

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Consideration of LAFCO Resolution Initiating Proceedings for Dissolution of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District (Continued from the March 5, 2015 Meeting)

May 7, 2015

Commission's Direction to Staff

- At the March 5, 2015 meeting, the Commission continued consideration of a resolution initiating dissolution proceedings for the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District (SRHCSD) to the May 7, 2015 meeting.
- Staff had prepared a Special Study and a resolution to initiate dissolution proceedings. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57375 (a)(2)(B), the Commission may initiate proposals by resolution of an application for the dissolution of a district if it is consistent with a recommendation or conclusion of a Special Study, a Sphere of Influence, or a Municipal Service Review.

Reasons for Continuance

- The reason for the continuance was to allow the property owners an opportunity to complete the reorganization application to form a Bridge and Highway District and Dissolve the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District.
- Should an application be complete for consideration at the May 7, 2015 meeting, the Commission directed the Executive Officer to return with separate agenda items for the dissolution of the Santa Rita Hills CSD and for the creation of the Bridge and Highway District.

Status of Reorganization Proposal

- By way of an update, on April 24, 2015, the proponents submitted a new reorganization petition to form a Bridge and Highway District and Dissolve the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District. The LAFCO processing fee of \$10,500 was also submitted with the petition.
- Although the application is not complete, it is an indication that the proponents intend to comply with LAFCO application requirements and proceed with the reorganization proposal. Completion of the application could however take several weeks or longer. Therefore, staff is recommending an addition continuance until the proposal is ready for a Commission hearing.

Recommendation

CONTINUE consideration of the resolution initiating SRHCSD dissolution proceedings to a future meeting to allow consideration of the proposed Reorganization to Form a Bridge and Highway District and Dissolve the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District.