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Local Agency Formation Commission
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Sphere of Influence of the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive and file this report.

DISCUSSION

On November 3, 2005 the Commission considered the Municipal Service Review for the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District and, following a public hearing, affirmed the current Sphere of Influence.

In an additional item the staff was directed to work with the District and Ventura County Fire Protection District to consider a boundary adjustment to include within the District the entire Rincon Point area, including that portion within Ventura County.

Currently the Rincon Point area (also known as Bates Point) is divided by the Santa Barbara County/Ventura County boundary, which is also the dividing line between the two fire protection districts. A number of homes have been developed in the Rincon Point area on both sides of the County boundary.

Staff has met and discussed this matter with representatives of both agencies. Present at a meeting on May 18 were Carpinteria-Summerland FPD Chief Tom Martinez and Ventura County Fire Protection District Division Chief Scott Schuster.

The two Districts have a working relationship that involves mutual and automatic aid coverage. Their research shows that response times to the Rincon Point area are relatively similar from each of the agencies closest station. The time of day a call occurs is an important factor in their respective responses times since that determines the predominant volume and direction of traffic on Highway 101. Heavier northbound traffic flow occurs in the morning and the opposite is true in the late afternoon and early evening.

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The consensus is that no change in the respective District boundary is warranted at this time but should remain a possibility for the future should other boundary changes such as annexations of Rincon Point to Carpinteria-based agencies occur or a County boundary change be contemplated.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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