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May 4, 2006 (Agenda)

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Legislative Report

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive this report and adopt proposed legislative position.

DISCUSSION

AB 2686 (Nava) - This bill creates the Santa Ynez Valley Water District and concurrently dissolves the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1. It would be an independent district and would no longer be a “child” of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

This legislation results in large measure from discussions between a committee of Commissioners Firestone and Schlottmann, the LAFCO staff and legal counsel and Directors, staff and legal counsels of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and SYRWCD Improvement District No. 1.

The bill has been significantly amended since being introduced in February. The amended bill has been approved by the Assembly Local Government and Water, Parks and Wildlife Committees and is now referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee before going to the Senate.

This bill will establish the Santa Ynez Valley Water District and specify that the District succeeds to, and is vested with all the powers, rights, duties, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities, and jurisdiction of the SYRWCD Improvement District No.1.

An analysis of the components of the bill prepared by the staff of the Assembly Local Government Committee is summarized as Exhibit A.

Enclosed as exhibits B and C is the latest correspondence between the LAFCO staff and an attorney representing the proposed district. Advocates of the bill have been willing to incorporate most of our proposed modifications in the legislation.

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In recognition of the modifications that have been made the original legislation, and since this bill establishing the Santa Ynez Valley Water District clarifies the original questions regarding whether ID #1 was subject to LAFCO's jurisdiction, the staff will recommend that the Commission support the bill.

We are providing copies of this letter to local agencies within the Santa Ynez Valley that might have an interest in this proposed legislation. Further comments can be provided prior to the time of the Senate Local Government Committee consideration of AB 2686 (Nava).

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 2983 (Nava) 3074

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer

Exhibit A Assembly Local Government Committee Analysis of AB 2686
Exhibit B Bob Braitman letter to Alexandra Barnhill (March 31, 2008)
Exhibit C Alexandra Barnhill letter to Bob Braitman (March 31, 2008)

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