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## **Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission**

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November 3, 2011 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission  
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

### **Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1**

Dear Members of the Commission:

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive this status report, extend the time to adopt a Sphere of Influence for an additional four months until March 2012 and continue discussion of this matter until the January 5, 2012 Commission meeting.

#### DISCUSSION

##### Background

On April 7, the Commission considered a report and recommendation to adopt a Sphere of Influence for SYRWCD Improvement District No. 1 (hereafter ID #1).

In considering the matter and after hearing from the District, the Commission continued the hearing for up to six months and appointed an ad hoc committee of Commissioners Doreen Farr and Cathy Schlottmann to meet with representatives of the District.

The ad hoc committee met with ad hoc committee of District Trustees Harlan Burchardi and Larry Musgrove on June 8 and 29. Staffs and legal counsels were present at these meetings.

On July 7 an ad hoc committee presented a report on their discussions with an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees of ID #1, and the Commission received a June 13, 2011 memorandum from the ID #1 staff to its Board of Trustees outlining options to resolve jurisdictional issues.

The Chair noted this item may return as a draft Memorandum of Understanding between LAFCO and ID #1 and it may require a possible further extension of time.

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On September 7 Gary Kvistad, legal counsel for ID #1, provided Bill Dillon and me with a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) meant to “Establish Cooperative Relationship and Procedures Between LAFCO, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1.”

On September 20 the ID #1 Board of Trustees discussed the draft MOU, including the comments that had been provided to Mr. Kvistad by Mr. Dillon.

On September 29 Mr. Kvistad advised us that he had been directed by the Board of Trustees to draft the remaining provisions of the MOU and to work with the SYRWCD legal counsel to ensure actions by that agency would be consistent with actions taken by LAFCO. We were informed by Mr. Kvistad that he would send the revised draft for our review when it is ready.

#### Current Status

We are awaiting the revised draft MOU from Mr. Kvistad for our review. Once that is completed it would be our intent to present the matter to the Commission for its review and consideration. We believe this can occur as early as the January 5 LAFCO meeting.

Given the passage of time to resolve this matter we are recommending an additional four-month extension of time until March 2012 to complete and adopt the ID #1 Sphere of Influence.

Please contact the LAFCO office or legal counsel Bill Dillon if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

**BOB BRAITMAN**  
Executive Officer

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