

September 14, 2000 (Agenda)

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

## **Preliminary CFA for the Goleta Incorporation**

Dear Members of the Commission:

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Commission receive a presentation by Economic and Planning Systems of the Preliminary Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis (CFA) prepared for the incorporation of Goleta.

It is further recommended that the Commission, after receiving the report, continue consideration of this matter to a future LAFCO meeting in order to allow an ample opportunity for members of the public and public agencies to conduct a detailed review the Preliminary CFA.

Last, it is recommended that the Commission encourage all interested parties to provide their comments to the LAFCO staff for review by the consultant prior to the next LAFCO meeting.

### DISCUSSION:

#### Background

On January 6 we reported that the Cortese-Knox Act provides that whenever an incorporation proposal is received, the LAFCO staff must prepare or cause to be prepared a Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis (CFA). At that meeting the Commission authorized the staff to gather public input regarding preparation of the study.

On February 3 the Commission received information from Walter Kieser of EPS regarding the procedures used to prepare CFAs for incorporating cities in California and approved a scope of work for a proposed incorporation as submitted by Goleta *Now!*

On April 6, 2000 the Commission ratified a contract with EPS to prepare the CFA. Since that time EPS has worked closely with the incorporation proponents, County departments, the Goleta Roundtable and the LAFCO staff to craft a preliminary CFA for the proposed city.

#### Presentation of Preliminary CFA

The Commission is scheduled to receive the Preliminary CFA from EPS. Since this will be new information for the Commission and the public, the staff recognizes that additional time will be needed to completely absorb and understand the analysis. For this reason it is felt that the report should be received and further consideration be continued to a future LAFCO meeting.

This will allow additional time for members of the public to examine the study and raise any questions or area of study that require additional analysis in the CFA. The Preliminary CFA will be available through the LAFCO website and a link to the EPS website.

#### Presentation of Preliminary AFA

EPS is also preparing an Annexation Fiscal Analysis (AFA) for the proposed annexation of the Goleta Valley to the City of Santa Barbara, a study that is being jointly overseen by the City and County.

When the Preliminary AFA is available for public review the staff proposes that the consultant present the information to the Commission at a LAFCO meeting so you are aware of the fiscal aspects of both the incorporation and the annexation. We will coordinate the AFA presentation with the City and County staffs.

If Commissioners have any questions, please contact the LAFCO office.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN  
Executive Officer