

March 1, 2001 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara CA 93101

LAFCO 99-20 – Incorporation Schedule for the City of Goleta

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report and any public testimony regarding dates to consider the incorporation of Goleta and adopt the schedule as outlined below, together with any changes deemed appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Much of the data gathering and analysis related to the incorporation of the City of Goleta have been completed or are on the verge of being completed. It is time to give attention to the remaining steps needed for the Commission to reach a decision regarding the proposed city, if the matter is to be placed on the November 6, 2001 ballot.

In addition to LAFCO meetings on April 12 and May 3, it may be necessary to hold special meetings on May 10, 24 and 31 to consider the incorporation. It is requested that these dates be reserved on the Commissioners' calendars, in case they are needed.

- Thursday, April 12 – Hearing regarding the Negative Declaration and approval of the final boundaries for Study Option 1
- Thursday, May 3 – Hearing on the incorporation itself, including the fiscal study, boundaries, findings and all terms and conditions.
- Thursdays, May 10, 24 and 31 – Dates to continue the hearing, if needed

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While we are proposing what we think are realistic dates, flexibility and further adjustments in the schedule may become necessary based on circumstances in the coming weeks.

Enclosed is a timetable of projected dates for CEQA compliance, revenue neutrality negotiations, completing the CFA and consideration by the public and the Commission.

The staff commends incorporation proponents and County staff for their diligent work towards reaching an agreement on concepts and specifics of revenue neutrality for the new city. We are hopeful that their negotiations are successful and the LAFCO staff and Commission can to rely on the results of their agreement rather than having to forge independent revenue neutrality terms and conditions.

We also want to commend the entire community for its active participation in the incorporation process, for questions that have been raised, positions that have been offered and the civility that has been evident throughout the incorporation study process.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer