# SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

August 4, 2011 (Agenda)

LAFCO 11-3:

Union Valley Parkway (Phase III) Reorganization: Annexation to the

North County Lighting District/Annexation to County Service Area No. 5

PROPONENT:

Board of Supervisors, by resolution adopted March 15, 2011.

ACREAGE & LOCATION

Approximately 57 acres located east of and adjacent to State Route 135 (Orcutt Expressway), situated at the proposed intersection with Union

Valley Parkway, between Foster Road on the north and Mooncrest Lane

on the south (4380 and 4470 Orcutt Road).

**PURPOSE:** 

To include parcels in special districts to assist in financing streetlighting

services related to the proposed extension of Union Valley Parkway.

## **GENERAL ANALYSIS:**

This reorganization has been initiated by the County to include within the North County Lighting District and County Service Area No. 5 (Orcutt) properties that will help financially support the services provided by these two special districts. These two County-governed special districts finance, respectively, street lighting and open space maintenance services.

The area to be annexed includes five Assessor parcels. Three are owned by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and the other two are owned by John C. Brunnelo and Gloria Dei Evangelical. No change in land for these parcels is proposed at this time or is motivating this application.

The purpose is to provide lighting for the new Union Valley Parkway Phase II arterial roadway project extending from Hummel Drive to State Highway 135 and the Orcutt Road realignment.

The enclosed map shows the location of the proposed roadway to be constructed in the area.

## PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Land Use, Planning and Zoning - Present and Future:

Three parcels containing more than 50 acres are vacant. The other two parcels contain a residence and a church.

The Orcutt Community Plan designates three of the parcels as Planning Development and the other two as Residential. The area is zoned C-2 and DR.

Surrounding uses are residential to the west, north and south and vacant to the east.

## 2. Topography, Natural Features and Drainage Basins

The site and surrounding areas are generally level with no geographic features that would affect this application.

# 3. Population:

There is one dwelling unit within the area; no others are proposed.

# 4. Governmental Services and Controls - Need, Cost, Adequacy and Availability:

The annexing districts provide street lighting and maintenance of public open spaces. A "Plan for Providing Services within the Affected Territory" is on file in the LAFCO office as required by Government Code section 56653. It notes North County Lighting District receives funding from benefit assessments and a portion of the general property tax levy.

#### 5. Environmental Impact of the Proposal:

Originally the County provided our office with copies of the EIR prepared and certified for the Union Valley Parkway Extension/Interchange Project. We however determined that EIR is not relevant to the application before the Commission; the road construction project can proceed irrespective of whether this reorganization is approved.

The County has now provided copies of the Orcutt Community Plan EIR and 2010 Amendment which addresses development of the Orcutt area, including the properties included within the Union Valley Parkway Phase III Reorganization. Copies of that EIR are enclosed on CDs for members of the Commission.

#### 6. Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:

The property is contiguous to the annexing districts. The boundaries are definite and certain. An approved map and legal description have been received. There are no conflicts with lines of assessment or ownership.

Three of the parcels are included since they are directly affected by the roadway construction; the other two parcels are included to prevent creating "islands" and to promote orderly boundaries.

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7. Assessed Value, Tax Rates and Indebtedness:

The proposal is presently within tax rate area 80006. Overall tax rates will not be affected by this change. The assessed value is \$12,519,875. The annexing agencies have no existing indebtedness.

### ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

Following review of any testimony and materials that are submitted, the Commission should consider the following options:

OPTION 1 – APPROVE the proposal.

- A. Certify it has reviewed and considered information contained in the Orcutt Community Plan EIR and 2010 Amendment prepared and certified by the County.
- B. Adopt this report and approve the proposal, to be known as the Union Valley Parkway (Phase III) Reorganization: Annexation to the North County Lighting District/Annexation to County Service Area No. 5 (Orcutt)
- C. Condition the reorganization upon the territory being liable for any existing or authorized taxes, charges, fees or assessments comparable to properties presently within the Districts and.
- D. Direct the staff to initiate and conduct subsequent proceedings in compliance with the findings of the Local Agency Formation Commission only upon the signing of the resolution by the Chair.

OPTION 2 – Adopt this report and DENY the proposal:

OPTION 3 - CONTINUE this proposal to a future meeting for additional information.

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