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December 11, 2025 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
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Initiation of the Dissolution of County Service Area No. 32 (unincorporated police services)

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission adopt a resolution initiating the dissolution of County Service Area No. 32 and direct the staff to process the proceeding.

DISCUSSION

County Service Area No. 32 (unincorporated police services) was formed in 1979. It was intended to provide an accounting mechanism to help fund law enforcement services from non-property tax sources in the unincorporated areas of the County.

The district operates pursuant to the County Service Area Law (Government Code, Section 25210 et seq.) and is governed by the Board of Supervisors. As shown on the enclosed map it extends the entire County. As land is annexed to a City, it is detached from the district.

The District has been inactive since 2011. As described in the 2021 Municipal Service Review (MSR), the District has no assets provides no services and has no budget, fund balance, funding sources, or expenditures. The District has been listed on the State Controller office inactive list since Statue (SB 448) went into effect in 2017.

BACKGROUND

In 2017, SB 448 was signed into law. SB 448 created a definition for “inactive districts” and created a special process for dissolution of these districts. This process is now part of Government Code Section 56879. This process starts with the State Controller’s Office (SCO) sending a letter to the County LAFCO where the inactive district is located, stating that they believe a district(s) qualifies as an inactive district. Santa Barbara LAFCO received such a

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BUSINESS ITEM No. 3

letter (attached) which lists CSA 32 in Santa Barbara County that are perceived to be inactive. As part of this process the local LAFCO must determine if it agrees with the SCO determination. Section 56879 requires the local LAFCO to determine if in fact the agency in question is inactive.

Today's agenda item is to decide if the Commission agrees with SCO that CSA 32 is an inactive district. Should this get approved today then our next available regular meeting in 2026 will be when we hold the official publicly noticed meeting to decide if CSA 32 should be dissolved. The County CEO Office has provided support for this action.

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

After consideration of this report and any testimony or materials that are presented, the Commission should consider taking one of the following options:

OPTION 1 – APPROVE the Staff recommendation by adopting a resolution initiating the dissolution of County Service Area No. 32.

OPTION 2 – DENY the project and disagree with the SCO and make a determination that the CSA is still active.

OPTION 3 – CONTINUE the consideration of the item to a future meeting and provide direction to staff, as needed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

DIRECT OPTION 1.

Attachments

Attachment A – Resolution Initiating Dissolution of CSA 32

Attachment B – Letter from SCO office

Attachment C – Letter from Santa Barbara County CEO office

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Prater
Executive Officer

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY
FORMATION COMMISSION INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 32

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2022, the California State Controller notified the Commission pursuant to Government Code section 56879 that County Service Area 32 is an inactive district; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission desires to initiate a proceeding for the adjustment of boundaries specified herein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission pursuant to Government Code section 56879 shall initiate the dissolution of County Service Area 32 after receipt of notice from the State Controller's Office unless the Commission finds that County Service Area 32 is not inactive as defined in Government Code section 56042; and

WHEREAS, the Territory proposed to be dissolved is legally inhabited and includes the entirety of the boundaries of County Service Area 32, as depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

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

- (1) Finds, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the dissolution to be statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15268, as the initiation of the proposal was required by statute and, therefore, it is a ministerial action.
- (2) This proposal is for the dissolution of County Service Area No. 32.
- (3) County Service Area 32 is an inactive district as defined in Government Code section 56042 and the proposal of a dissolution of County Service Area 32, as depicted in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, is initiated.
- (4) Any terms and conditions will be determined by the Commission upon approval of the dissolution.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 11th day of December, 2025 in Santa Barbara, California.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Santa Barbara County Local Agency
Formation Commission

By: _____
Chair, Patino

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Ila Fennell, Commission Clerk
Santa Barbara County
Local Agency Formation Commission



BETTY T. YEE
California State Controller

November 1, 2022

Mike Prater
Santa Barbara LAFCO
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101

SUBJECT: Notification of Inactive Special Districts in County

Dear Mike Prater:

Chapter 334, Statutes of 2017, also known as Senate Bill (SB) 448, added various provisions to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 regarding special districts that are inactive. It requires the State Controller's Office (SCO) to create a list of inactive special districts based on information in the special district's Financial Transactions Report (FTR), to publish the list of inactive special districts on its website annually, and to notify the local agency formation commission in the county or counties in which the inactive special district is located.

Pursuant to Government Code (GC) section 56042, an "inactive special district" must:

- Meet the definition set forth in GC section 56036;
- Have no financial transactions in the previous fiscal year; and
- Have no assets, liabilities, outstanding debts, judgments, litigation, contracts, liens, or claims.

Pursuant to GC 56879, within 90 days of receiving this notice, the Commission is required to initiate dissolution of inactive special districts by resolution, unless the Commission determines that a district does not meet the criteria set forth in GC 56042. Additionally, the Commission is required to notify SCO if it determines that district does not meet the dissolution criteria in GC 56042. Once the dissolution process is complete, please inform SCO using the contact information on page 2.

Enclosed is a copy of the list of inactive California special districts. The list is determined by financial data in each special district's fiscal year 2020-21 FTR. The list of inactive California special districts may also be found at: https://www.sco.ca.gov/ard_local_rep_freq_requested.html.

Mike Prater
November 1, 2022
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If you have any questions or need to notify us of a special district's status, please contact Derek Miller by telephone at (916) 322-5579, or by email at dmiller@sco.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip Pangilinan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Phillip" and last name "Pangilinan" clearly distinguishable.

PHILLIP PANGILINAN
Manager
Local Government Reporting Section

Enclosure

California State Controller's Office

List of Inactive Districts per Chapter 334, Statutes of 2017 (SB 448)

Source: Special Districts Financial Transactions Reports, Fiscal Year 2020-21

#	District Name	City	County
1	Willow Springs Water District	Plymouth	Amador
2	County Service Area No. 6 (Calaveras)	San Andreas	Calaveras
3	County Service Area No. 3 (Colusa)	Colusa	Colusa
4	Kern Valley Resource Conservation District	Bakersfield	Kern
5	Canby Community Services District	Canby	Modoc
6	County Service Area No. 32 (Santa Barbara)	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara
7	County Service Area No. 54 (Santa Cruz)	Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz
8	Fall River Valley Irrigation District	Redding	Shasta
9	Reclamation District No. 2034	San Ramon	Solano
10	Reclamation District No. 2043	Fairfield	Solano
11	Reclamation District No. 2134	Roseville	Solano
12	Meridian Cemetery District	Yuba City	Sutter
13	County Service Area No. 56 (Yuba)	Marysville	Yuba
14	County Service Area No. 57 (Yuba)	Marysville	Yuba
15	County Service Area No. 58 (Yuba)	Marysville	Yuba
16	River Highlands Community Service District	Marysville	Yuba
17	Royal Pines County Service Area (Yuba)	Marysville	Yuba

Proof of Service by Mail

I declare: I am a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 years, and not a party to this action. My business address is State Controller's Office, 3301 C Street, Suite 740, Sacramento, California 95816.

On the date set forth below, I served the following entitled document:

Notification of Inactive Special Districts in County

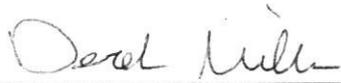
by placing a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope addressed to the person(s) named below at the address(es) shown and by placing said envelope for collection and mailing, following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with this business's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

Name: Mike Prater
Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

Address: Santa Barbara LAFCO
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on November 01, 2022, at Sacramento, California.

Signature: 

Printed Name: Derek Miller

mike.sblafco@gmail.com

From: Brittany Odermann <bodermann@countyofsb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 5:20 PM
To: Mike Prater; Shanna Dawson
Subject: RE: LAFCO Proposal to Dissolve CSA 32

Hello Mike,

Our correspondence went out to the Supervisors who sit on the Commission letting them know that we were in concurrence with the dissolution and that it would be on the December LAFCO agenda. Please proceed with the action. I will let you know if any questions come up.

Thank you, Brittany
Brittany Odermann

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From: mike.sblafco@gmail.com <mike.sblafco@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 8:29 AM
To: Shanna Dawson <sdawson@countyofsb.org>
Cc: Brittany Odermann <bodermann@countyofsb.org>
Subject: RE: LAFCO Proposal to Dissolve CSA 32

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Good Morning Shanna,
This week Agenda Packet is due for LAFCO December meeting. Any decision yet on CSA 32?

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From: Shanna Dawson <sdawson@countyofsb.org>
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