

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Report on MSR Program

September 5, 2024

Summary

MSR/SOI Update Process

- CKH Act Requires Update of SOI for a jurisdiction every five years
- **Public Outreach** IVRPD, Mar 6, 2024; Guadalupe Apr 16 & Cities via MOA talks. Responses were **Due April 8, 2024 (all responses received, except 1)**
- A short Community Survey is available at our website www.sblafco.org

Action Items	Dates
Compile and Gather Information	Feb - Sept 2024
Prepare documentation: SOI Update-MSR-CEQA	April - Oct 2024
Admin Draft Review and Comment. 30-day comment period	Aug 2024
Release for Public Review and Comment. 30-day comment period	Oct 2024
Respond to Comments	Nov 2024
Public Hearing regarding the Service Review/Sphere of Influence Update	Dec 2024

Recent Activities

- Admin SOI/MSR Update prepared
 - Public Review targeted – Oct/Nov 2024 (30-day)
 - No Anticipated Changes to Spheres of Influence
 - Re-Confirm existing SOI for eight agencies

- One Study Areas is being considered with tentative recommendations

- City of Santa Barbara streamline Island Service approach

Study Areas Under Review

LAFCO

Santa Barbara Local Agency
Formation Commission

- **City of Santa Maria**
 - 1 Area – Orcutt Community (Evaluation only)
 - Intent is to study the area for appropriate governance options
 - Allows further discussion during MOA talks

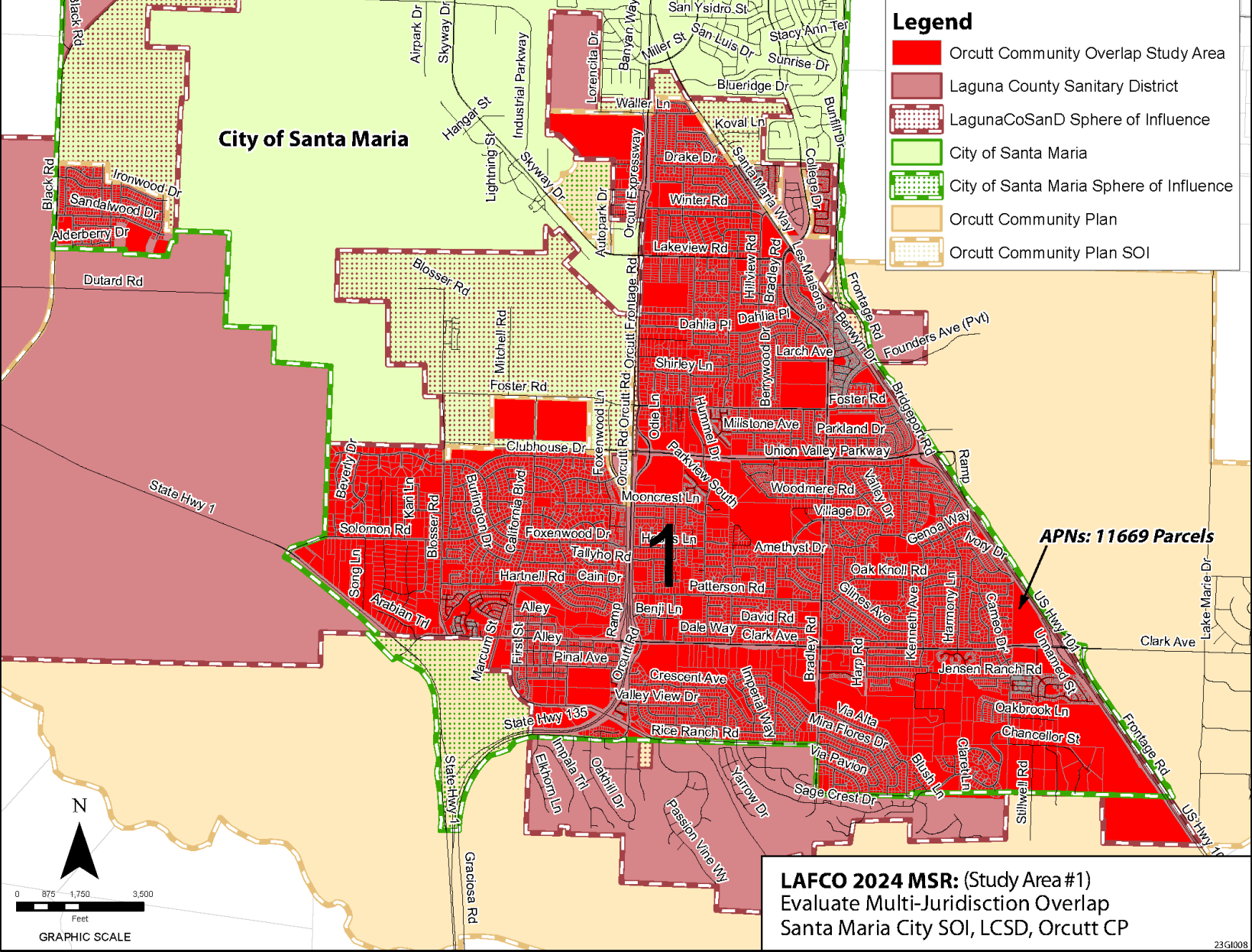
MSR Program Information
Item No. 2

City of Santa Maria Study Area

Figure VQ2
 SOI Study Area #1

- Study Area
- Existing SOI
- City Limit

4,000 acres
 Various Land Uses



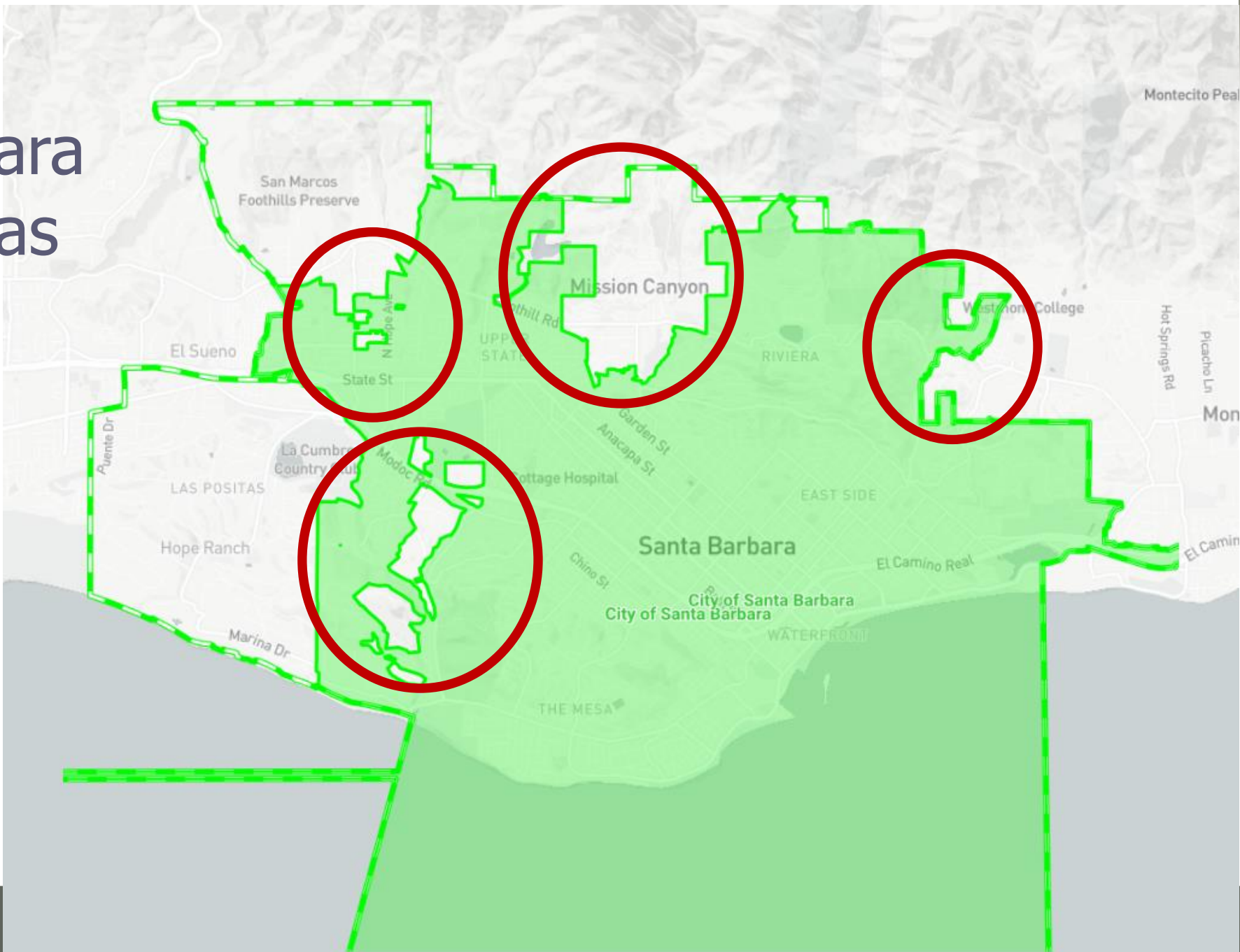
Island Service Extension & Annexation

- Address multiple service extension requests
- Identifying all remaining island areas
- Consider authorizing extended services to all currently existing, substantially developed, residentially zoned parcels within any identified island area without any further LAFCO approvals, but notify LAFCO of such connections for record keeping purposes
- Take a cooperative approach resulted in actual future annexation (existing 45 OASA on record)

Island Service Extension & Annexation

- Develop an annexation plan and program to proceed with the orderly annexation of all island areas into which the City can develop plans to extend services
- City Council would need to adopted a resolution initiating annexation per agreement, once developed
- LAFCo would include a condition of approval that the recordation of the Certificate of Completion for each island, and filing of the annexation with the State Board of Equalization, be deferred, as outlined in the future agreement

City of Santa Barbara Island Areas



Sphere of Influence

- Sphere of Influence Update determines probable 20-year physical/service boundary
- Decision Making Tool - not a land use approval
- SOI does not require annexation to take place
- Anticipates an area receiving services
- Usually involves areas close to the jurisdiction
- Property must be inside the SOI to be annexed or authorized services such as OASA
- Last update completed in 2006 & 2017 for most jurisdiction

Municipal Service Review

- Municipal Service Reviews are required by CKH to update an SOI
- Municipal Service Reviews provide information for Sphere decisions
- Evaluates each jurisdiction's ability to provide services to an area
- 7 legislative factors must be addressed in the Service Review

Summary

- Sphere is a long range planning tool
- Public Review Draft of SOI Update-MSR for a 30 day public review period starting November
- Recommendation will be finalized for Public Review Draft
- Adopt Spheres for 8 of 18 agencies
- All remaining agencies will be updated following subsequent municipal service reviews