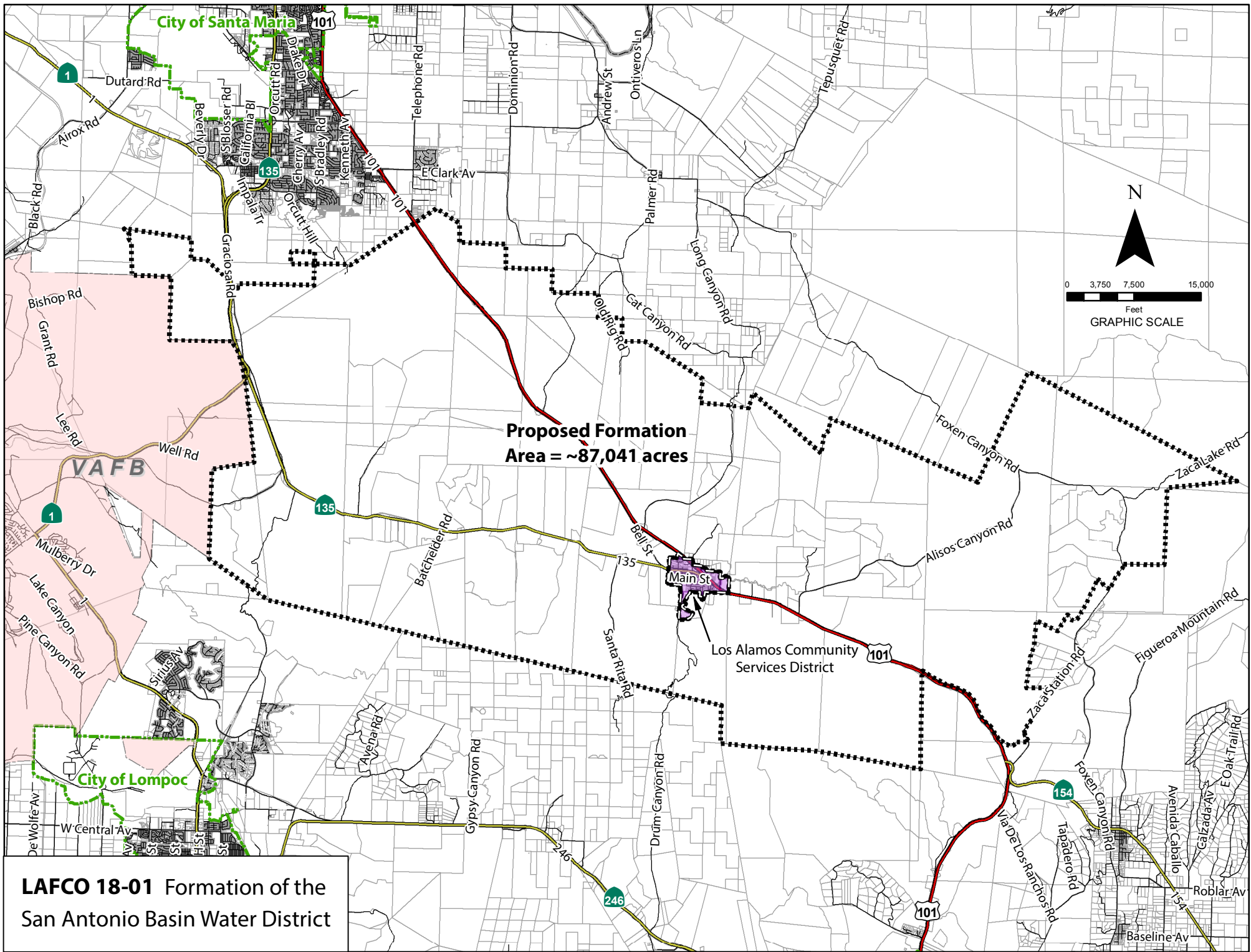
The foregoing requirements are set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974, specifically in Government Code section 84308.

Disability Accommodations - Persons with a disability who require any disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the meeting are asked to contact the LAFCO office at least three (3) days prior to the meeting by telephone at 805/568-3391 or by email at lafco@sblafco.org.

Additional information – Additional information regarding items to be considered at the meeting may be obtained by contacting the LAFCO office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 or by calling 805/568-3391.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2019

PAUL HOOD
Executive Officer



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