LAFCO 25-01

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE 700 VIA TRANQUILA INVOLVING AMENDMENT OF THE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND ANNEXATION TO THE GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the above-referenced proposal has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2024, the Executive Officer issued a Certificate of Filing for LAFCO application No, 24-05. The application proposes an amendment of the sphere of influence (SOI) and annexation of the property known as the 700 Via Tranquila to the Goleta Sanitary District; and

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law the Executive Officer has given notice of the Commission consideration of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony and evidence related to the proposal including, but not limited to, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document or determination, Spheres of Influence and applicable General and Specific Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Commission determined that the environmental review documentation meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered all factors required to be considered by Government Code Sections 56668 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Commission as follows:

(1) The proposal has been reviewed and is found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15319(b), Class 19 Annexations of individual small parcels for facilities exempted by Section 15303.

(2) The Commissions written determination pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e)(1-5) include:

a) Present and planned land uses in the area, including agriculture, and open space lands:

The present and planned uses for this Sphere of Influence Amendment are consistent with the County's General Plan, for Eastern Goleta Valley Community Plan approved by the County. The plan for providing services for this area include service to a single-family residential dwelling. The proposal would construct a single sewer lateral connection from the residential sewer drainage system to the Goleta Sanitary District main connection. The annexation contains no agricultural resources or changes to land use as a result. Sewer services can be provided to this parcel by connecting to a District sewer main fronting the property.

b) Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area:

The present need for public services in the proposed SOI area consist of services for an existing single-family residence. Water services would continue to be provided by the La Cumbre Mutual Water Company and new sewer services would be provided by Goleta Sanitary District. Fire would continue to be provided by County Fire Protection District. The parcel already resides within the water and fire district service boundary. Parcels adjacent to the property have already been annexed into the district. The primary purpose is to allow for extension of public sewer service to the identified property. The cost for the service line would be borne by the property owner through the payment of the standard connection and capacity charges to the property owner and would be paid in accordance with applicable District rates.

c) Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide:

Sewer services identical to other users currently within Goleta Sanitary District (GSD) could be provided within one year of annexation. The nearest sewer connection would be located on Via Tranquila. The District estimated it serves a population of 41,111 people with 12,384 connections. The GSD treatment plant has a capacity of 9.7 million gallons per day (MGD) (based on average daily flow) but is currently limited to a permitted discharge of 7.64 million gallons per day pursuant to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in concurrence with the States' Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB). The Districts water resource recovery facility appears to have a current remaining capacity of approximately 4.54 MGD based on the maximum facility design capacity and 2.46 MGD based on the current NPDES permit requirements. GSD has a remaining capacity of approximately 2.09 MGD based on the maximum facility design capacity and 1.1 MGD based on the current NPDES permit requirements. The WWTP is designed to treat up to 3.3 million gallons per day of secondary effluent to tertiary standards. The WWTP was originally constructed in 1944 and located on 12 acres of District-owned land. The WWTP is designed to serve about 19,704 equivalent residential units (ERU) or about 97,000 people. The District's collection system serves about 11,823 ERU, representing a population of about 55,000. The Sanitary District has stated it has the adequate capacity to provide services to the parcel.

d) Existence of social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency:

The Sphere of Influence areas Goleta Sanitary District are linked to the City of Goleta and Goleta Valley communities social and economic interest. The existing land use is residential. No changes are proposed in the Sphere amendment and the District or surrounding areas would add to the places for shopping and services for the people living in the area. Areas to recreate, schools, places of worship and cultural events would also be made available by the area in the Sphere of Influence that include associated uses. The district will also gain assessment advantages or sewer service charges with the annexation. The property will receive the same level and range of service as other properties currently served by the District.

e) Present and probable need for public facilities and services of Disadvantage Unincorporated Communities:

The Goleta Valley area has a variety of economic diversity within the community and surrounding area including within or adjacent to the Sphere of Influence. A Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community is defined as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income. This does not qualify as a disadvantage unincorporated community for the present and probable need for public facilities and services.

(3) The proposal is found to be in the best interests of the affected area and the total organization of local governmental agencies within Santa Barbara County.

(4) The Goleta Sanitary District's spheres of influence is hereby revised to include the property known as 700 Via Tranquila as set forth in Exhibit C.

(5) The subject proposal is assigned the distinctive short-form designation:

700 Via Tranquila Sphere and Annexation.

(6) Said territory is found to be uninhabited.

(7) This approval is conditioned upon annexed territory being liable for any existing indebtedness and authorized taxes, charges, fees, and assessments of the Goleta Sanitary District.

(8) All affected landowners have given written consent to the annexation and the annexing agency has consented to waive conducting authority proceedings.

(9) The conducting authority proceedings are waived and staff is directed to complete the proceedings, subject to compliance with all conditions of this Resolution.

(10) The boundaries of the affected territory as revised are found to be definite and certain as set forth in Exhibits A and B, attached hereto and made a part hereof, subject to the condition that prior to the Executive Officer executing and recording the Certificate of Completion, the proponent shall obtain the County Surveyor's final approval of the legal description and map and submit such approval to the Executive Office.

(11) All subsequent proceedings in connection with this annexation shall be conducted only in compliance with the approved boundaries set forth in the attachments and any terms and conditions specified in this Resolution.

(12) The Sphere of Influence amendments and annexation shall become final upon the recordation of the Certificate of Completion.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 9th day of January, 2025 in Santa Barbara, California.

AYES: Commissioners Geyer, Hartmann, Kyriaco, Lee, Patino, Stark and Freeman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission

By: _____
Chair

Date: 1/9/2025

ATTEST:

Natasha Carbajal, Analyst/Clerk
Santa Barbara County
Local Agency Formation Commission