

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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September 2, 2021 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: REPORT ON MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW PROGRAM

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

This status report is to bring the Commission and public up-to-date with regard to the Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update and Municipal Service Review (MSR) being prepared for Fire, Law Enforcement, Safety & Crime, and Emergency Medical Services. LAFCO is required by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act to update the Sphere of Influence for a jurisdiction every five years or as needed.

The Update is consistent with LAFCO's work plan adopted by the Commission. LAFCO Staff has completed an Administrative Draft of the MSR that agency's staff have reviewed and provided comments on. This status report is informational in nature and provides an opportunity to identify issues and questions prior to the public hearing. Also, the public is invited to provide any feedback or questions about the documents or the process. No action is requested by the Commission at this time. Please provide us with any comments, insights and questions you may have about the documents or the process.

Public Review Draft

The Public Review Draft SOI/MSR Update will describe the various population trends, opportunities and challenges and service capabilities, and governmental structure for each jurisdiction as required by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The MSR along with the analysis and determinations called for by the Government Code are used to support the Sphere of Influence Update. The following agencies SOI will be updated as part of this current

review: Carpinteria/Summerland Fire Protection District, Montecito Fire Protection District, Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, and County Service Area No. 32.

Background

The Sphere of Influence Update and Municipal Service Reviews for the Fire, Law Enforcement, Safety & Crime, and Emergency Medical Services agencies is nearly drafted and is scheduled for released for public review starting October 14th. The Public Review will include a 30-day period for all interested parties to comment on the document. The comment period for the Draft document will end on November 15, 2021. The document will be made available online at www.sblafco.org or a CD can be obtained for free by calling the LAFCO office. Hard copies are available at a cost of \$37.00.

Study Areas. For study purposes, the Santa Barbara County FPD, Carpinteria/Summerland Fire, and Montecito Fire and LAFCO staff prepared maps that included Study Areas for the Sphere of Influence. The Study Areas are used to help analyze and identify which properties should remain/be included and which should be excluded from the Sphere of Influence. A summary of the Study Areas are listed in the tables below.

Table 1: Santa Barbara County Fire PD Study Areas

Study Area	Description	Acres	Existing Zoning	Prime AG Land	Constraints
1	San Miguel Island Santa Rosa Island Santa Cruz Island Santa Barbara Island	123,534	Suburban Residential Agriculture/Rural Res.	Yes (some)	Fire Haz. AG Land, Unknown
2	Santa Barbara Airport 073-450-003	826.24	Airport	No	Unknown
	Totals	124,360.24			

Table 2: Carpinteria/Summerland FPD Study Areas

Study Area	Description	Acres	Existing Zoning	Prime AG Land	Constraints
1	005-491-002 005-491-006 005-491-007 005-491-008 005-030-021	0.79 0.95 1.02 0.66 2.44	Single-Family Residential Res-1.0	No	Unknown
	Totals	6.04			

Table 3: Montecito FPD Study Areas

Study Area	Description	Acres	Existing Zoning	Prime AG Land	Constraints
1	005-491-005	1.00	Single-Family Residential Res-1.0	No	Unknown
	005-030-021	2.44			
Totals	3.44				

Public Outreach

Staff has presentation updates regarding the MSR Program at your March, May and September, 2021 meetings. All agencies and staff have provided responses on the Administrative Draft. A short Community Survey is available at our website www.sblafco.org for community members to participate in expressing their level of satisfaction with the level of service. A limited number of respondents have participated so far. Staff continues to offer meetings with any agencies and their respective Boards/Councils to further discuss the MSR/SOI Update.

Notice of Exemption (Appendix). The purpose of the environmental review process is to provide information about the environmental effects of the actions and decisions made by LAFCO and to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In this case, it has been determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the project will have a significant environmental effect on the environment and therefore it is found to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines. The Local Agency Formation Commission will file a Notice of Exemption upon approval of the Sphere of Influence Update.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.