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**Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission**

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Local Agency Formation Commission

105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403

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## **Cities Annexation to the Mosquito and Vector Control District (LAFCO 05-2)**

Dear Members of the Commission:

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission either (1) agree with the District request for additional time to complete this proceeding or (2) allow this proposal to lapse on November 3, 2008.

### DISCUSSION

The Cities Annexation to the Mosquito and Vector Control District (then Santa Barbara Coastal Vector Control District) is the oldest active proposal in Santa Barbara County. It was initiated by the District on January 13, 2005 and was approved by the Commission on November 3, 2005.

As submitted the proposal included the entire area of the County not then in the District, specifically the cities of Buellton, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Maria and Solvang.

The Commission approved the annexation with the stipulation it include only cities that consent to being included and approval of a benefit assessment for parcels within the annexation area.

The cities of Buellton, Guadalupe and Solvang agreed to proceed with the annexation while the cities of Lompoc and Santa Maria asked to be excluded from the annexation.

In California an annexation expires and is declared null and void unless it is completed within one year of the date of LAFCO's approval, unless the Commission extends time to complete the proceedings. As requested by the District the Commission on two occasions extended the time permitted to complete this annexation. In June 2007 the Commission extended to November 3, 2008 the time allotted to complete the annexation.

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Please see the enclosed letter from the District. The Board of Trustees on August 14, 2008 requested an additional three year extension to complete the annexation. The letter cites the District's scientific monitoring program to assess during the next three years the need for District services regarding mosquito and vector management.

There appear to be two options: First, approve the request and grant the District an additional three years, to November 3, 2011 to complete the Cities Annexation.

The second choice is to allow the annexation to lapse this year. If that is the selected option we recommend the Commission waive fees if a comparable proposal is submitted in the future.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**BOB BRAITMAN**  
Executive Officer

cc: David A. Pritchett, Mosquito & Vector Management District  
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Steve Thompson, City Manager, City of Buellton  
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