

GOLETA INCORPORATION – PROJECT STATUS REPORT NO. 3

September 14, 2000

Financial Report

LAFCO has received \$95,055 in funding for the Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis. The County has provided \$80,000 and \$15,055 are from non-County contributions through *Goleta Now!*

LAFCO's contract with Economic & Planning Systems to prepare the CFA is for an amount not to exceed \$98,620. The difference in available funding the contract amount \$3,265, so funding for the CFA almost complete.

We have paid \$20,038 to EPS towards the contract amount.

Project Timeline

The incorporation process is on track. There are no difficulties or delays to report at this time.

Preliminary Comprehensive Fiscal Study

An administrative draft of the Preliminary CFA was provided by EPS to the LAFCO staff, which was shared on a "confidential" basis with the chief proponents, Goleta Roundtable and County departments for review. All comments were provided to the consultant for review.

The Preliminary CFA is scheduled for presentation to the Commission on September 14 and to the public at a community workshop the evening of September 13.

Goleta Revenue Neutrality Negotiating Committee

This committee was formed of incorporation proponents and County staff, with the LAFCO staff serving as a facilitator. The participants are discussing concepts for revenue neutrality and will continue to pursue these negotiations.

Goleta Incorporation Committee

The Goleta Incorporation Committee meets periodically to share information and address issues that arise regarding the proposed incorporation. One area still being discussed is the basis for population, employment and housing projections for the study area

Issues of Concern

- **Compliance with CEQA**

The Commission has authorized the staff to enter into a professional services agreement, not to exceed \$15,000 for complying with CEQA. A proposal was received from Rincon Consultants to provide this documentation. The proposed contract is being reviewed for sufficiency by the legal counsel and County Auditor.

- **Election procedures for Goleta governance options**

LAFCO's legal counsel is continuing to examine the statutes regarding a confirmation election for the proposed annexation of the Goleta Valley to the City of Santa Barbara. This issue will be further discussed at the LAFCO meeting on September 14.

- **Public Outreach Programs**

The staff will confer with the Chair to finalize a schedule of public workshops or meetings that will serve to inform the public regarding the incorporation procedures and schedule in the coming weeks.