

August 3, 2000 (agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

Comparison of Goleta Sanitary District and Goleta West Sanitary District Service Rates

Dear Members of the Commission

Recommendation

It is recommended the Commission receive and file this report.

Discussion

At the July 6 LAFCO meeting Commissioner Leich questioned whether service fees charged by the Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) and Goleta West Sanitary District (GWSD) are as different as when the Commission considered reorganizing the Districts several years ago. (LAFCO 93-11 - Goleta West Sanitary District Reorganization and LAFCO 95-8 - Goleta West Sanitary District Reorganization No. 2).

Since the time of the proposed reorganization, GWSD has increased its rates to comply with the Revenue Program Guidelines issued by the State Water Resources Control Board. These require that fees pay for routine operations, maintenance and replacement of District facilities. As a result, property taxes that had subsidized the service rates are now being allocated to GWSD reserve accounts.

District rate schedules are enclosed (GSD Ordinance No. 53; GWSD Ordinance No. 64). The rates in the respective Districts are more similar today than a few years ago, though there are still differences especially with regard to businesses. The charge for a single-family home in GSD is \$166.35 per year and the corresponding fee in GWSD is \$168.

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Also enclosed is a July 19 letter from Kamil Azoury, General Manager of GSD, commenting on the components of determining District service fees.

If members of the Commission are interested in further information, including a copy of the State's Revenue Program Guidelines, please contact the LAFCO office.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

cc: Goleta Sanitary District
Goleta West Sanitary District