

May 2, 2002 (Agenda)

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

County Service Area No. 11 – Authorization to Provide Additional Extended County Services

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission authorize County Service Area No. 11 to maintain roads as an additional extended County service.

DISCUSSION

Introduction - This is a request from the County of Santa Barbara. On March 7 the Commission continued this matter to May 2 in order to consider it along with the proposed reorganization of County Service Area No. 11 and the Summerland Lighting District.

County Service Area No. 11 - CSA 11 was formed in 1962 and funds streetlighting for part of the southern coastal area of the County. The district is located generally between Foothill Road and Highway 101 southerly of Toro Canyon Road, west of and adjacent to Santa Monica Road, north of Camino Real.

CSA 11 is also authorized to (a) develop and maintain open space, parks, parkway and recreation areas, facilities and services and (b) plant and maintain street trees.

The district is funded by property tax revenues. Over the years, these revenues have exceeded expenditures such that the district has accumulated a fund balance in excess of its annual needs by approximately \$300,000 which is due primarily to interest on unexpended funds.

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Authorization to Provide Road Maintenance - The CSA Law, Government Code §25210 et seq. establishes a procedure whereby CSAs can be authorized to provide additional types of services. The County has requested the Commission to allow CSA 11 to provide Road Maintenance as well as its existing authorized services.

County staff will attend the meeting to explain the request to authorize the district to provide road maintenance services.

The LAFCO staff has concluded that allowing CSA 11 to maintain public roads may enhance local services and maximize the benefits of funds that have been accumulated by the district.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer