

Santa Barbara LAFCO

City of Carpinteria Sphere of Influence Update

February 4, 2016

Background

- The City of Carpinteria is requesting that the Commission delete two areas from its existing sphere of influence. This request will be considered by the Commission at today's meeting. The existing City limits and sphere of influence are shown in the map attached to the staff report.
- At the January 7, 2016 meeting, the Commission accepted public testimony and adopted resolutions confirming Spheres of Influence for the following Cities:
 - City of Buellton
 - City of Guadalupe
 - City of Lompoc
 - City of Santa Barbara
 - City of Santa Maria
 - City of Solvang

Proposed SOI Revision

- The City of Carpinteria's letter making the request for deletion of the two areas, dated January 11, 2016, is attached to the staff report.
- **Area I:** APN 001-080-033 and APN 001-180-026. This area is part of the recently approved Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass Road interchanges and Via Real Extension Improvements project, and accompanying Local Coastal Program Amendment that created the Whitney Site Agricultural Overlay District within the City's Zoning Code. A requirement is that the City apply to LAFCO to remove the two agricultural parcels from the City sphere of influence

Proposed SOI Revision (Cont'd)

- **Area II:** Roughly half of the Carpinteria Cemetery Property (APN 005-430-050) is within the City's sphere of influence. The City believes that this may be a mapping error and that the entire Cemetery property most appropriately should be outside the City's sphere of influence

Conclusion

- The deletion of the two areas from the City of Carpinteria's sphere of influence represents a logical amendment.
- The deletion of Area 1 (APN 001-080-033 and APN 001-180-026) complies with a Local Coastal Program Amendment that created the Whitney Site Agricultural Overlay District within the City's Zoning Code. A requirement is that the City apply to LAFCO to remove the two agricultural parcels from the City's sphere of influence.
- The deletion of Area II clears up a situation where roughly half of the Carpinteria Cemetery Property (APN 005-430-050) is within the City's sphere of influence. The City believes that this may be a mapping error and that the entire Cemetery property most appropriately should be outside the City's sphere of influence. The sphere of influence amendment eliminates this ambiguity.

Recommendation

- Adopt the resolution attached to the staff report to update the City of Carpinteria's Sphere of Influence, as follows:
 - Determine that the action is exempt from CEQA, and
 - Amend, by resolution, the City of Carpinteria's Sphere of Influence to delete two parcels.

Questions?