San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

SAN DIEGO COUNTY
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, December 2, 2024

Doors Open: 8:00 A.M.
Meeting Starts: 8:15 A.M.

In-Person Participation
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302
San Diego, California

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San Diego LAFCO		
Commissioner	**Appointing Authority**	**Affiliation**
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Vice Chair Barry Willis	Independent Special Districts	Alpine Fire Protection
Jim Desmond	Board of Supervisors	County of San Diego
Joel Anderson	Board of Supervisors	County of San Diego
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Harry Mathis	Commission	General Public
Alternate David A. Drake	Independent Special Districts	Rincon del Diablo MWD
Alternate Brigette Browning	Commission	General Public
Alternate John McCann	Cities Selection Committee	City of Chula Vista
Alternative Nora Vargas	Board of Supervisors	County of San Diego
Alternate Marni von Wilpert	Mayor of the City of San Diego	City of San Diego

Participation Instructions:

In person attendance by the public is welcomed. LAFCO meets in Room 302 in the County Administration Center (1600 Pacific Highway). Three-hour visitor parking is available using the Ash Street entrance. To provide comments on any item, please turn in a speakers slip to LAFCO staff before the item commences.

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1. **8:15 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

   a) **Roll Call of Commissioners Present**

   b) **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A COMMISSIONER, IF APPLICABLE.**

3. **AGENDA REVIEW**
   The Executive Officer will summarize the agenda as well as to advise of any requested changes. The Chair will also consider requests from Commissioners.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT AND**
   OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO REQUEST DISCUSSION ON CONSENT ITEMS
   Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's growth management duties/interests but not on the agenda. Three-minute limit. This is also an opportunity for the public to request discussion on a consent calendar item.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**
   All items calendared as consent are considered ministerial and subject to a single motion approval. The Chair will entertain requests by Commissioners to pull any items for discussion.

   a) **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2024 (action)**
   The Commission will consider action minutes prepared by the Commission Clerk for the November 4, 2024 meeting. Recommendation to approve as presented. (Pages 7-16)

   b) **Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for October 2024 (action)**
   The Commission will review a report identifying all payments made and received for October 2024. Recommendation to ratify payments as presented. (Pages 17-24)

   c) **Authorize Holiday Office Closures (action)**
   The Commission will consider authorizing the closing of the office for the four workdays following Christmas – Thursday, December 26th through Tuesday, December 31st. Participating staff would take compensatory time-off. (Pages 25-26)

   d) **Approval of 2025 Meeting Calendar (action)**
   The Commission will consider approving a regular meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year. It is recommended the Commission follow recent practice and approve regular meetings on the first Monday of each month except for January, July, and September. No special meetings are proposed at this time. (Pages 27-40)

   e) **Commissioner Terms (information)**
   The Commission will receive its annual report on individual Commissioner terms. Seven terms are set to expire in May 2025 and affect four of the five membership categories on the Commission as detailed. The report is being presented for information and satisfies a noticing requirement. (Pages 41-46)

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED…

f) Progress Report on 2024-2025 Workplan (action)
The Commission will receive a progress report on the adopted workplan, and activities associated with the 30 special projects set for 2024-2025. It is recommended the Commission formally receive the item as well as provide general direction to staff – including any potential amendments for formal consideration at a future meeting. (Pages 47-58)

g) Report on Active Proposals and Related Activities (information)
The Commission will receive a status report on active proposals currently on file as well as anticipated filings based on ongoing discussions with proponents. The item is for information and satisfies LAFCO's reporting requirement. (Pages 59-70)

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS |
COMMISSIONER DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS
Public hearing items require expanded public notification per provisions in State law or have been voluntarily scheduled by the Executive Officer to ensure opportunity for public input. All public hearing items require verbal disclosures by Commissions regarding any material communications.

a) Proposed Sphere of Influence Actions | Oceanside Region (action)
The Commission will consider proposed sphere of influence updates for three affected local agencies in the Oceanside region under LAFCO oversight involving City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District, and Morro Hills Community Services District. The item draws on the recent municipal service review on the Oceanside region and recommendations to proceed with limited updates for all three subject agencies and marked by affirming all three existing sphere designations with no changes. A special study area is separately recommended for the Morro Hills Community Services District as detailed. No special study areas at this time are recommended for the other two subject agencies. (Pages 71-104)

7. BUSINESS CALENDAR
Business items involve regulatory, planning, or other items that do not require a noticed hearing.

a) Draft Policy on Public Member Appointments (discussion)
The Commission will review a draft policy to establish rules and procedures in making regular and alternate public member appointments. The item ties to the adopted workplan. Feedback will be incorporated into a revised draft ahead of staff initiating a public comment period and presenting a final version for action at a future meeting. (Pages 105-112)

b) Quarterly Update on High Priority Project and Related Actions |
Ad Hoc on Resource Conservation Districts –2.0 (action)
The Commission will receive a scheduled update on a high priority workplan project involving all three local resource conservation districts (RCDs) – Greater San Diego, Mission, and Upper San Luis Rey – in San Diego County. The workplan project is termed "RCDs' 2.0" and currently focusing on mapping potential and otherwise orderly boundary changes covering all three subject agencies. The update provides the Commission the opportunity to revisit the project and provide real-time input to LAFCO staff in proceeding forward. The update also – pertinently – includes a recommendation for the Commission to transition 2.0 from its current six-member Ad Hoc format to a less informal working group to provide more flexibility in advancing the project. (Pages 113-124)

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED…

c) **Update on Informational Report | Public Recreation at City Owned Reservoirs and Enhancement Opportunities (discussion)**
The Commission will receive an update on an informational report on public recreational services at City of San Diego-owned reservoirs in unincorporated San Diego County. The update is in memorandum form and ties to a previously approved workplan project in 2023-2024 to assess public amenities at the City's seven unincorporated reservoirs and explore enhancement options – including forming a special district – to expand accessibility. Should the Commission's discussion support continuing the project, staff will present an amendment at the next meeting. (Pages 125-148)

d) **Local Agencies Directory Under LAFCO Oversight (information)**
The Commission will receive an annual local agencies directory prepared as part of the Commission's adopted workplan. The directory lists all 102 local agencies – cities and special districts – within San Diego County subject to the Commission's planning and regulatory duties and identifies current council and board members along with senior staff members. The item is for information with the opportunity for the Commission to provide feedback. (Pages 149-214)

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

9. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS & REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

10. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated Litigation:
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3)): Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 related to San Diego Unified Port District. (One case.)

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

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AGENDA REPORT
Consent | Action

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Approval of Meeting Minutes | Regular Meeting of November 4, 2024**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider draft minutes prepared for the regular meeting held on November 4, 2024. The minutes are in action form and being presented for formal Commission approval.

BACKGROUND

The Ralph M. Brown Act was enacted by the State Legislature in 1953 and – among other items – requires public agencies to maintain written minutes for qualifying meetings.

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to consider approving action minutes for the November 4, 2024 meeting. The attendance record for the meeting follows.

- All regular Commissioners were present.
- All alternate Commissioners were present except for David Drake (Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District), Nora Vargas (County of San Diego) and Marni von Wilpert (City of San Diego).

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Brigette Browning, Alt., General Public

ANALYSIS

The attached draft minutes for the November 4, 2024 regular meeting accurately reflect San Diego LAFCO's deliberations as recorded by the Commission Clerk. A video recording of the meeting has also been posted on the Commission's website (www.sdlafco.org).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO approve the draft minutes prepared for the November 4, 2024 regular meeting as presented. This recommendation is consistent with Alternative One outlined in the proceeding section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO:

Alternative One (recommended):
Approve the attached draft minutes prepared for the November 4, 2024 regular meeting with any requested corrections or clarifications.

Alternative Two:
Continue the item to the next regular meeting and provide direction to staff as needed.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation as provided unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

Respectfully,

Erica A. Sellen

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

Attachment:

1) Draft Meeting Minutes for November 4, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES
SAN DIEGO LAFCO
November 4, 2024 REGULAR MEETING

1. 8:15 A.M. – CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR

Item 1a
ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m. by Chair Whitburn. The Commission Clerk performed the roll call with the following attendance recorded.

Regulars Present:	Joel Anderson, County of San Diego Kristi Becker, City of Solana Beach Jim Desmond, County of San Diego Jo MacKenzie, Vista Irrigation District Harry Mathis, Public Stephen Whitburn, City of San Diego (CHAIR) Dane White, City of Escondido Barry Willis, Alpine Fire Protection District (VICE CHAIR)
Alternates Present:	Brigette Browning, Public John McCann, City of Chula Vista
Members Absent:	David Drake, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (alternate) Nora Vargas, County of San Diego (alternate) Marni von Wilpert, City of San Diego (alternate)

The Commission Clerk confirmed a quorum with ten members present.

Also present at the time of roll call were the following LAFCO staff: Executive Officer Keene Simonds; Assistant Executive Officer Priscilla Mumpower; Commission Counsel Holly Whatley; Local Government Analyst II Michaela Peters; Local Government Analyst I Joelle Burila; Local Government Analyst I Meghan Traynor; Communications Associate Aiden Velasquez; GIS Analyst Dieu Ngu; and Commission Clerk Erica Sellen. LAFCO Consultants Bill Fulton, Chris Cate and Adam Wilson were also present.

Commissioner MacKenzie arrived at 8:27 a.m.

Item 1b
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. STATEMENT (JUST CAUSE) AND/OR CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY (EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES) BY A COMMISSIONER, IF APPLICABLE

None.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Whitburn asked Executive Officer Simonds if there were any requests to remove or rearrange items on the agenda. Executive Officer Simonds stated no changes to the agenda were needed while acknowledging a revised agenda report for Agenda Item 7a ("Dragovic – Sunset Drive Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services") had been issued after the original notice. The Executive Officer also noted a copy of a letter addressed to CALAFCO was distributed on the dais and would be addressed as part of Agenda Item 9 (Executive Officer Report).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO REQUEST DISCUSSION ON CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Whitburn invited anyone from the public to address the Commission on a matter not directly related to an agenda item. Chair Whitburn invited comments from the following registered speakers:

- Janet and William Rogers, Embarcadero Coalition

William Rogers ceded his time to Janet Rogers. Janet Rogers proceeded with public comment and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other registered speakers and no live e-mail comments.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Item 5a
Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2024
Item presented to approve draft action minutes prepared for the Commission's October 7, 2024 meeting. Recommendation to approve.

Item 5b
Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for September 2024
Item presented to ratify recorded payments made and received by the Executive Officer for the month of September 2024. Recommendation to ratify.

Item 5c
Budget Update for 2024-2025 | First Quarter Actuals with Year-End Projections
Item presented to review a report comparing budgeted and actual transactions through the first quarter of 2024-2025 and related analysis. The report projects the Commission is on pace to finish the fiscal year generally as expected with a net surplus of $0.064 million or 2%. Recommendation to formally accept and provide direction to staff as needed.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 5d
Proposed "Bryant - Felicita Road Reorganization" | Annexation to the City of Escondido and Related Actions (RO24-03)
Item presented to consider a reorganization proposal with the principal action to annex 0.4 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido. The affected territory as submitted is presently developed with a single-family residence at 2334 Felicita Road (238-320-12). The reorganization also includes a concurrent detachment from County Service Area No. 135 as well as exclusion from Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District's Improvement District E. Recommendation to conditionally approve with a discretionary modification to include a 0.13-acre frontage portion of Monticello Drive. Also recommended the Commission waive protest and find the project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15319.

Item 5e
Notice of Administrative Approval of "Delgado–Andrade 24th Street Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services" | City of National City (OAS24-12)
Item presented to receive notice of an administrative approval by the Executive Officer for the City of National City to provide out-of-agency services to an unincorporated property located within the City's sphere of influence. The authorization is specific to wastewater service to an existing single-family residence at 2616 East 24th Street (564-010-12) and premised on abating a public health and safety threat given documentation of a failing septic system. Information only.

Item 5f
Progress Report on 2024-2025 Workplan
Item presented to receive a progress report on the adopted workplan, and activities associated with the 30 projects set for 2024-2025. Recommendation to formally receive and file with the opportunity to identify potential amendments for future consideration.

Item 5g
Report on Active Proposals and Related Activities
Item presented to receive a status report on active proposals currently on file as well as anticipated filings based on ongoing discussions with proponents. Information only.

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Commissioner Willis motioned with a second from Commissioner Anderson to approve the entire consent calendar with staff recommendations (Alternative One) as presented.

Roll call requested:

AYES:	Anderson, Becker, Desmond, MacKenzie, Mathis, Whitburn, White, & Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Drake, Vargas and von Wilpert
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS | COMMISSIONER DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Item 6a Continued Public Hearing
Proposed Final Report and Related Actions | Municipal Service Review on the Oceanside Region
Item presented to receive a proposed final report on the scheduled municipal service review on the Oceanside region and its full continuance from the October 7, 2024 meeting. The item addresses the Commission's task in statute to independently evaluate the availability and performance of public services relative to community needs and make related determinations. Three local agencies under LAFCO oversight are covered in the report – City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District, and Morro Hills Community Services District – and collectively serve approximately 180,000 residents. The report remains largely intact from its draft presentations in June and August 2024 and a subsequent public review period. Revisions are shown in track-change format and include additional environmental justice analysis as required under local policy. Recommendation to formally accept the proposed final report as presented and take ancillary actions as detailed.

Chair Whitburn invited any disclosures from Commissioners on material ex parte communications. Commissioner Desmond reported speaking to Vice Mayor Ryan Keim and City Manager Jonathan Borrego with the City of Oceanside.

Local Government Analyst II Peters provided the staff presentation and detailed material changes reflected in the final report as well as summarizing key conclusions and recommendations. Additional observations made by Executive Officer Simonds.

Chair Whitburn opened the hearing and invited public comments from the following registered speakers:

- Jonathan Borrego, City Manager, City of Oceanside (A. Muto ceded their time)
- Stephen Brown, Morro Hills resident
- Thomas Harrington, President, Morro Hills Community Services District
- Mark Mallaby, Harbor community
- Liz Rhea, Harbor community
- George Rhea, Habor community
- Les George, Harbor community
- Tammy Taunt, Harbor community

The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no other requests to speak online or any live e-mail comments.

Chair Whitburn proceeded to invite questions and comments from the Commissioners. Discussion followed with an overall focus on two recommendations in the proposed final report for LAFCO to proceed with analysis to assess buildout potential in the Oceanside region - including potential lot divisions under SB 9 (Recommendation No. 2) - as well as the creation of a special study area for the City of Oceanside sphere of influence (Recommendation No. 13).

The Chair proceeded to close the hearing and invited a motion.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS CONTINUED…

Continued Item 6a |
Revised Draft Report on Municipal Service Review on the Oceanside Region

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Commissioner Desmond motioned with a second from Commissioner White to approve the staff recommendation with the modification of Recommendation No. 13 to require community outreach before any decision is made to create a special study area for the Oceanside sphere.

Roll call requested:

AYES:	Anderson, Becker, Desmond, MacKenzie, Mathis, Whitburn, White, & Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Drake, Vargas and von Wilpert
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

7. BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 7a
Proposed "Dragovic – Sunset Drive Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services" |
City of Vista (OAS24-10)
Item presented to consider a request by the City of Vista to provide new out-of-agency wastewater services to an unincorporated parcel located within its sphere of influence. The affected territory and its lone subject parcel is 1.25 acres in size and developed with a single-family residence at 1678 Sunset Drive (169-021-19). The existing residence is currently connected to Vista wastewater via an earlier out-of-agency service extension. The purpose of the request is to accommodate a pending lot-split and provide wastewater to a new single-family residence. Recommendation to approve the request and related wastewater allowance to accommodate up to two residential units (one single-family residence and accessory dwelling unit post lot-split). Standard terms are also recommended along with making an exemption finding under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Local Government Analyst I Burila provided the staff presentation with Executive Officer Simonds amending the recommendation to include an additional approval term to address existing service to the current residence at 1678 Sunset Drive. The amended recommendation requires Vista to either provide documentation of an earlier LAFCO approval covering the existing single-family residence or submit a new request and fee covering the residence at 1678 Sunset Drive.

Chair Whitburn invited public comments. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no registered speakers and no live e-mail comments.

Chair Whitburn proceeded to invite questions and comments from the Commissioners. No discussion.

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED…

Continued Item 7a
Proposed "Dragovic – Sunset Drive Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services" | City of Vista (OAS24-10)

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Commissioner Willis motioned with a second from Commissioner MacKenzie to approve the staff recommendation (Alternative One) as listed in the agenda report with the revision made by the Executive officer.

Roll call requested:

AYES:	Anderson, Becker, Desmond, MacKenzie, Mathis, Whitburn, White, & Willis
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Drake, Vargas and von Wilpert
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 8-0.

Item 7b
Proposed Amendments to Policy L-106 | Conducting Municipal Service Reviews
Item presented to consider proposed amendments to Legislative Policy 106 (L-106) and its governing provisions related to conducting municipal service reviews. The proposed amendments incorporate Commission feedback provided as part of a scheduled discussion on October 7, 2024 and aims to formalize and/or expand existing practices. Recommendation to approve the proposed amendments with an immediate effective date.

Assistant Executive Officer Mumpower provided the staff presentation.

Chair Whitburn invited public comments. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no registered speakers and no live e-mail comments.

Chair Whitburn proceeded to invite questions and comments from the Commissioners. General discussion followed. Commissioner MacKenzie expressed hesitations with respect to the appendix telegraphing probable performance metrics to be used in performing municipal service reviews.

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Commissioner Desmond motioned with a second from Commissioner Willis to approve the staff recommendation (Alternative One) as listed in the agenda report.

Roll call requested:

AYES:	Anderson, Becker, Desmond, Mathis, Whitburn, White, & Willis
NOES:	MacKenzie
ABSENT:	Drake, Vargas and von Wilpert
ABSTAINING:	None

The Commission Clerk confirmed the motion was approved 7-1.

BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED…

Item 7c
Quarterly Updates on High Priority Projects |
Municipal Service Reviews on Healthcare Districts + San Diego Association of Governments
Item presented to receive quarterly updates on two of its high priority projects underway as part of the adopted workplan. The first of these two projects involve a municipal service review on the four healthcare districts in San Diego County – Fallbrook, Grossmont, Palomar, and Tri-City – and serves as a follow up to an earlier study completed in 2015. The second of these two projects involves a municipal service review on the San Diego Association of Governments and serves as the first study of the organization by LAFCO. Information only.

Local Government Analyst II Peters and LAFCO Consultant Adam Wilson provided the staff presentation for the Healthcare Districts project. Local Government Analyst I Burila and LAFCO Consultant Bill Fulton provided the staff presentation for SANDAG project.

Chair Whitburn invited public comments. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no registered speakers and no live e-mail comments.

Chair Whitburn proceeded to invite questions and comments from the Commissioners. General discussion and questions for speakers followed. No action.

Item 7d
Report on the 2024 CALAFCO Annual Conference
Item presented to receive a report on overnight attendance at the California Association of LAFCOs' (CALAFCO) Annual Conference, held October 16th–18th in Fish Camp (Yosemite). Information only.

Assistant Executive Officer Mumpower provided a verbal staff presentation followed by comments by Vice Chair Willis and Commissioner MacKenzie.

Chair Whitburn invited public comments. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no registered speakers and no live e-mail comments.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Executive Officer Keene Simonds noted the following items:

- Letter addressed to CALAFCO regarding FY26 dues and related concerns.

9. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS | REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Commissioner Willis thanked Commissioner Desmond for his work with the County of San Diego to enhance property tax funding for the Valley Center Fire Protection District.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel--Anticipated Litigation:
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3)): Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 related to San Diego Unified Port District. (One case.)

Chair Whitburn invited public comments. The Commission Clerk confirmed there were no registered speakers and no live e-mail comments. Chair Whitburn then adjourned the meeting into close session.

In returning from closed session, Chair Whitburn reported there was no reportable action.

11. ADJOURNMENT TO NEXT MEETING

With no further business, Chair Whitburn adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

I hereby attest the minutes above accurately reflect the deliberations of the Commission at its November 4, 2024 meeting.

ATTEST,

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

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AGENDA REPORT
Consent | Action

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Commission Ratification | Recorded Payments for October 2024**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a report identifying payments made and received for October 2024. The payments cover all recorded transactions for the one month period and include $0.214 million in total distributions made by the Executive Officer. More than one-half of all payments made tie to the County of San Diego for payroll reimbursements as well as charges for general overhead and information technology services. Most of the remaining payments made involve professional services tying to consultant and legal usage. Payments received total $0.042 million and primarily tie to local agency apportionments for 2024-2025.

BACKGROUND

Accounting Policies and Procedures

San Diego LAFCO's policies provide direction to the Executive Officer to maintain appropriate accounting controls for all financial transactions on behalf of the Commission. Spending allowances are specified and include bid procedures for financial transactions at or above $10,000 (unless waived due to unique circumstances) and separate Commission approval for any transactions at or above $125,000.

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Brigette Browning, Alt., General Public

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to consider ratification of all payments made and received by the Executive Officer for October 2024. A detailing of these transactions is provided in Attachment One. The item separately provides the Commission the opportunity to provide feedback to LAFCO staff and inform potential changes in purchasing practices and/or accounting procedures going forward.

ANALYSIS

San Diego LAFCO's recorded payments made by the Executive Officer covering October 2024 total $213,719 with 61% – or $130,923 – tied to transactions with the County of San Diego. This includes payroll reimbursements covering two pay periods as well as expenses for general overhead and information technology services. All expenses are consistent with the adopted budget. Revenues collected total $41,507 and primarily involve collecting local agency apportionments with the balance involving two new application filings.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO ratify the payments made and received by the Executive Officer for October 2024 as presented. This recommendation is consistent with Alternative One in the proceeding section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO:

Alternative One (recommended):
Ratify the recorded payments received and made by the Executive Officer for October 2024 as shown in Attachment One.

Alternative Two:
Continue to the next regular meeting and provide direction to staff as needed.

Alternative Three
Take no action.[1]

1 Payment ratifications are not required under LAFCO policy but are presented to the Commission per practice.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the Executive Officer:

Erica A. Sellen

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

Attachment:

1) Recorded Transactions in October 2024

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SAN DIEGO LAFCO
Expenses by Vendor Detail
October 2024

Payable | Receivable Party	Date	Account	Amount	Purpose	Type	Funding Account
E | 3MC Strategies						
	10/23/2024	52370.F · Professional Services	4,600.00	Consultant Services | Intergovernmental	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Ace Parking						
	10/7/2024	52530 · Office Lease	240.00	Monthly Parking Rent (AV - 2 months)	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/16/2024	52530 · Office Lease	168.00	Parking Validations	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/23/2024	52530 · Office Lease	960.00	Monthly Parking Rent	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
			1,368.00			
E | AEP						
	10/10/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	880.00	AEP Training Workshop (JB, MP & MT)	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | After Effects (Adobe)						
	10/10/2024	52270 · Memberships	22.99	Monthly Video Editing Software Subscription	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/15/2024	52270 · Memberships	19.99	Monthly Adobe DC Pro Upgrade	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			42.98			
E | Alaska Airlines						
	10/11/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	139.00	Airfare Change | CALAFCO Conference (KS)	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/16/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	139.00	Airfare Change | CALAFCO Conference (AW)	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
			278.00			
E | Allen's Flowers						
	10/26/2024	52330 · Office Expense	142.75	KS Special Expense: JB	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Alliant Insurance Services						
	10/23/2024	52138 · Public Liability Insurance	15,598.77	Liability Insurance FY24-25	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Amazon						
	10/11/2024	52344 · Stores Unallocated	219.98	General Office Supplies	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/22/2024	52344 · Stores Unallocated	21.54	General Office Supplies	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
			241.52			
E | Ambius						
	10/8/2024	52344 · Stores Unallocated	434.23	Monthly Service for Office Plants	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Ana O'Ryan						
	10/24/2024	46234 · Applications	1,670.25	Refund | Sphere Amendment (CO24-05)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | ARCC (Assessor Recording County)						
	10/24/2024	52490 · Publications	50.00	NOE Fee | O'Ryan-Calavo (CO24-05)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/24/2024	52490 · Publications	50.00	NOE Fee | O'Ryan-Calavo SOI (CO24-05)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/28/2024	52490 · Publications	50.00	NOE Fee | Shen-Pinecrest Ave. (OAS24-08)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/28/2024	52490 · Publications	50.00	NOE Fee | Nguyen-Busch Dr. (OAS24-11)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			200.00			
E | Arco Gas						
	10/17/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	19.44	CALAFCO Conference | EO Rental Car Gas	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Assura Software						
	10/23/2024	52074 · Telecommunications	750.00	Website Hosting Support Services	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Barry Willis						
	10/24/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	455.71	CALAFCO Conference | Travel Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Belly Up						
	10/13/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	175.61	LAFCO Meeting with Solana Beach	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Blue Barn LLC						
	10/23/2024	52074 · Telecommunications	3,000.00	Video Recording Seervices	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | CA Cab						
	10/18/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	25.98	CALAFCO Conference | EO Rideshare	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | California Fish Grill						
	10/2/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	55.46	AEO & Analysts Meeting	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Canva						
	10/7/2024	52270 · Memberships	12.99	Monthly Subscription	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Chase Design Inc						
	10/23/2024	52334 · Printing	525.00	Design Work for RGM Brochure & Oceanside MSR	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Chili's						
	10/15/2024	52330 · Office Expense	180.70	CALAFCO Conference | Lunch 10/14/24	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking

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E | City SD Parking						
	10/4/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	1.25	AEO Parking	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Claim Jumper						
	10/9/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	90.16	EO, AEO, Consultants & Counsel Debriefing	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley						
	10/7/2024	52370.B · Professional Services	5,129.39	Commission Counsel Services	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Corodata						
	10/24/2024	52330 · Office Expense	60.45	Document Storage	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | County of San Diego						
	10/1/2024	52354 · Mail/Postage ISF	512.50	Mail/Postage Services	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/1/2024	52178 · Vehicle Maintenance	143.20	Vehicle Maintenance Services	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/1/2024	52182 · Vehicle Fuel	47.09	Vehicle Fuel	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/1/2024	52758 · Vehicle Lease	165.49	Vehicle Lease	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/1/2024	52721 et al. · Communications (IT) Services	6,558.58	County IT Services (ITRACK)	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/11/2024	51110 et al. · Employee Payroll	56,505.95	Payroll | Pay Period 2025-06	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/25/2024	51110 et al. · Employee Payroll	61,587.60	Payroll | Pay Period 2025-07	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/31/2024	52270 · Memberships	5,399.91	FY24-25 SanGIS	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/31/2024	52504 · Equipment Rental	2.54	County Surcharge | Xerox	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
			130,922.86			
E | Cracked Crab						
	10/14/2024	52330 · Office Expense	29.18	CALAFCO Conference | Lunch 10/14/24 (PM)	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Dieu Ngu						
	10/24/2024	52612 · Employee Auto	640.70	CALAFCO Conference | Rental Car & Gas Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Donut Star						
	10/7/2024	52330 · Office Expense	40.00	Commission Meeting Refreshments	cash	1040 · Petty Cash
E | Erica Sellen						
	10/24/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	1,577.84	CALAFCO Conference | Travel Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/24/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	1,849.00	Team Bonding - Work Activity (Yosemite Tour)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			3,426.84			
E | Fax Plus						
	10/8/2024	52330 · Office Expense	9.26	Monthly Fax Machine Payment	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Jo MacKenzie						
	10/24/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	936.28	CALAFCO Conference | Travel Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Joelle Burila						
	10/10/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	16.11	Reimbursement | Lunch Meeting	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/24/2024	52612 · Employee Auto	144.30	CALAFCO Conference | Rental Car Reimbursement	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			160.41			
E | Manchester Financial 5th Ave LP						
	10/11/2024	52530 · Office Lease	11,816.47	Office & Storage Rent	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Meghan Traynor						
	10/8/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	88.11	Reimbursement | MTS Pass & Travel to Meetings	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/24/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	51.53	CALAFCO Conference | Travel Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			139.64			
E | Michaela Peters						
	10/24/2024	52612 · Employee Auto	665.61	CALAFCO Conference | Rental Car & Gas Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Pacific Apparel						
	10/8/2024	52344 · Stores Unallocated	51.36	Embroidery for Team Jackets	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Priscilla Mumpower						
	10/24/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	363.04	CALAFCO Conference | Travel Reimbursements	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | QuickBooks						
	10/4/2024	52330 · Office Expense	99.00	Monthly Service for Online QuickBooks	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | Ready Refresh						
	10/15/2024	52330 · Office Expense	112.02	Monthly Water Service	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | San Diego Metal Graphics						
	10/8/2024	52330 · Office Expense	108.74	Nameplates for EO, DN & AV	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
E | San Diego Union Tribune						
	10/8/2024	52490 · Publications	3,787.12	PHNs | Oceanside MSR & CO24-05	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking

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E| Sloan Sakai Yeung & Wong LLP						
	10/7/2024	52370.B · Professional Services	4,396.81	Special Counsel Services	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Smokehouse						
	10/18/2024	52330 · Office Expense	175.17	CALAFCO Conference | Lunch 10/18/24	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Starbucks						
	10/2/2024	52330 · Office Expense	25.00	Meeting Refreshments	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/7/2024	52330 · Office Expense	44.00	Commission Meeting Refreshments	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/21/2024	52330 · Office Expense	4.25	ES Coffee	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
			73.25			
E | Stone Brewing						
	10/9/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	92.43	AEO Meeting	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | Tenaya Lodge						
	10/8/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	1,562.08	Final Payment | CALAFCO Hotel Rooms (2)	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/16/2024	52330 · Office Expense	372.35	CALAFCO Conference | Dinner 10/14/24	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/16/2024	52330 · Office Expense	631.29	CALAFCO Conference | Dinner 10/15/24	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/16/2024	52330 · Office Expense	326.07	CALAFCO Conference | Dinner 10/16/24	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/18/2024	52330 · Office Expense	235.00	CALAFCO Conference | Breakfast 10/18/24	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/18/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	5,203.76	Final Payment | CALAFCO Hotel Rooms (7)	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
	10/20/2024	52622 · Training/Registration Out-County	159.94	Team Lunch	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			8,490.49			
E | The Tolls Road						
	10/8/2024	52330 · Office Expense	11.00	Transponder Fee	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/8/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	8.00	Tolls	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
	10/11/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	0.62	Tolls	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
			19.62			
E | The Westbean Coffee						
	10/30/2024	52610 · Non-Travel/In-County	36.23	Staff Trip to Imperial Beach	credit card	3558-60 · SDCCU Visa Credit Card
E | William Fulton Group						
	10/7/2024	52370.F · Professional Services	10,800.00	Consultant Services | Planning	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | Xerox						
	10/9/2024	52504 · Equipment Rental	374.05	Xerox Rental	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
E | YouTube						
	10/30/2024	52270 · Memberships	13.99	Monthly Streaming Support Services	debit card	3558 · SDCCU Checking
EXPENSE TOTAL			213,719.21			
R | County of San Diego						
	10/31/2024	45918 · LAFCO Apportionment	30,185.23	LAFCO Apportionment FY24-25	electronic	1000 · County Account (44595)
	10/31/2024	49200 · Interest & Dividends	68.84	Interest Payment to Account 46725	electronic	1001 · Committed - Stabilization (min. balance of $250k)
	10/31/2024	49200 · Interest & Dividends	134.65	Interest Payment to Account 46726	electronic	1002 · Committed - Opportunity (min. balance of $300k)
	10/31/2024	49200 · Interest & Dividends	69.15	Interest Payment to Account 46727	electronic	1003 · Assigned - Executive Officer (up to $125k)
			30,457.87			
R | Delgado						
	10/29/2024	46234 · Applications	480.38	Processing Fees (OAS24-12)	check	3558 · SDCCU Checking
R | Huang						
	10/4/2024	46234 · Applications	10,568.25	Processing Fees (CO24-09)	check	1000 · County Account (44595)
REVENUE TOTAL			41,506.50			

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AGENDA REPORT
Consent | Action

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Authorize Holiday Office Closures**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider authorizing the closing of the office for the four immediate workdays following Christmas – Thursday, December 26th through Tuesday, December 31st. Participating staff would take compensatory time-off should the closures be approved. Staff choosing not to take compensatory time off would work their regular schedules, however the office would remain closed to the public.

BACKGROUND

San Diego LAFCO's adopted policy specifies the Commission shall maintain regular business hours between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday less any holidays observed by the County of San Diego. All other office closures require Commission approval.

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to consider approving the closure of the office to the public immediately after Christman Day through New Years Eve. (Christmas Day and New Years Day are observed paid holidays.) Participating staff would take compensatory time-off should the

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closures be approved. Remaining staff would work their regular work hours for all four days; however, the office would remain closed to the public.

ANALYSIS

The requested action is consistent with San Diego LAFCO's family-friendly practices to allow staff to be with their families during the holidays. Approval would separately produce cost-savings by participating staff using their compensatory balances during a period when minimal business activity is typically transacted. The LAFCO main telephone line would be temporarily transferred to the mobile assigned to the Assistant Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO approve the holiday office closure beginning Thursday, December 26th through Tuesday, December 31st consistent with Alternative One below.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO through a single motion:

Alternative One (recommended):
Authorize the LAFCO office to be closed on the following dates in 2024:

- Thursday, December 26th
- Friday, December 27th
- Monday, December 30th
- Tuesday, December 31st

Alternative Two:
Take no action.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the Executive Officer,



Priscilla Mumpower
Assistant Executive Officer

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AGENDA REPORT
Consent | Action

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Approval of 2025 Meeting Calendar**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider approving a regular meeting schedule for the 2025 calendar year. It is recommended the Commission follow recent practice and approve regular meetings on the first Monday of each month except for January, July, and September. No special meetings are proposed at this time.

BACKGROUND

Policy and Practice

San Diego LAFCO's adopted policy specifies the Commission shall hold regular meetings every month on the first Monday unless provided otherwise due to holidays and/or anticipated lack of business. The policy also provides all regular meetings of the Commission be held starting at 8:00 a.m. in the County of San Diego Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302 in San Diego. It is also the practice of the Commission to review its upcoming workload each December and formally approve a meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year. Special meetings are also scheduled by practice either in advance by the Commission as part of the annual calendar or as needed through the Chair.

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DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to consider approving a meeting schedule for the upcoming calendar year. This includes considering anticipated workload and needs therein for scheduling regular and/or special meetings over the next 12-month period. The item also serves as an opportunity for the Commission to review its policies and practices in conducting meetings (place, time, location, frequency, etc.) and provide related direction to staff for possible actions at a future meeting.

ANALYSIS

San Diego LAFCO's adopted workplan coupled with current and expected proposal activities suggests it would be appropriate to schedule regular meetings for each month in 2025 except for January, July, and September. This proposed schedule is consistent with recent practice. No special meetings are proposed at this time.[1]

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO schedule regular meetings for each month in 2025 except for January, July, and September as well as confirm direction to continue to meet at the place and time provided under policy. This recommendation is consistent with Alternative Action One in the proceeding section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO through a single motion:

Alternative One (recommended):

(a) Approve regular meetings on the following dates in 2025:

- Monday, February 3rd
- Monday, March 3rd
- Monday, April 7th
- Monday, May 5th
- Monday, June 2nd
- Monday, August 4th
- Monday, October 6th
- Monday, November 3rd
- Monday, December 1st

(b) Confirm all regular meetings shall be held at the County of San Diego Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway in Room 302 starting at 8:00 a.m.

[1] Should the need for a special meeting develop staff will work with the Chair to schedule a time/place.

Alternative Two:
Continue to the next meeting and provide direction to staff as needed.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the Executive Officer:

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

Attachments:

1) San Diego LAFCO Commission, Rule 2 (Meetings)
2) County of San Diego CY 2025 Calendar

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RULES
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ARTICLE II
MEETINGS

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2.1 PUBLIC MEETINGS -

All meetings and activities of the Commission shall be subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

2.2 REGULAR MEETINGS -

Regular meetings of the Commission shall be held on the first Monday of each month unless that Monday is a holiday, in which case that meeting will be held the following Monday. Meetings will commence at 8:00 a.m., in Room 302, County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego.

2.3 ADJOURNED MEETINGS -

Any meeting may be adjourned to a specific date, time, and place. The chairperson shall announce the date, time, and place of the adjourned regular meeting. A notice shall be posted at the Commission's regular place of posting specifying the date, time, and place of the adjourned regular meeting. Less than a quorum may adjourn a meeting. If all members are absent, the Commission Clerk may adjourn the meeting to a specified date, time, and place, and post the required notice.

2.4 SPECIAL MEETINGS -

A special meeting may be called at any time by the chairperson, or by a majority of the members of the Commission, by delivering personally or by any other means, notice to each member of the Commission and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio, or television station requesting notice in writing. The notice must be received at least

24 hours before the time of the meeting as specified in the notice. The call and notice shall specify the date, time, and place of the special meeting and business to be transacted.
No other business shall be considered at such meetings by the Commission. The written notice may be dispensed with as to any member who at or prior to the time the meeting convenes, files with the clerk of the Commission a written waiver of notice. Such waiver may be given by telegram. The written notice may also be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes. The call and notice shall be posted at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting at the Commission's regular place of posting.

2.5 AGENDAS OF REGULAR MEETINGS -

At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, an agenda shall be posted at the Commission's regular place of posting that will contain a brief description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting. The agenda shall also be posted on the Commission's website: sdlafco.org. However, failure to post on the Commission's website will not invalidate any action of the Commission. Any person may speak to any item on the agenda. In addition, the agenda will include an item entitled "Public Comment" during which members of public may speak to any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. The Commission will not make a final determination on any issue raised during the Public Comment period that is not included on the agenda. The Commission will have the option of referring the matter to staff or scheduling action for a future agenda. Each speaker shall be limited to no more than three minutes on any item unless extended by permission of the Chairperson.

2.6 QUORUM; VOTES NEEDED TO CARRY A MOTION; EFFECT OF FAILURE TO APPROVE A MATTER -

1. Five members of the Commission constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. An affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum present – and no less than four affirmative votes – is required to adopt any motion.
3. If a proposal for a change of organization or reorganization is wholly disapproved by the Commission, no further proceedings shall be taken on the proposal and no similar proposal involving the same or substantially the same territory, shall be initiated for one year after the date of adoption of the resolution terminating proceedings. The Commission may waive these requirements if it finds it to be in the public interest to do so.
4. If a proposal for a change of organization, reorganization or amendment of a sphere of influence is neither denied, continued nor approved at the meeting at which it is considered, it is deemed denied without prejudice to refiling a petition or resolution of application for the proposal at any time.
5. If a recommendation to adopt an original sphere of influence is neither approved nor continued at the meeting at which it is considered it is deemed automatically continued to the next meeting of the Commission.
6. If an application pursuant to Government Code Section 56895 to amend, modify or revise a resolution of the Commission is not approved or continued at the meeting at

which it is considered, it is deemed denied and no further action shall be taken thereon and no further application for the same or a substantially similar amendment, recodification or revision shall be accepted.

7. Any other recommendation before the Commission is deemed denied if it does not receive affirmative votes of the majority of the quorum present – with no less than four affirmative votes – or is not continued to another meeting.

2.7 MATTERS CONSIDERED -

No matter requiring a determination by the Commission pursuant to the Cortese/ Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 shall be brought before the Commission unless it is first filed by the Executive Officer.

Adoption History: Article II, Sections 2.1 to 2.7
Adopted June 30, 1975
Amended February 2, 1987
Amended March 2, 1987
Re-affirmed and adopted December 4, 2000
Administratively Revised and Updated May 24, 2005
Comprehensively Updated and re-adopted March 3, 2008
Amended March 6, 2023 (Section 2:2)
Amended May 1, 2023 (Section 2:10)

2.8 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS -

1. Regular members of the Commission shall attend all meetings of the Commission. Alternate members are urged to attend all Commission meetings;
2. If a regular Commissioner cannot attend, s/he shall notify the Executive Officer one working day prior to the Commission meeting;
3. Each Commissioner is expected to remain for each entire meeting. Early departure is considered an absence for the purposes of these policies;
4. The Chairperson may excuse the absence of a Commissioner if s/he determines that the absence is due to sickness, personal emergency or attendance at another governmental function. All excused absences and the reasons for them shall be announced by the Chairperson at a regular meeting of the Commission; and
5. Inadequate attendance by a regular member of the Commission shall be considered non-performance of duties and shall result in the Chairperson notifying the appointing authority of the member's attendance record. Inadequate attendance shall consist of two unexcused absences, or three consecutive absences, for any reason, in any fiscal year.

2.9 DISQUALIFICATION -

By law, the Commission must hold hearings on certain actions, including certain changes of organization and reorganization proposals, adoption of spheres of influence, city protests under the Williamson Act, and other matters. Because of the Commission's concern for the fair and orderly conduct of its hearings, the Commission adopts the following rules, pursuant to Government Code Section 56300:

1. From time to time, any commission member may determine to disqualify him or herself from participating in consideration of a proposal. The member should make every effort to announce his or her disqualification for any reason at the beginning of the Commission's consideration of the item. In those instances where the commission member does not become aware of the reason for disqualification until after the item is before the Commission, the Commission member should disqualify him or herself as soon as s/he becomes aware of the reason for disqualification.

2. A Commission member who is absent from a hearing or a material portion of a hearing on a particular matter is disqualified from participation in the discussion and from voting on that matter unless the member:

   (a) Listens to the tape recording made of the hearing or the portion of the hearing from which the member was absent;
   (b) Examines the documentary material received by the Commission during the hearing or portion of the hearing from which the member was absent; and
   (c) States in public session for the record that s/he has done both of the above.

3. When a member of the Commission is disqualified or determines to disqualify him or herself, the designated alternate member shall serve and vote in his or her place (Government Code Sections 56325, 56325(a), 56331, 56331.3, 56332, 56332(d), 56335 and 56336).

Adoption History: Article II, Sections 2.8 to 2.9
Adopted June 5, 1978
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Amended January 10, 1983
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Re-affirmed and adopted December 4, 2000
Administratively Revised and Updated May 24, 2005
Comprehensively Updated and re-adopted March 3, 2008

2.10 PER DIEMS –

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56334, which permits LAFCOs to authorize payment of per diems to commissioners for attending meetings and in performing the duties of their office, the Commission has established a per diem rate of $275 effective July 1, 2023. Per diems shall be provided to Commissioners (regulars and alternates) for each day in attendance at regular and special meetings. Per diems shall also be provided for each day in attendance at standing or ad hoc committee meetings as well as official meetings, conferences, and trainings organized by the California Association of LAFCOs or the Southern Region of LAFCOs. No Commissioner shall receive more than five per diems per month. All requested per diems shall be listed on the LAFCO reimbursement form no later than 30 days after the event.

Adoption History: Article II, Section 2.10

Adopted March 4, 1991
Updated February 7, 2000
Re-affirmed and adopted December 4, 2000
Reaffirmed February 4, 2002
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Comprehensively Updated and re-adopted March 3, 2008
Amended May 7, 2018
Amended May 6, 2019
Updated August 5, 2019
Amended February 7, 2022
Amended May 1, 2023 (Section 2:10)

2.11 REIMBURSEMENTS –

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56380, the Commission shall make its own provisions for the usual and necessary operating expenses incurred by LAFCO. This includes – and as needed – providing reimbursements for Commissioners and staff.

1. The following general provisions apply to reimbursement of Commission expenses:

   (a) Commission members (regulars and alternates) may claim reimbursements for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in performing the duties of their office.
   (b) The Executive Officer is responsible for reviewing and approving requests for Commission reimbursements.
2. The following general provisions apply to reimbursement of staff expenses:

   (a) Staff shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with conducting LAFCO business.
   (b) The Executive Officer is responsible for reviewing and approving requests for staff reimbursements other than for himself or herself.
   (c) The Chair or Vice Chair are responsible for reviewing and approving requests for Executive Officer reimbursements.
   (d) For purposes of this section, Commission Counsel shall be considered staff and subject to the reimbursement provisions.
3. The following procedures apply to reimbursements involving Commissioners and staff:
   (a) Expense reimbursement requests should be submitted as soon as possible, although flexibility is permitted for purposes of consolidating multiple expenses, but no later than 45 days after incurring the expense.
   (b) Expense claims for costs incurred in one fiscal year should be – whenever practical – submitted for reimbursement during the same fiscal year.
   (c) Expense claims shall be submitted using the standard LAFCO reimbursement form.
   (d) Applicable receipts shall be provided and attached to the reimbursement form. If receipts are not available, the requester shall succinctly summarize in writing the amount and purpose of the expense and attach to the reimbursement form.
   (e) The following provisions specific to transportation reimbursements apply:
      (i) Transportation requiring outside carrier services – including airlines, rails, shuttles, buses, vehicle rentals, and rideshares – shall be reimbursed equal to actual costs.
      (ii) Transportation requiring private vehicle usage shall be reimbursed using the current mileage rate of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) plus actuals for tolls and parking. Staff reimbursement for private vehicle usage shall not apply to

normal workday travel to and from the LAFCO office. The Executive Officer shall only be eligible for private vehicle mileage reimbursement for travel outside San Diego County if he or she is receiving an automobile allowance.

(f) The following provisions specific to lodging reimbursements apply:

(i) Lodging reimbursements apply to overnight travel outside San Diego, Imperial, Orange, and Riverside Counties that requires attendance and/or travel before 7:00 a.m. for night-before accommodations and after 6:00 p.m. for night-of accommodations unless waived by the Executive Officer.

(ii) Pre-authorized lodging shall be reimbursed equal to actual costs so long as it does not exceed the maximum group rate published by the activity sponsor (i.e., conference organizer) and available at the time of booking. If a group rate is not available and/or applicable, reimbursement shall be booked at the governmental rate as far in advance as feasible.

(g)The following provisions specific to meals and incidental reimbursements apply:

(i) Meal expenses should be reasonable and moderate, taking into account community standards and the prevailing restaurant costs of the area.

(ii) Where the cost of a meal or meals is included as part of a registration charge or fee, there shall be no per diem meal reimbursement for the applicable meal period covered by such registration.

(iii) Commission and staff may request reimbursement for expenses paid in covering meals and incidentals of those in their company during an authorized function and/or duty that is a person in the service of LAFCO or a person donating service to LAFCO.

(iv) No reimbursements shall be made for alcoholic beverages of any kind.

(h) No prepayments shall be provided to Commission or staff for expected expenses incurred in performing work duties; all related costs shall be provided in the form of approved reimbursements unless otherwise provided under contract.

Adoption History: Article II, Section 2.11

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Amended May 6, 2019
Administratively Revised and Updated August 5, 2019

2.12 ELECTRONIC TABLET USE -

Use of an electronic tablet (i.e.,iPads, etc.) will assist the Commission in the efficient performance of their duties and reduce material resources. Each Commissioner (regular and alternate) will be provided a tablet and supporting equipment for the principal purpose of reviewing agenda packets at all regular and special meetings. Commissioners shall not use the tablet in any way as to violate the public meeting requirements of the Brown Act. implementing rules follow.

1. Unless otherwise arranged, tablets will be provided to Commissioners on the dais and preloaded with the full agenda packet. The same tablet will be provided to each Commissioner and allow past packets and notes taken therein to be saved

and accessible for future reference. Commissioners shall leave the tablets on the dais for collection by staff at the conclusion of each meeting.

2. Commissioners have the elective to sign-out for a tablet. Under the elective, Commissioners shall be responsible for the security and care of the tablet and downloading all agenda packets and saving all related materials as needed. Upon return and following the preparation any appropriate backup files, the tablet will be wiped clean of any and all information.
3. All tablets will have WI-FI function. No data plans will be provided.
4. Commissioners may use the tablets for incidental personal uses so long as such uses do not conflict with policy or otherwise interfere with LAFCO business.
5. LAFCO will maintain appropriate warranty and service coverage on all tablets. Commissioners shall notify staff immediately should a tablet require service.
6. All other existing LAFCO policies apply to the Commissioners' use of the tablet and conduct on the internet and includes – but not limited to – Administrative Policy A-103 and provided as an appendix.
7. LAFCO reserves the right to inspect any and all files stored on the tablet to ensure compliance with this rule.
8. All Commissioners are encouraged to use tablets and specifically as a substitute for receiving paper agenda packets. Paper agenda packets, nonetheless, will be provided to any Commissioner at their request.

Adoption History: Article II, Section 2.12
Adopted May 6, 2019

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AGENDA REPORT
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December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Erica Sellen, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: **Commissioner Terms**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive its annual notice on individual Commissioner terms. Seven terms are set to expire in May 2025 and affect four of the five membership categories on the Commission. These involve two County Supervisorial seats (regular and alternate), two City of San Diego seats (regular and alternate), two city member seats (regular and alternate), and one public member seat (regular). The latter – involving the public member – will necessitate future LAFCO action as detailed. The report is being presented for information.

BACKGROUND

State law prescribes the composition of San Diego LAFCO shall include 13 Commissioners divided between eight "regular" and five "alternate" members. Members are drawn from five membership categories as detailed below.

- Three "county" members are appointed by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors and divided by two regulars and one alternate. All three county members must be on the Board and can be selected from any of the supervisorial districts.

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- Three "city" members are appointed by the City Selection Committee (mayors) and divided by two regulars and one alternate. All three city members must be on city councils of 17 of the 18 incorporated communities. The City of San Diego is excluded from this category and provided separate appointments to the Commission.

- Two "San Diego" members are appointed by the City of San Diego Council through special legislation in LAFCO statute and divided by a regular and alternate. Both members must be on the Council and can be selected from any of the council districts.

- Three "district" members are elected by the Independent Special District Committee (board presidents) and divided by two regulars and one alternate. All three district members must be board members on independent special districts.

- Two "public" members are appointed by the other four membership categories on the Commission and divided by a regular and alternate. The public members must be residents in San Diego County and cannot be officers or employees of local agencies.

All Commission seats are four-year terms that commence on the first Monday of May of the applicable year.[1] Terms go with the seat and not the member. Should a Commissioner leave LAFCO mid-term for any reason, the successor appointee assumes the unexpired term.

DISCUSSION

This item is being presented to San Diego LAFCO to receive an annual notice on current Commissioner terms consistent with practice. Seven terms are set to expire at the end of April 2025 and affect four of the five membership categories on the Commission. Commissioner terms set to expire in April follows:

- Joel Anderson, as appointee to County Regular Seat No. 2
- Nora Vargas, as appointee to County Alternate Seat
- Dane White, as appointee to City Regular Seat No. 2
- John McCann, as appointee to City Alternate Seat
- Stephen Whitburn, as appointee to City of San Diego Regular Seat
- Marni von Wilpert, as appointee to City of San Diego Alternate Seat
- Harry Mathis, as appointee to Public Regular Seat

With respect to the expiring terms, the Commission is responsible under statute for making a new appointment for the regular public member position. A separate agenda item – No. 7a – addresses this topic in more detail.

A complete listing of all current Commission terms is provided as Attachment One.

[1] Reference to Government Code Section 56334.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of staff,

Erica A. Sellen

Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk

Attachment:

1) Commissioner Terms

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COMMISSION ROSTER

COUNTY MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Jim Desmond Supervisor District No. 5	May 2027	Nora Vargas Supervisor District No. 1	May 2025
Joel Anderson Supervisor District No. 2	May 2025		

CITY MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Kristi Becker Solana Beach	May 2027	John McCann Chula Vista	May 2025
Dane White Escondido	May 2025		

CITY OF SAN DIEGO MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Stephen Whitburn Council District No. 3	May 2025	Marni von Wilpert Council District No. 5	May 2025

SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Jo MacKenzie Vista Irrigation	May 2028	David Drake Rincon del Diablo MWD	May 2027
Barry Willis Alpine FPD	May 2027		

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Regular	Term	Alternate	Term
Harry Mathis San Diego Resident	May 2025	Brigette Browning Chula Vista Resident	May 2027

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AGENDA REPORT
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December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Progress Report on 2024-2025 Workplan**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a progress report on the adopted workplan and activities associated with the 30 special projects set for 2024-2025. Two projects are completed and headlined by a municipal service review on the Oceanside region. Another 16 projects are underway and marked by the Commission's three highest priorities for the fiscal year involving municipal service reviews on healthcare districts, wholesale water services, and the San Diego Association of Local Government. It is recommended the Commission formally receive the item as well as provide general direction to staff – including any potential amendments for formal consideration at a future meeting. A copy of the five-year rolling study schedule is also attached for Commission reference.

BACKGROUND

San Diego LAFCO's current fiscal year workplan was adopted at a noticed public hearing held in May 2024. It includes 30 special projects that are divided into two distinct categories – statutory and administrative – along with priority assignments set by the Commission.

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DISCUSSION

This item provides San Diego LAFCO with its regular progress report on accomplishing special projects calendared in the adopted workplan for 2024-2025. A full status listing is attached and shows almost two-thirds of all projects having been initiated in some meaningful way with two – filling all budgeted positions and completing a municipal service review on the Oceanside region – now completed. Active projects include continuing work on the two highest priorities set by the Commission involving municipal service reviews covering wholesale water service providers (County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California) and local healthcare districts (Fallbrook, Grossmont, Palomar, and Tri-City). Work on the third highest priority is also underway and involves a new municipal service review on the San Diego Association of Local Governments (SANDAG).

A copy of the five-year rolling study schedule is also attached for context in considering any general direction on potential amendments involving municipal service reviews.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO receive and file the progress report on the adopted workplan consistent with practice as well as provide any general direction as needed. These recommendations are covered in Alternative Action One in the proceeding section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternative actions are available to San Diego LAFCO and can be accomplished with a single motion:

Alternative One (recommended):
Receive and file the progress report on the adopted workplan and provide any general direction to staff – including amendments for future consideration.

Alternative Two:
Continue the item to a future meeting and provide related direction to staff as needed.

Alternative Three:
Take no action.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the Executive Officer,



Priscilla Mumpower
Assistant Executive Officer

Attachments:

1) 2024-2025 Workplan Status
2) Five-Year Rolling Study Schedule

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ADOPTED WORKPLAN FOR FY2024-2025
Status as of November 25, 2024

Priority	Level	Type	Project	Description	Status
Ongoing	…	Statutory	Applicant Proposals and Requests	Prioritize resources to address applicant proposals and related requests	
Ongoing	…	Administrative	Targeted LAFCO Presentations	Coordinate timely public outreach; emphasis on informing stakeholders ahead of MSR work	
Ongoing	…	Statutory	Workplan and Budget Management	Actively manage the workplan and budget resources with regular updates to the Commission	
1a	High	Statutory	MSR | Wholesale Water Service Providers	Service-specific MSR on wholesale water suppliers – CWA (comprehensive) + MET (abbreviated)	
1b	High	Statutory	MSR | Healthcare Districts: Part I	Service-specific MSR of the four healthcare districts in San Diego County	
3	High	Statutory	MSR | SANDAG	Agency-specific MSR of SANDAG (housing, transportation, + climate adaption)	
4	High	Administrative	Transition to Online Accounting	Complete transition to QuickBooks accounting from desktop to online platform	
5	High	Statutory	MSR | North Coast Region – Part I	Regional-specific MSR for north coast – cities phase (Carlsbad and Encinitas)	
6	High	Administrative	SALC Planning Grant 2.0	Complete multi-year grant to inform + enhance small farming operations in San Diego County	
7	High	Administrative	RCD Ad Hoc Committee: Part II	Complete second part of RCD true ups; boundaries	
8	High	Statutory	MSR | Central 78 Corridor Region: Part I	Regional-specific MSR for central 78 corridor – cities phase (San Marcos + Vista)	
9	High	Statutory	MSR | Central 78 Corridor Region: Part II	Regional-specific MSR for central 78 corridor – districts phase (San Marcos and Vista FPDs, Vista ID, etc.)	
10	High	Administrative	Policy Review | Audit and Accounting	Prepare update to modernize and expand audit + accounting policies; address auditor recommendations	
11	High	Statutory	MSR | Oceanside Region MSR	Complete regional MSR on Oceanside (City of Oceanside, Oceanside SCHD + Morro Hills CSD)	
12	Medium	Administrative	Staffing and Professional Development	Fill all 8.0 budgeted positions + establish ongoing training	
13	Medium	Administrative	Policy Review | Personnel: Part III	Prepare update to modernize and harmonize all LAFCO job descriptions	
14	Medium	Administrative	Custom Project Management Tracker	Work with outside consultant to develop and implement custom online project tracking platform	
15	Medium	Statutory	Special Districts Advisory Committee	Provide administrative support to the SDAC and hold no less than three formal meetings in FY	
16	Medium	Administrative	White Paper | Homeless Services	Evaluate the scope-scale of governmental homeless services in SD County + potential governance options	
17	Medium	Statutory	Cities Advisory Committee	Provide administrative support to the CAC and hold no less than two formal meetings in FY	
18	Medium	Statutory	MSR | North Coast Region – Part II	Regional-specific MSR for north coast – Part II cover districts (Carlsbad MWD, Leucadia WD, et al.)	
19	Medium	Administrative	Prepare Outside Audit + Enhancements	Complete outside audit of financial statements for FY24 with supplemental information for added value	
20	Medium	Statutory	MSR | Del Mar-Solana Beach Region	Complete regional MSR covering the Cities of Del Mar and Solana Beach + Santa Fe ID et al.	

Priority	Level	Type	Project	Description	Status
21	Low	Administrative	Website Refresh + Content Expansion	Proceed with a website refresh and context expansion with multi-media adds	
22	Low	Administrative	Annual Local Agency Directory	Update and publish annual local agency directory subject to LAFCO oversight	
23	Low	Statutory	Policy | Applicant Procedures	Update and streamline application materials and establish related protocols	
24	Low	Administrative	Establish Credit Card Payments	Establish processes and related rules to accept card payments for applicant proposals	
25	Low	Statutory	Legislative Proposal | G.C. 56133	Sponsor/facilitate amendment to clarify LAFCOs' authority to determine out-of-agency exemptions in (e)	
26	Low	Administrative	Policy Review | SDAC Bylaws	Coordinate with SDAC in updating bylaws to sync with current member interests/priorities	
27	Low	Administrative	White Paper | Community Choice	Evaluate the scope and scale of CCAs and their operations in San Diego County and connectivity to LAFCO	
28	Low	Administrative	Liaison with Local Tribes	Establish communication protocols with local tribes with respect to shared interests in regional services	
29	Low	Administrative	Service + Fiscal Indicators	Develop online browser feature to depict service + fiscal indicators among local agencies in SD County	
30	Low	Administrative	Policy Review | Public Member Appointments	Establish local policies and procedures to guide recruitment, vetting, and selection of public members	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Legislative Proposal | G.C. 56430	Sponsor and/or facilitate amendment establishing community engagement enhancements in MSR statute	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Policy Review | Island Annexations	Consider options to define "substantially surrounded" and provide related mapping services	
	Bullpen	Administrative	White Paper | Garbage Services	Evaluate the scope and scale of garbage collection services and possible governance alternatives	
	Bullpen	Administrative	LAFCO Workshop	Organize a Commission Workshop to discuss core responsibilities + powers and implementing preferences	
	Bullpen	Administrative	Public Access Television	Broadcast LAFCO meetings on local government channels	
	Bullpen	Statutory	MSR | Pauma Valley Region	Initiate a regional study covering the north county special districts in the Pauma/Rincon communities	
	Bullpen	Administrative	SOI/MSR Annual Report	Update and publish an annual report documenting all recorded municipal service review and sphere of influence actions	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Policy | Fee Schedule	Review and update fee schedule to sync with current costs and related considerations	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Policy | CEQA Guidelines	Review and update existing implementing guidelines relative to current statute and best practices	
	Bullpen	Administrative	County Planning Groups	Monitor regular meetings of the County's 28 Planning and or Sponsor Groups and directly engage as appropriate	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities	Update DUC mapping designations (DUC) in San Diego County based on current census information	
	Bullpen	Administrative	Local Agency Finder Tool	Develop online feature for users to enter address to identify all overlapping local jurisdictions (cities and districts)	
	Bullpen	Administrative	Southern California LAFCOs	Participate in quarterly meetings with other Southern California LAFCOs and related projects and/or trainings	
	Bullpen	Administrative	White Paper | School Districts	Evaluate scope and scale of school districts and their baseline capacities for reference in municipal service reviews	
	Bullpen	Administrative	CALAFCO	Participate in CALAFCO sponsored programs and related trainings (conferences, workshops, committees, etc.)	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Policy | Commission Rule No. 4	Modernize Rule No. 4 and its provisions to regulate special districts' service functions and classes	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Escondido Region Governance Study	Study options to consolidate (functional and political) the City of Escondido and Rincon del Diablo MWD	
	Bullpen	Administrative	White Paper | JPAs	Evaluate the status of JPA filings in San Diego County relative to LAFCO's task in SB 1261	
	Bullpen	Statutory	Policy | Cities Advisory Committee	Coordinate with CAD in updating bylaws and related procedures to sync with current member interests/priorities	

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Commission Rolling Study Schedule 5-YEAR PLAN

FY2025 Through FY2029

Regional Service Planning
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Study Directive

State law directs San Diego LAFCO to review spheres of influence for all cities and special districts and update as needed (affirm, expand, reduce, etc.) every five years and by extension mark the agencies' appropriate current and future boundaries and service areas. Pertinently, local agencies cannot annex and/or extend services outside their spheres with limited exceptions. State law also specifies San Diego LAFCO must inform the sphere updates by preparing comprehensive evaluations – titled municipal service reviews – to determine the availability and adequacy of local governmental services as well as governance responsiveness relative to community needs.

Study Schedule

San Diego LAFCO has established a five-year rolling Study Schedule to guide its statutory task to review and update as appropriate the spheres of influence of cities and special districts under the Commission's oversight. The rolling Study Schedule is premised on the Commission's policy interest to proactively calendar municipal service reviews and use these documents to determine the subsequent scope of any related sphere of influence updates for the affected agencies. The Commission also regularly draws on the municipal service reviews to inform its' decision-making on boundary changes.

Rolling Study Schedule Format

The Study Schedule is a living or rolling document that the Commission resets yearly in concert with the annual budget and workplan adoptions. The rolling study schedule spans 5 fiscal years with only the first year being set. The second through fifth years are tentatively calendared, and done so to help guide and telegraph future decision-making. This approach allows the Commission the flexibility to redirect staff resources where needed should calendar studies extend beyond one year while also granting staff the ability to prioritize applicant proposals.

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Otay Lakes in Chula Vista ▶

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2024-2025 + 2025-2026: SET

NORTH COUNTY FOCUS

Carlsbad + Encinitas Region

- **Part I: Cities**
  - City of Carlsbad
  - City of Encinitas
- **Part II: Special Districts**
  - Carlsbad MWD
  - Leucadia WWD
  - Olivenhain WD
  - San Dieguito WD

Central 78 Corridor Region

- **Part I: Cities**
  - City of San Marcos
  - City of Vista
- **Part II: Special Districts**
  - Vista ID
  - Buena SD
  - Vallecitos WD
  - San Marcos FPD
  - Vista FPD

San Diego County Healthcare Districts

- **Part I: Macro + Part II: Micro**
  - Palomar HD
  - Tri-City HD
  - Fallbrook HD
  - Grossmont HD

Del Mar + Solana Beach Region

- **Part I: Cities**
  - City of Del Mar
  - City of Solana Beach
- **Part II: Special Districts**
  - Santa Fe ID
  - CSA 17 – Ambulance*

Oceanside Region

- City of Oceanside
- Morro Hills CSD
- Oceanside Harbor District

Wholesale Water Services

- San Diego County Water Authority
- Metropolitan Water District

Council of Governments

- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

*Denotes a special district included in more than one study.



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2026-2027: TENTATIVE

SOUTHWEST COUNTY FOCUS

Macro Fire Service Study

- State: CAL FIRE
- Cities
- Special Districts
- Tribes

Metro San Diego Region

- City of San Diego
- San Diego Unified PD

Rancho Santa Fe Region

- Fairbanks Ranch CSD
- Questhaven MWD
- Rancho Santa Fe CSD
- Rancho Santa Fe FPD
- Whispering Palms CSD
- CSA No. 17 – Ambulance*
- CSA No. 83 – San Dieguito Parks

Silver Strand Region

- City of Coronado
- City of Imperial Beach

South Coast Region

- City of Chula Vista
- City of National City
- Bonita-Sunnyside FPD
- Lower Sweetwater FPD
- Otay WD*
- San Diego County SD*
- South Bay ID
- CSA No. 122 – Planning

Transit Services

- North County TD
- Metropolitan Transit System

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2027-2028: TENTATIVE

EAST COUNTY FOCUS

Alpine – Lakeside Region

- Alpine FPD
- Lakeside FPD
- Lakeside WD
- Padre Dam MWD*
- San Diego County SD*
- CSA No. 69 – Ambulance
- CSA No. 136 – Sundance Basin

El Cajon – Santee Region

- City of El Cajon
- City of Santee
- Helix WD*
- Padre Dam MWD*

Pauma Valley Region

- Mootamai MWD
- Rincon Ranch CSD
- Pauma CSD
- San Luis Rey MWD
- Yuima MWD

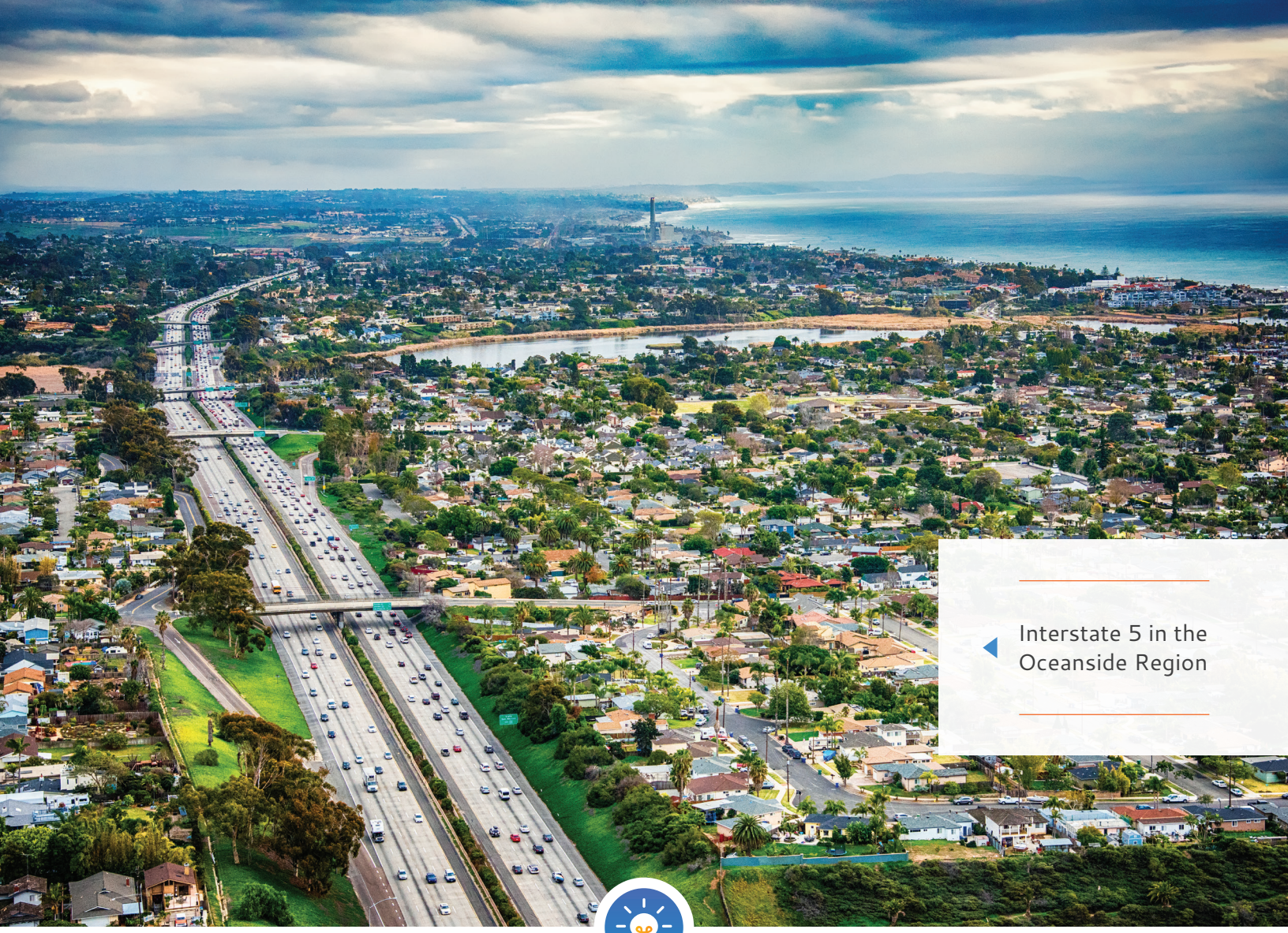
La Mesa – Lemon Grove Region

- City of La Mesa
- City of Lemon Grove
- Helix WD*
- Lemon Grove Roadway LD
- Lemon Grove SD
- San Diego County SD*

Spring Valley Region

- Otay MWD*
- San Miguel FPD
- San Diego County SD*
- CSA No. 69 – Ambulance*
- CSA No. 128 – Parks

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Interstate 5 in the Oceanside Region

2028-2029: TENTATIVE

MISCELLANEOUS

Borrego Region

- Borrego WD
- Coachella Valley WD

Cemetery Services

- North County CD
- Pomerado CD
- Ramona CD
- Valley Center CD

Flood Control Services

- San Diego County FCD
- Cities
- Special Districts

Alpine – Lakeside Region

- Alpine FPD
- Lakeside FPD
- Lakeside WD
- Padre Dam MWD*
- San Diego County SD
- CSA No. 69 – Ambulance
- CSA No. 136 – Sundance Basin

East Laguna Summit Region

- Canebrake WD
- Descanso WD
- Jacumba CSD
- San Diego County SD*
- CSA No. 137 – Live Oak Springs

San Diego County Airports

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AGENDA REPORT
Consent | Information

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Meghan Traynor, Local Government Analyst I
Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on Active Proposals and Related Activities**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a status report on active proposals and requests currently on file as well as anticipated filings based on ongoing discussions with proponents. The item is for information and concurrently satisfies LAFCO's reporting requirement involving petition-initiated proposals.

BACKGROUND

Processing Procedures and Timelines

LAFCO proceedings for jurisdictional changes are generally initiated by outside applicants through petitions (landowners or voters), and to a lesser extent by resolutions (local agencies). LAFCOs may also initiate jurisdictional changes to form, consolidate, or dissolve special districts if consistent with the recommendations of approved municipal service reviews. Most jurisdictional change filings take four to six months before they are scheduled for hearing. Requests for outside-of-agency service approvals – which are subject to separate procedures – generally take two months to process.

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DISCUSSION

This item provides San Diego LAFCO with its regular update on active proposals on file. The item also – and for telegraphing purposes of future workload – identifies pending proposals staff anticipates being filed with LAFCO in the near term based on discussions with local agencies. It also serves to concurrently satisfy the Commission's reporting requirement to provide notice on agendas involving jurisdictional changes initiated by petitions.[1]

There are currently 30 active proposals on file with LAFCO. This amount is divided between 22 proposals in administrative review and pending Commission hearing with the remaining eight involving conditional approvals that are awaiting recordation. Staff also identifies eight pending and otherwise substantive proposal submittals based on ongoing communications with their proponents. All active and pending proposals are outlined in Attachment One.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the staff,

Meghan Traynor
Local Government Analyst I

Attachment:

1) Active and Pending Proposals as of November 25, 2024

1 Government Code Section 56857 directs LAFCOs to provide notice on agendas of any proposal involving special districts that have been initiated by landowners or registered voters. The agenda notification starts a 60-day period in which the affected special districts may request termination of the proceedings due to financial or service-related concerns.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
ACTIVE PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS | PENDING COMMISSION ACTION				
1	RO06-17	"Tobacco Road Reorganization" - City of Escondido: Annexation	Staff	Application submitted in March 2006 by landowner petition to annex six parcels to the City of Escondido. The affected territory comprises six parcels located along Tobacco Road. The application filing fulfilled an earlier Executive Officer approval in 2006 to authorize the City of Escondido to extend outside wastewater service to two of the six subject parcels due to failing septic systems. (The other four subject parcels are included in the proposal to provide connectivity to the existing City boundary.) The current number of residents within the affected territory is unknown. The application remains incomplete pending the submittal of additional documentation and related information to complete the administrative review. The proposal is subject to formal abandonment pending the anticipated action by the Commission to approve authorizing policies.
2	RO08-09	"South Mollison Ave-Snyder Reorganization" - City of El Cajon: Annexation	Staff	Application submitted in May 2008 by landowner petition for a proposed annexation to the City of El Cajon. The affected territory includes approximately 1.25 acres and is subject to a proposed multi-family residential project. It is unknown whether there are any current residents within the affected territory. The application remains incomplete pending the submittal of additional documentation and related information necessary to complete the administrative review. The proposal is subject to formal abandonment pending the anticipated action by the Commission to approve authorizing policies.
3	DA08-10	"Avocado Way-Potter Annexation" - Vallecitos WD: Annexation	Staff	Application submitted in May 2008 by landowner petition requesting annexation of to the Vallecitos Water District for purposes of receiving public wastewater services. The affected territory comprises two parcels developed with single-family residences located along Avocado Way. The number of current residents within the affected territory is unknown. The application remains incomplete pending the submittal of additional documentation and related information necessary to complete the administrative review. The proposal is subject to formal abandonment pending the anticipated action by the Commission to approve authorizing policies.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
4	RO08-15 SA08-15	"Crestlake Estates Reorganization" - City of Santee: Annexation - San Diego County SD: Annexation - Lakeside FPD: Annexation	Staff	Application submitted in May 2008 by landowner petition requesting a reorganization to accommodate wastewater, fire protection, and ambulance services for an approved Tentative Map allowing the development of 60 single-family residences. It is unknown if there are any current residents. The affected territory lies within all three subject agencies' spheres of influence: San Diego County Sanitation District; Lakeside Fire Protection District; and the City of Santee. The application remains incomplete pending the submittal of additional documentation and related information necessary to complete the administrative review. The proposal is subject to formal abandonment pending the anticipated action by the Commission to approve authorizing policies.
5	DA12-02	"Lorch Annexation" - Borrego WD: Annexation	Staff	Application submitted in March 2012 by landowner petition to annex approximately 9.4 acres to the Borrego Water District (WD) to provide water service to one parcel within the District's sphere. It is unknown how many residents are currently within the affected territory. Application deemed incomplete in an April 2012 status letter. A new status letter was sent in January 2018 stating the proposal would be considered abandoned unless notified otherwise. Borrego WD responded to the letter and has reinitiated discussions with the landowner regarding possible service terms. Discussions remain active.
6	DA16-10	"CSA 17 Harmony Grove Annexation" - CSA 17: Annexation	Staff	Application submitted in May 2016 by resolution from the County of San Diego to annex approximately 3,600 acres to County Service Area (CSA) No. 17 for ambulance service and done so as a cross-condition of the Commission dissolving CSA No. 107 in 2015. The affected territory is entirely unincorporated and comprises portions of the Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove communities with an estimated resident population of 29,995. The proposal remains incomplete due to a variety of reasons and is marked by opposition from the CSA No. 17 Advisory Committee. Staff continues to engage the County, Advisory Committee, and other stakeholders to fulfill the Commission's earlier directive. Discussions remain active.
7	RO16-11	"Rancho Hills Reorganization" - Rancho Santa Fe CSD: Annexation - Olivenhain MWD: Expansion of Latent Power Area - Olivenhain MWD: Latent Sphere Amendment (+)	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in October 2016 to annex a portion of a 37-lot residential subdivision titled "Rancho Hills" to Rancho Santa Fe CSD for wastewater service. A concurrent latent power expansion for Olivenhain MWD is needed to accommodate sewer to the remaining project site. The proposal was deemed incomplete in a November 2016 status letter. With concurrence with the proponent, the application is administratively paused due to incomplete and pending receipt of additional documentation. Discussions remain active.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
8	RO19-04	"Ortega – Olde Highway 80 Change of Organization" - San Diego County SD: Annexation	Michaela Peters	*New application submitted in May 2024* by landowner petition to annex approximately 11.2 acres to the San Diego County Sanitation District for wastewater service. The affected territory comprises three parcels – two presently developed with existing office structures, parking spaces, and other accessory structures. The purpose of the proposal is to connect sewer services for a proposed office/warehouse building development. The submitted proposal application is incomplete pending receipt of additional documentation and related information to complete the administrative review. Discussions remain active.
9	SA19-26 RO19-26 OAS19-26	"Valiano - Eden Valley Reorganization" - City of Escondido: Extraterritorial Sewer - City of Escondido: Sphere Amendment (+) - San Marcos FPD: Annexation - Rancho Santa Fe FPD: Detachment - Rancho Santa Fe FPD: Sphere Amendment (-) - Rancho Santa Fe FPD: Extraterritorial Fire	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in November 2019 jointly by landowner petition and the City of Escondido and involves a reorganization and outside-of-agency service agreement as part of the "Valiano" planned development in Harmony Grove. The reorganization involves the concurrent annexation of approximately 10.8 unincorporated acres to San Marcos FPD and detachment from Rancho Santa Fe FPD and related sphere amendments. The outside-of-agency service agreement approval request involves the extension of wastewater from the City of Escondido for approximately 82.9 unincorporated acres with related sphere amendments to add to Escondido and remove from San Marcos. The application is administratively paused due to incomplete and pending receipt of additional documentation – including the results of litigation against the underlying project. Discussions remain active.
10	CO21-09	"Otay Lakes Road Change of Organization" - City of Chula Vista: Annexation	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in October 2022 by landowner petition to annex approximately 1,870 acres of unincorporated territory to the City of Chula Vista. (The petitioners originally filed an application in October 2021 seeking approval to annex into the San Diego County Sanitation District. This previous application has since been withdrawn.) The affected territory comprises 6 parcels within the Baldwin and Moller communities and is presently undeveloped. The proposal is intended to facilitate the development of a 1,938 residential subdivision with various ancillary uses as part of the "Otay Ranch Resort Village 13" project. The submitted proposal application is incomplete and pending receipt of additional documentation and information from the applicant – including an agreement with LAFCO to proceed with a targeted/informing municipal service review. Discussions remain active.

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11	CO22-04	"AJX Homes - Carmichael Change of Organization" - City of La Mesa: Annexation - City of La Mesa: Sphere Amendment (+) - San Miguel FPD: detachment - San Miguel FPD: Sphere Amendment (-)	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in February 2022 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 0.3 acres to City of La Mesa for wastewater service. The affected territory is developed with a single-family residence and the landowner intends to update the existing site from a septic system to a public wastewater system. The application is administratively paused due to incomplete information and pending receipt of additional documentation from the proponent. Discussions remain active.
12	RO22-11	"Tummala - Rincon MWD Reorganization" - Rincon del Diablo MWD: Annexation - Metropolitan Water District: Annexation - San Diego CWA: Annexation	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in October 2022 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 20 acres of unincorporated territory to make available public water services. The affected territory is currently vacant and undeveloped. The proposal's purpose is to position the landowner to proceed in the future with a development plan with the County of San Diego. The submitted proposal application is incomplete pending receipt of additional documentation and related information. Discussions remain active.
13	CO23-11	"Nencini Associates Change of Organization" - San Diego County SD: Annexation	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in July 2023 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 20.6 acres to the San Diego County Sanitation District (SD) for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater service. The affected territory is partially developed with one single-family residence, with plans to develop an additional 7 single-family residences through subdivision. Conditional approval for future annexation to the City of Chula Vista is recommended. The proposal is currently under administrative review and is considered incomplete at this time. Discussions remain active.
14	RO23-12	"Twin Oaks Valley Winery Reorganization" - Vallecitos WD: Annexation - Vista ID: Detachment	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in September 2023 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 4.35 acres to the Vallecitos Water District to establish both potable water and wastewater services. The affected territory is developed with one single-family residence, with plans to develop a full-service winery – including a tasting room, wine production space, restroom(s), etc. The proposal is currently under administrative review with the expectation of expanding the scope to include detachment from Vista ID. Discussions remain active.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
15	CO23-15	"Maclachlan - Old Highway 80 Change of Organization" - San Diego County SD: Annexation	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in December 2023 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 0.60 acres to the San Diego County Sanitation District for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater service. The affected territory is currently undeveloped with plans of developing a commercial building and parking lot. The proposal is currently under administrative review with discussions remaining active.
16	OAS24-04	"Benter – Alto Drive Out-of-Agency Service Agreement" - City of La Mesa: OAS	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in February 2024 by landowner petition involving an out-of-agency service agreement for wastewater service to accommodate the planned development of an ADU (and possible JADU in the future). The proposal is currently under administrative review pending a complete application and official request for approval via the City.
17	OAS24-06	"Iannacone - La Cruz Drive Contractual Service Agreement" - City of La Mesa: OAS	Michaela Peters	Fee submitted in March 2024 with an intent to file an application involving an out of agency service agreement to establish wastewater services to a single-family residence to remedy to a failing septic system. The proposal application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active.
18	RO24-07	"Lake Wohlford Resort Reorganization" - Valley Center MWD: Annexation	Meghan Traynor	Fee submitted in March 2024 for an anticipated reorganization application involving annexation of approximately 127 acres to the Valley Center Municipal Water District for the purpose of receiving potable water service. The affected territory is presently developed with 137 mobile homes and one restaurant currently served by an onsite water system. The proposal application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
19	CO24-09	"Huang – Mt. Whitney Road Change of Organization" -Rincon MWD | Wastewater Service Area: Annexation -Rincon MWD | Wastewater Service Area: Sphere Action (+)	Meghan Traynor	Application submitted in August 2024 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 0.91 acres to the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District for the primary purpose of establishing public wastewater service. The affected territory is presently undeveloped with plans to develop a single-family residence. The proposal is currently under administrative review with discussions remaining active.
20	RO24-13	"Cavanaugh – Linda Vista Drive Reorganization" - Vallecitos WD: Annexatoin - Vallecitos WD: Sphere Action (+)	Joelle Burila	Application submitted in August 2024 by landowner petition and involves annexation of an approximate one-acre parcel in the City of San Marcos to the Vallecitos Water District for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater service. The affected territory is presently undeveloped with plans to develop both a single-family residence and detached garage. The proposal is currently under administrative review with discussions remaining active.
21	CO24-14	"Quarry Road LLC Change of Organization" - San Diego County SD: Annexation	Meghan Traynor	Application submitted in September 2024 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 10.7 acres to the San Diego County Sanitation District for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater services. The affected territory is currently undeveloped with plans of developing a commercial storage facility. The proposal is currently under administrative review with discussions remaining active.
22	CO24-17	"Biermann – N Ash Street Change of Organization" - City of Escondido: Annexation	Meghan Traynor	Application submitted in October 2024 by landowner petition and involves annexation of 0.74-acre parcel in unincorporated territory to the City of Escondido for the purpose of receiving wastewater service. The subject parcel is currently developed with one single-family residence. The request for public wastewater is to accommodate a lot split with a proposed development of an additional SFR and two ADUs. The proposal is currently under administrative review with discussions remaining active.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
ACTIVE PROPOSALS | POST COMMISSION ACTION				
23	SA16-20 LP16-20	"CSA 135 Islands Reorganization" - CSA 135 – LP Fire Area: Latent Powers Expansion - Bonita-Sunnyside FPD: Annexation - Lakeside FPD: Annexation - San Miguel FPD: Annexation - Ramona MWD: Annexation	Staff	Proposal submitted November 2016 by resolution of the San Diego County Fire Authority. Involved annexation of remaining unserved Islands 2, 3, and 4 via reorganization of local fire service territory among five local agencies: CSA 135; Bonita-Sunnyside FPD; Lakeside FPD; Ramona MWD; and San Miguel FPD. Reorganization involved annexation to the subject agencies and expansion of CSA No. 135's latent powers to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to three unincorporated and unserved island areas totaling approximately 21,048 acres. Conforming amendments to add the affected territory to the subject agencies' spheres of influence were also required. The reorganization proposal was approved February 4, 2018 and is now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied. A noticed protest hearing was held on March 13, 2019 at the LAFCO office. No protest was received by affected registered voters or landowners. Other terms remain pending.
24	LP(E)19-27	"Fallbrook PUD Latent Powers Expansion" - Activation: Park and Recreation - Activation: Street Lighting - Activation: Roads	Priscilla Mumpower	Application submitted in November 2019 by resolution from the Fallbrook Public Utility District (PUD) seeking approval to activate specified latent powers throughout its jurisdictional boundary (28,193 unincorporated acres). Requested power activations involve park and recreation, street lighting, and roads with the former intended to supplement existing park and recreation services provided in the region by the County of San Diego via County Service Area No. 81. The proposal was approved by the Commission on April 4, 2022, and now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied. A noticed protest hearing was held on May 31, 2022 and continued to June 14, 2022 at the Fallbrook PUD. Not enough protest was received by affected registered voters or landowners. Other terms remain pending.
25	CO22-20	"Camino De La Fuente - Wick Change of Organization" - San Diego County SD: Annexation	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in November 2022 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 35.3 acres of unincorporated territory to the San Diego County Sanitation District to make available public water and wastewater services. The affected territory is currently vacant and undeveloped. The proposal's purpose is to position the landowner to proceed in the future with a development plan to grade the land for future industrial and outdoor storage uses. The proposal was approved by the Commission on October 2nd, 2023. The applicant has requested a formal extension to September 18th, 2025 in order to satisfy the necessary terms and conditions outlined in the adopted resolution.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
26	CO24-05	"O'Ryan – Calavo Drive Change of Organization" - Otay WD: Annexation - Otay WD: Sphere Action (+)	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in February 2024 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 0.30 acres to the Otay Water District for the primary purpose of establishing public wastewater service. The affected territory is presently undeveloped with plans to develop a single-family residence and an accompanying accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in addition to a proposed 8.11-acre modification to include the public right-of-way along Avocado Blvd. The proposal was approved by the Commission on October 7, 2024 and now pending completion of terms and conditions as set forth by the Commission.
27	OAS 24-08	"Shen – Pinecrest Ave Out-of-Agency Service Agreement" - City of Escondido: OAS	Meghan Traynor	Application submitted in August 2024 by landowner petition involving an out of agency service agreement to establish wastewater services to a single-family residence totaling 1.09 acres to remedy to a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on September 6, 2024. The proposal was presented to the Commission for information on October 7, 2024 and now pending completion of terms and conditions as set forth by the Commission.
28	OAS24-12	"Delgado-Andrade – 24th Street Outside-of-Agency Service Agreement" - City of National City: OAS	Joelle Burila	Application submitted in August 2024 by landowner petition involving an out-of agency service request for wastewater services to a single-family residence on less than an acre as a remedy to a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on October 23, 2024. The proposal was approved as a consent (information only) item as part of the Commission's November 4, 2024 meeting and now pending completion of terms and conditions as set forth by the Commission.
29	RO24-03	"Bryant – Felicita Road Reorganization" - City of Escondido: Annexation	Michaela Peters	Application submitted in January 2024 by landowner petition following an out-of-agency service agreement administratively approved by the Executive Officer on February 22, 2023. The purpose of this proposal is to formally establish wastewater services to a single-family residence totaling 0.4 acres after temporarily remedying a failing septic system. The proposal was approved as a consent (information only) item as part of the Commission's November 4, 2024 meeting and now pending completion of terms and conditions as set forth by the Commission.
30	OAS24-10	"Dragovic – Sunset Drive Out-of-Agency Service Agreement" - City of Vista: OAS	Joelle Burila	Application submitted in May 2024 by landowner petition and involves an out-of agency service agreement for wastewater services to a single-family residence totaling 1.25 acres to accommodate a lot split via the County of San Diego. The proposal was approved as a business item as part of the Commission's November 4, 2024 meeting and now pending completion of terms and conditions as set forth by the Commission.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
PENDING PROPOSAL APPLICATION SUBMITTALS (No project manager; inquiries should be directed to Keene Simonds)				
	Pending	"Harvest Hills Reorganization" - City of Escondido: Annexation		This anticipated reorganization proposal is currently undergoing development and environmental review by the City of Escondido. Submittal to LAFCO anticipated for late 2020-2021 if approved by Escondido. The anticipated proposal involves annexation of approximately 1,098 acres to the City for the primary purpose of developing a 550-lot residential subdivision. All the affected territory presently lies outside the adopted Escondido sphere. Due to the scope of the proposal area a comprehensive update of the City's sphere is warranted along with preparing the supporting municipal service review document. These and other service-related issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint review with other local stakeholders. Project was originally titled as "Safari Highlands".
	Pending	"Rancho Lomas Verde Reorganization" - City of Vista: Annexation		This anticipated reorganization proposal is undergoing development and environmental review by the City of Vista. The proposal involves annexation of approximately 300 acres to the City of Vista and concurrent detachments from CSA 135 and the Vista FPD to facilitate a 153-lot residential development. Close to three-fourths of the project area lies outside the adopted Vista sphere. Due to the scope of the proposal area a comprehensive update of the City's sphere is warranted along with preparing the supporting municipal service review document. These and other service-related issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint review with other local stakeholders.
	Pending	"Sager Ranch Reorganization" - City of Escondido: Annexation		This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of approximately 1,800 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido and concurrent detachments from CSA 135 and the Valley Center FPD. The reorganization would facilitate the proposed development of approximately 200 acres to include 203 residential units and a 225-room resort. Portions of the project area lie outside the current City sphere. Fire protection service remains a key discussion point and the source of ongoing discussions with the proponents.
	Pending	"Harmony Grove Village South" (TM-626) - Rincon del Diablo MWD: Annexation		This anticipated reorganization involves the unincorporated Harmony Grove Village South project and specific to accommodating sewer services (among a variety of options) for the planned development of approximately 111 acres to include 453 residential units. On January 27, 2020 the San Diego Superior Court overturned the County's development approvals for the project. Appeals are pending with no update as of this report.

	File Number	Proposal Name | Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
	Pending	"Escondido Village – Unison Communities" - City of Escondido: Annexation		This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of approximately 17 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido. The reorganization would facilitate connectivity to public wastewater service and in doing so accommodate the proposed development of approximately 200 residential units on the affected territory. The entire project lies within the City of Escondido sphere of influence. Complete application is pending.
	Pending	"Pasqual Heights – Touchstone Communities" - City of Escondido: Annexation		This anticipated out-of-agency service agreement involves approximately 10.4 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido. The OAS would facilitate connectivity to public wastewater service and in doing so accommodate the proposed development of a 42-Single- Family unit subdivision within the affected territory. The entire project lies within the City of Escondido sphere of influence although not contiguous to the establish service area boundary. Complete application and letter of request via the City is pending.
	Pending	"Troy St. Sleeping Cabins" - Lemon Grove SD: Detachment - San Diego County SD: Annexation		The anticipated reorganization involves detaching from the Lemon Grove Sanitation District and annexing into the County of San Diego Sanitation District. The reorganization would accommodate a proposed project development and construction of approximately 80 sleeping cabins for use as emergency shelters for people experiencing homelessness. Discussions remain active.
	Pending	"La Jolla Incorporation" - La Jolla: Incorporation - City of San Diego: Detachment - City of San Diego: Sphere Action (-)		Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition was submitted May 2024 in anticipation of a special reorganization application filing. The proposal will involve the detachment of 8,371 acres from the City of San Diego and the incorporation of the community of La Jolla along with conforming sphere of influence amendments. A draft fiscal impact analysis report is currently underway by the proponents – Association for the City of La Jolla (501c3) – to determine whether La Jolla could obtain cityhood and be economically sustainable on its own. Proponents are currently collecting signatures through December 1st. Proponents will have 60 days to submit petition for validation along with other application materials – including a deposit.

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AGENDA REPORT
Public Hearing | Action

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
Michaela Peters, Analyst II

SUBJECT: **Proposed Sphere of Influence Updates for the Oceanside Region | City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District, and the Morro Hills Community Services District**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider proposed sphere of influence updates for three affected local agencies in the Oceanside region under LAFCO oversight involving City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District, and Morro Hills Community Services District. The item is being presented consistent with statute and LAFCO's task to regularly update all local agencies' spheres of influence and role therein to accommodate future boundary changes and out-of-agency services over the next five-year period. The item draws on the recent municipal service review on the Oceanside region and recommendations presented and approved at the November 4, 2024 meeting to proceed with limited updates for all three subject agencies and marked by affirming all three existing sphere designations with no changes. A special study area is separately recommended for the Morro Hills Community Services District and its streets function to cover an approximate 325-acre area to encourage discussions between the District and affected residents to assess mutual interest in pursuing a future annexation. Should mutual interest exist the special study area would allow a concurrent sphere amendment and annexation to be considered by the Commission in the near term without necessitating a new municipal service review. No special study areas at this time are recommended for the other two subject agencies. A draft resolution approving

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the recommendations and making exemption findings under the California Environmental Quality Act are presented. Adoption would be subject to a 30-day reconsideration period.

BACKGROUND

Spheres of Influence

LAFCOs establish, amend, and update spheres of influence for cities and special districts to designate the territory it independently believes represents the agencies' appropriate and probable future jurisdictional boundaries and/or service areas. All jurisdictional changes and out-of-agency services must be consistent with the affected agencies' spheres with limited exceptions. Statute tasks LAFCOs to review and update spheres every five years as needed based on information generated in municipal service reviews. LAFCOs have broad discretion in designating spheres in step with meeting its objective to facilitate orderly and responsive growth and development so long as the following factors are considered.

- Present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural or open space lands.
- Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.
- Capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services the agencies provide.
- Existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.
- Present and probable needs for water, wastewater, and fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the agencies' existing spheres.[1]

Informing Document to Sphere Updates | Municipal Service Review on the Oceanside Region

San Diego LAFCO completed a scheduled municipal service review on the Oceanside region – at its November 4, 2024 meeting – providing an independent evaluation of the availability, need, and performance of the three affected agencies' core service functions relative to community needs. The municipal service review covers the City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District (SCHD), and Morro Hills Community Services District (CSD). A prospectus summarizing key conclusions, recommendations, and related determinations is provided as Attachment One.

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to fulfill its statutory task to review and update the spheres of influence in the Oceanside region involving the City of Oceanside, Oceanside SCHD, and the Morro Hills CSD. The update is informed by the municipal service review recently prepared on the Oceanside region and draws on the following baseline sphere information.

[1] This factor applies only when establishing, amending, or updating spheres for local agencies that provide one of the three listed functions (water, wastewater, and fire protection).

- **Oceanside** is a full-service municipality with the following functions selected for evaluation in the recent municipal service review: water; wastewater; fire protection and emergency medical; parks and recreation; and community development. Oceanside's sphere was last reviewed and updated by LAFCO in 2016 and includes all incorporated territory plus approximately 20 unincorporated acres located immediately to the southeast in the Sunset Drive and Busch Drive area. There are also no special study areas currently assigned to the sphere. A map showing the current sphere designation is provided as Attachment Two.

- **Oceanside SCHD** is a dependent special district of the City of Oceanside with its two active service functions – marina and dredging – evaluated in the recent municipal service review. SCHD's sphere was last reviewed and updated by LAFCO in 2013 and is coterminous – like its jurisdiction – with the City of Oceanside. This matching designation means the sphere includes all SCHD jurisdictional boundary plus approximately 20 non-jurisdictional and unincorporated acres in the Sunset Drive and Busch Drive area. There are also no special study areas currently assigned to the sphere. A map showing the current sphere designation is provided as Attachment Three.

- **Morro Hills CSD** is an independent special district with its one active service function – streets – evaluated in the recent municipal service review. Morro Hills CSD's sphere was last reviewed and updated by LAFCO in 2013. The sphere is currently coterminous with the jurisdictional boundary. There are also no special study areas currently assigned to the sphere. A map showing the current sphere designation is provided as Attachment Four.

Consistent with adopted policy, LAFCO's municipal service review included recommendations on whether the Commission should proceed with limited or comprehensive sphere updates for the three subject agencies in the Oceanside region. The municipal service review uniformly recommends the Commission proceed with limited sphere updates for all three subject agencies and defer more comprehensive updates to a future study cycle. A special study area – nonetheless – is recommended for Morro Hills CSD to cover an approximate 325-acre area. This special study area is shown in Attachment Five and reflects a notional expansion of the streets function and in doing so encourage discussions between the District and affected residents to assess mutual interest in future annexation. Separately, a matching special study area for the other two subject agencies is also identified in the municipal service review but premised on LAFCO first performing additional outreach before any actions are considered.[2]

[2] The referenced study area identified in the municipal service review for the City of Oceanside – and by extension Oceanside SCHD – involves approximately 250 acres of unincorporated territory located immediately southwest of the City boundary/sphere near Sunset Drive and Melrose Way. This potential study area currently lies within the Vista sphere and includes two non-contiguous disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) under local adopted policy. The primary merits associated with establishing this special study area is to help facilitate the extension of urban-supporting services via annexation and/or out-of-agency service agreements by Vista and/or Oceanside without the burden of preparing a new municipal service review. Relatedly, the special study would serve to memorialize LAFCO's interest in environmental justice by removing barriers to advancing service equity to DUC lands and their residents. Notwithstanding these merits, and to avoid the otherwise unwanted overlap of the Cities' spheres of influence, the municipal service review recommends LAFCO first perform surveying of residents to help inform the decision-making process.

ANALYSIS

Proceeding with limited sphere of influence updates to affirm all three local agencies in the Oceanside region without changes and deferring more comprehensive analyses and potential changes is justified. This approach is consistent with the telegraphing provided in the recently completed municipal service review and – among other virtues – positions the Commission to perform comprehensive analyses with the benefit of incorporating the information provided once the City of Oceanside completes its current General Plan Update. It also – materially – provides additional time for LAFCO to collaborate with the Cities of Oceanside and Carlsbad on potential boundary true-ups for both jurisdictions in addressing anomalies along Buena Vista Creek.

While no changes to the spheres are recommended, establishing a special study area for Morro Hills CSD is justified and consistent with LAFCO practice to create placeholders to telegraph potential changes that may be merited should additional information be presented. The proposed study area covers 325 acres that LAFCO staff believes represents an orderly expansion of the CSD streets function. Creating the special study would encourage merited discussions between the CSD and affected residents to assess mutual interest in annexation. Should mutual interest exist, the special study area designation would allow a concurrent sphere amendment and annexation to be considered by the Commission within the next five years without necessitating a new municipal service review.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO approve updates to affirm without changes the spheres of influence for all three affected agencies in the Oceanside region while also establishing a special study area for Morro Hills CSD as specified. This recommendation is consistent with Alternative One as outlined in the succeeding section and would be subject to a 30-day reconsideration period. CEQA exemptions also appropriately apply under State Guidelines 15061(b)(3) and the "general rule" standard. These exemptions appropriately apply given it can be seen with certainty spheres are planning policies and their establishment, amendment, and update do not make any changes to the environment or authorize any new uses or services without further analysis or action.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternative actions are available to San Diego LAFCO and can be accomplished through a single-approved motion.

Alternative One (recommended):

a) Adopt the draft resolution provided as Attachment One approving updates to affirm all three subject agencies' spheres without changes along with establishing a special study area for Morro Hills CSD as specified. CEQA exemptions apply.

b) Direct the Executive Officer to administratively record the sphere of influence actions following the completion of a standard 30-day reconsideration period.

Alternative Two:
Continue the item and request additional information from staff as needed.

PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda for action as part of a noticed public hearing. The following procedures are recommended in the consideration of this item:

1) Commissioner disclosures, if any.
2) Receive verbal presentation from staff unless waived.
2) Open the hearing and invite comments.
3) Close the hearing, discuss item, and consider the staff recommendation.

On behalf of the Executive Officer,

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Attachments:

1) Prospectus on Final Report on the Oceanside Region Municipal Service Review
2) Existing Sphere of Influence for City of Oceanside
3) Existing Sphere of Influence for Oceanside SCHD
4) Existing Sphere of Influence for Morro Hills CSD
5) Proposed Special Study Area for Morro Hills CSD
6) Draft Resolution Approving Spheres of Influence Updates for the Oceanside Region

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Municipal Service Review

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PROSPECTUS | SEPTEMBER 2024

General Themes and Conclusions

The Oceanside region serves as a historical flagship community anchoring northern San Diego County with a current estimated population approaching 180,000 – making it the third largest municipal footprint behind only San Diego and Chula Vista. The City of Oceanside – both as a municipality and at-large community – is the economic and social epicenter. It accounts for nearly all residents and jobs in the region. This also includes serving as a daily host to an additional 70,000 residents, workers, and visitors associated with Marine Corps Base Camp Pendelton to the immediate north. Oceanside Small craft Harbor district (SCHD) overlaps all of Oceanside with service functions focused on the approximate 100-acre Oceanside Harbor and its role as a micro hub for marine and pleasure activities serving locals and tourists.

The physical setting of the Oceanside region largely reflects a traditional suburban layout. Smaller single-family and multi-family residential lots dominate the older neighborhoods in the City of Oceanside west of I-5 paired with local serving commercial corridors and headlined by Old Coast Highway. Densities gradually decrease eastward towards increasingly larger single-family residences via a series of subdivisions constructed between the 1950s and 2000s. The suburban layout cedes at South Morro Hills, which serves as Oceanside's unofficial greenbelt and remains – at least to date – largely agricultural with rural single-family residential uses. Morro Hills Community Services District (CSD) lies immediately to the east of Oceanside's unofficial greenbelt and has already experienced its own transition away from largely commercial agricultural uses and ancillary residences to now mostly upscale residential estates paired with ancillary small husbandry (crop and animal production) activities.

A review of the Oceanside region relative to San Diego LAFCO's growth management tasks and interests produces eight central themes or conclusions. These conclusions collectively address core policy considerations and related growth and development factors present in the region. The conclusions also address potential sphere of influence changes among the three affected local agencies. The conclusions are independently drawn and sourced to information collected and analyzed by the Commission between 2018 and 2022 with limited exceptions and detailed within each of the agency profiles provided in the next chapter.



The Oceanside Pier

The Oceanside Pier, first built in 1888 (and now in its sixth incarnation), is the longest wooden pier on the western United States coastline, at 1,954 feet (596m).

No. 1
Introductory Municipal Service Review

This report represents the first comprehensive municipal service review dedicated to the Oceanside region and three affected local agencies under LAFCO oversight – City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District (SCHD), and Morro Hills Community Services District (CSD). (Earlier municipal service reviews covering one or more of the affected agencies were part of countywide reports prepared in 2007 and 2009). The report consequently serves as a dual introduction. This is marked by introducing the affected agencies and their constituents in real-time to an otherwise unfamiliar and relatively detailed outside planning process. The introduction similarly introduces the Commission to the affected agencies and their service functions at depths previously unvisited with the underlying goal of establishing baseline information to track and measure going forward.

No. 2
Adjusting Growth: Changes in Demographics, Market Conditions, and Community Empowerment

The City of Oceanside – as an at-large community and as the epicenter of the region's economic and social well-being – has experienced a significant adjustment in growth starting in 2000 with the annual population change averaging 0.4% through the end of the five-year report period – or the net addition of two persons each day. This period change marks a five-fold decrease over the prior 20-year span (1980-2020) in which Oceanside averaged the net addition of 12 persons each day. This relatively seismic adjustment appears largely attributed to changing resident demographics (e.g., older residents with higher incomes), market conditions – including decreasing infill opportunities, and the accompanying community empowerment to more directly influence development decisions; the latter reflected in a successful 2020 ballot referendum overturning the City Council's 2019 approval of a 585-unit residential project in South Morro Hills (North River Farms). Although the referendum was subsequently overturned and a smaller project approval followed, the referendum marks a new level of community empowerment not previously exercised over land use decisions. [1]

1 With respect to this conclusion, the City of Oceanside asserts the primary reasons for the adjustment in growth ties to the City largely being built-out and rising interest rates. Oceanside also disagrees with the significance of the North River Farms referendum as an indicator of an overall change in community engagement as presented by LAFCO staff.

No. 3
Adjusting Growth: Effects on Housing Affordability

The adjusting growth within the City of Oceanside starting in 2000 has contributed to a sizable acceleration in housing prices over the last 20 years and through the end of the five-year report period with the median home sale increasing from $195,800 to $784,800 – an average annual change of 14%. This period change marks a 50% rise over the prior 20-year span (1980 to 2020) in which median home sales experienced an average annual rise of 10%. The acceleration of home prices in Oceanside – among other outcomes – has noticeably impacted the private market's ability to construct new affordable workforce housing at the traditional entry levels – i.e., starter homes. This dynamic ties to multiple factors – including supply constraints and homeowners not upsizing – and reflected in the most recently completed housing element cycle (2013 to 2021) where only 23% of Oceanside's assigned housing share at moderate or lower levels received building permits. Permits issued through the first quarter of the current housing cycle (2021-2029) suggest housing affordability at the moderate or lower categories will similarly fall substantively short of goals, albeit at improved levels with current projections showing the attainment level reaching 36%.



No. 4
Variations in Fiscal Health + Navigating Related Stresses

A prominent schism exists among the three affected agencies in the Oceanside region involving their fiscal well-being and navigating financial stresses. The City of Oceanside has steadied its financial position after several years of operating shortfalls in the General Fund in large part to successfully making the case to voters in 2018 to approve a seven-year one-half cent sales tax. Measure X reset Oceanside's overall sales tax rate to 8.25% with the additional revenue broadly earmarked to improve City infrastructure and public safety. Measure X has been a clear success; it has reversed shortfalls into surpluses and underlies a significant two-thirds increase in General Fund reserves ($66.5 to $112.5 million) over the reporting period. Nonetheless, the extension of the one-half cent sale tax beyond its current sunset date in 2026 remains a pronounced variable in Oceanside's near-term health and is expected to be taken up by voters in late 2024. While Oceanside's fiscal health largely ties to the present and near-term status of Measure X, the other two agencies' standing is comparatively more opaque, although for entirely different reasons. Oceanside SCHD, similar to its parent governing body, has steadied its actual expense-to-revenue relationship through incremental budgeting true-ups. These budgeting actions have contributed to a helpful increase of nearly one-fourth in SCHD's unassigned fund balance ($3.7 to $4.6 million) over the reporting period. However, the budgeting true-ups have not addressed decades of deferred or otherwise neglected maintenance. This qualifier is illustrated in capital assets (docks, pilings, piers, etc.) having surpassed their expected useful lives by more than two-fold and serves as a critical stress test for SCHD going forward. Unlike the other two agencies in the region, Morro Hills CSD has maintained a positive actual revenue-to-expense relationship through the reporting period without any obvious hardships; at least that are known. The CSD operates entirely within the confines of the annual collection of its 1% property tax share, which netted $0.090 million at the end of the reporting period. Although CSD has been effective in keeping expenses in line with annual revenues – which is also reflected in an unassigned fund balance increasing by more than four-fifths ($0.142 to $0.267 million) during the period – less is known regarding pending costs. Specifically, no pavement rating has been performed on CSD's 6.0-mile roadway system nor has a capital improvement plan been prepared. These factors directly contribute to a subtle – but real and emerging – stress test.

No. 5
Adequate Municipal Service Capacities with a Qualifier...

All three affected agencies in the Oceanside region have established sufficient and excess capacities involving their core municipal functions to meet both current and anticipated demands through the report's timeframe – at least on a macro level and irrespective of any micro limitations for specific areas. This overall sufficiency is reflected with the region's principal service provider – City of Oceanside – and its available resources involving water and wastewater, which traditionally represent the services most closely affiliated with either supporting or hindering new development. Markedly, and based on current demand-to-capacity ratios for the reporting period, it estimated by LAFCO the water and wastewater systems can accommodate buildout populations of 970,000 and 275,000, respectively.

A material qualifier applies, nevertheless, to Oceanside's other services that are dependent on General Fund monies and the uncertain status of Measure X and its critical revenue enhancement beyond the current sunset date in 2026. This latter variable suggests added caution in the interim for LAFCO in considering boundary actions and their potential impact – advantageous and disadvantageous – on the Oceanside General Fund.

No. 6
City of Oceanside's Role as an Urban Center + LAFCO Support

The City of Oceanside is favorably positioned to plan and accommodate additional growth and become a focal urban center for North County. This opportunity ties to Oceanside's role as a full-service municipality and the controls it provides paired with its physical location along existing major transportation corridors as well as planned expansions – including the modernization of rail (Metrolink and Amtrak) linking Oceanside throughout Southern California. This opportunity further ties and can be supported by LAFCO's own interests and duties to facilitate orderly and city-centered growth in step with providing housing for families at all income levels.

No. 7
Unease within the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District

The Oceanside Small Craft Habor District's core constituency – nearly 1,000 boat slip users collectively generating more than four-fifths of all yearly revenues collected during the five-year report period – is increasingly communicating their unease with decision-making most notably regarding public safety and financial management. While the origins of the unease predate the reporting period and the current SCHD administration, it has amplified and may be approaching a tipping point where a majority of the core contingency feels disenfranchised in District decision-making. This unease merits LAFCO attention and may warrant future resources to help inform decision-making.

No. 8
Proceeding with Limited Sphere Updates + Telegraphing Potential Changes with Special Study Areas

It would be appropriate for LAFCO to proceed with limited sphere of influence updates for all three affected regions in the Oceanside region and defer consideration of more comprehensive actions to the next municipal service cycle. The approach would involve proceeding with affirming all three agencies' current designations without changes. This approach, however, would also incorporate the establishment of one or more special study areas to all three agencies to memorialize areas the Commission would allow to come forward over the next five-year period without requiring a new municipal service review. A key example includes establishing dual study areas for Oceanside and Oceanside SCHD (and their matching spheres) to include an approximate 250-acre area immediately to the southwest near Sunset Drive and Melrose Way that includes two qualifying disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) totaling 121 acres under local policy. The addition of these dual study areas, notably, provides municipal flexibility and would memorialize LAFCO's environmental justice interest in statute to help ensure equitable service levels are available to DUC residents consistent with neighboring lands. [2]

2 With respect to this conclusion, the City of Oceanside opposes the establishment of a special study area for the Sunset Drive/Melrose Way area and – among other items – asserts "the City does not need this area to meet any of its housing obligations as evidenced by our Certified Housing Element." The City of Vista separately opposes the establishment of the proposed study area and states the City is "unclear of the benefits for either city."

Recommendations

The following recommendations call for specific action either from San Diego LAFCO and/or one or more of the three affected agencies in the Oceanside region based on information generated as part of this report. The recommendations are ordered in sequence to their placement in Section 5.0 (Written Determinations). Recommendations for LAFCO action are dependent on a subsequent directive from the Commission and through the annually adopted work plan.

1. As a long-term principle, LAFCO should prioritize and direct growth in the region to the City of Oceanside – including development that would otherwise occur in the surrounding unincorporated areas – and its appropriate role to serve as an urban center in San Diego County. LAFCO should pair this long-term policy principle with continued coordination – and deference whenever appropriate – in support of the Oceanside General Plan. [3]
2. LAFCO – and for its own benefit under statute – should coordinate with SANDAG to develop current buildout estimates within the Oceanside region – including potential lot-splitting as allowed under Senate Bill 9 (Weiner) and incorporate the information into the next scheduled municipal service review.
3. LAFCO should coordinate with the County of San Diego to identify and map active wells and septic systems within the Oceanside region and incorporate the information into the next scheduled municipal service review.
4. Should Measure X's ½ cent sales tax expire during the timeframe of the report, all jurisdictional changes involving the City of Oceanside shall demonstrate de minimis impacts on the City General Fund unless overriding policy considerations are made by the Commission on a case-by-case basis.
5. It is appropriate for LAFCO to defer the identification and evaluation of mutual water companies in the Oceanside region as otherwise prompted in the LAFCO statute to a future informational report.
6. The City of Oceanside should revisit its arrangement with Oceanside SCHD involving the payment plan associated with the SCHD patrol vessel to account for the City's usage of the capital asset outside of the Oceanside Harbor.
7. Morro Hills CSD should explore options to contract with the City of Oceanside or the County of San Diego to provide road maintenance services at a pre-agreed hourly rate to help protect the CSD from variables – costs and availability – associated with the current practice to utilize private contractors as needed.
8. As the City of Oceanside proceeds to implement the initial phases of its novel Re-Beach program, it would be pragmatic to explore opportunities to enlist other local agencies in consolidating efforts - functional or political - given inescapable impacts and interests in beach restorations along the greater coastline. LAFCO should assist if Oceanside and/or other stakeholders wish to explore a political model to organize sand nourishment on a larger scale.



Coaster Commuter Train at Oceanside Transportation Center

3 With respect to the recommendation, the City of Oceanside states it has been "... offered without consultation with Oceanside staff or its elected officials. Such a statement and recommendation Is contrary to the ideals of local control."



Oceanside Lighthouse at Harbor Village

Recommendations

9. Efforts should be taken by Oceanside SCHD to publicly distinguish its role as a stand-alone governmental entity separate from the City of Oceanside.

10. Oceanside SCHD should formalize its existing relationship with the City of Oceanside through an official memorandum of understanding to clearly outline roles and responsibilities and associated costs in utilizing City staff, supplies, and resources in carrying out District duties.

11. It appears Oceanside SCHD informally deactivated its previously authorized and active patrol and rescue municipal function in 2009 in step with these responsibilities being directly assumed by the City of Oceanside. SCHD's legal authorization to provide patrol and rescue, however, remains active under State law absent LAFCO action. To clarify decision-making and service expectations as well as mitigate potential liabilities, SCHD should make a formal determination on whether it is responsible for patrol and rescue, and – if applicable – formally request divestiture approval under Government Code 56824.10.

12. LAFCO is aware there is community interest in exploring the reorganization of Oceanside SCHD into an independent agency to provide direct constituent influence on decision-making, specifically regarding public safety and financial management. It would be appropriate for the Commission to consider authorizing a future governance study to assess alternatives (functional and political) for the benefit of both agencies and their shared constituents with the understanding any actual change to the governance structure would be subject to protest proceedings and potentially an election.

13. It appears appropriate for LAFCO to proceed with limited sphere of influence updates for both the City of Oceanside and Oceanside SCHD to affirm the existing designations with one or more common special study areas. Subject to further analyses to assess community needs.

(a) One special study area has been identified to date and spans nearly 250 acres located immediately southwest of the agencies near Sunset Drive and Melrose Way. This proposed study area currently lies within the Vista sphere and includes two non-contiguous DUCs under local adopted policy. Establishing this special study area would help facilitate the extension of urban-supporting services via annexation and/or out-of-agency service agreements by Vista and/or Oceanside without the burden of preparing a new municipal service review. It would also – materially – memorialize LAFCO's interest in environmental justice by removing barriers to advancing service equity to DUC lands and their residents.

(b) Relatedly, the City of Oceanside and City of Vista should revisit an existing wastewater agreement from October 1984 providing for the transfer of up to 2.15 million gallons of sewage daily between the two agencies to allow for additional flows at designated collection points – including flows from Vista to Oceanside involving the Sunset Drive/ Melrose Way special study area. This would – among other benefits – help eliminate an existing impediment to developing and/or connecting lands within the proposed special study area identified under (a).

(c) Deferring a more comprehensive sphere of influence update to a future cycle concurrently provides LAFCO the benefit to incorporate information associated with the City of Oceanside's active General Plan Update.

14. It appears merited for LAFCO to partner with the Morro Hills CSD in sponsoring or otherwise supporting a legislative change to the principal act to reduce the number of Board members from five to three consistent with existing special provisions in State law. Although the current board has expressed disinterest, pursuing this change remains an appropriate option going forward in minimizing turnover and facilitating competitive elections.



Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside

Recommendations

15. The Morro Hills CSD Board should revisit conditions on Sleeping Indian Road and its most recent traffic assessments and the analysis therein that appears to support a significant increase in the speed limit. This includes assessing whether the Board's ability to retain a speed under the 85th percentile standard under the recent passage of AB 43 is either available or appropriate. [4]

16. It would be advantageous for Morro Hills CSD to explore interest among adjacent landowners that presumably benefit and use the road system to annex and have direct participation in Board decision-making while concurrently expanding the CSD property tax base. [5]

17. LAFCO should help coordinate discussions with Morro Hills CSD and County of San Diego Sherriff's Office to identify enhancement opportunities to enhance traffic enforcement within the CSD jurisdictional boundary relative to available resources. This includes, but not necessarily limited to, activating CSD's police protection power to fund enhanced enforcement – directly or by contract.

18. It appears appropriate for LAFCO to proceed with a limited sphere of influence update for Morro Hills CSD to affirm the existing designation with the addition of a special study area. The special study area represents the notional expansion of the CSD to capture adjacent lands that presumably use and benefit from the roadway system.

19. LAFCO should prioritize proposals in the Oceanside region going forward that promote environmental justice and provide benefits (direct and indirect) to marginalized communities. Among other resources, LAFCO shall draw on information available through the California Environmental Protection Agency as well as climate action plans adopted by Oceanside and the County of San Diego in considering the promotion of environmental justice.

4 In response to this recommendation, Morro Hills CSD has stated "...the District has received overwhelming support and seen a significant reduction in severe violations as seen on the previous traffic study that was performed at the height of COVID-19 pandemic during which, nationwide, there was a significant reduction in traffic volume and an inverse in speed. The study period and data is an aberration."

5 With respect to this recommendation, Morro Hills CSD states "the Board considered that by expanding the district boundaries, there is an increased burden on the Board even with five volunteer, unpaid members, to maintain more road. It is not a recommendation the Board wished to pursue, currently."

About Us

Local Agency Formation Commissions – or LAFCOs – are boundary makers that oversee the creation and expansion of cities and special districts in all 58 counties of California. LAFCOs exercise regulatory and planning powers to coordinate publicly provided services, such as water or fire protection, and match them with community needs. **The goal of every LAFCO is to facilitate smart growth while avoiding urban sprawl.**

San Diego LAFCO operates within the second largest county in California as measured by population and currently tasked with overseeing over 100 local governmental agencies.

A summary of San Diego LAFCO's adopted final workplan and budget for 2024–2025 follows.

San Diego LAFCO's Commission

San Diego LAFCO is governed by a 13-member "Commission" comprising county, city, special district, and public members. All Commissioners are appointed elected officials with the exception of the two public members. Commissioners serve four–year terms and divided between "regulars" and "alternates" and must exercise their independent judgment on behalf of the interests of residents, landowners, and the public as a whole. Commissioners are subject to standard disclosure requirements and must file annual statements of economic interests. The Commission has sole authority in administering its legislative responsibilities and decisions therein are not subject to an outside appeal process.



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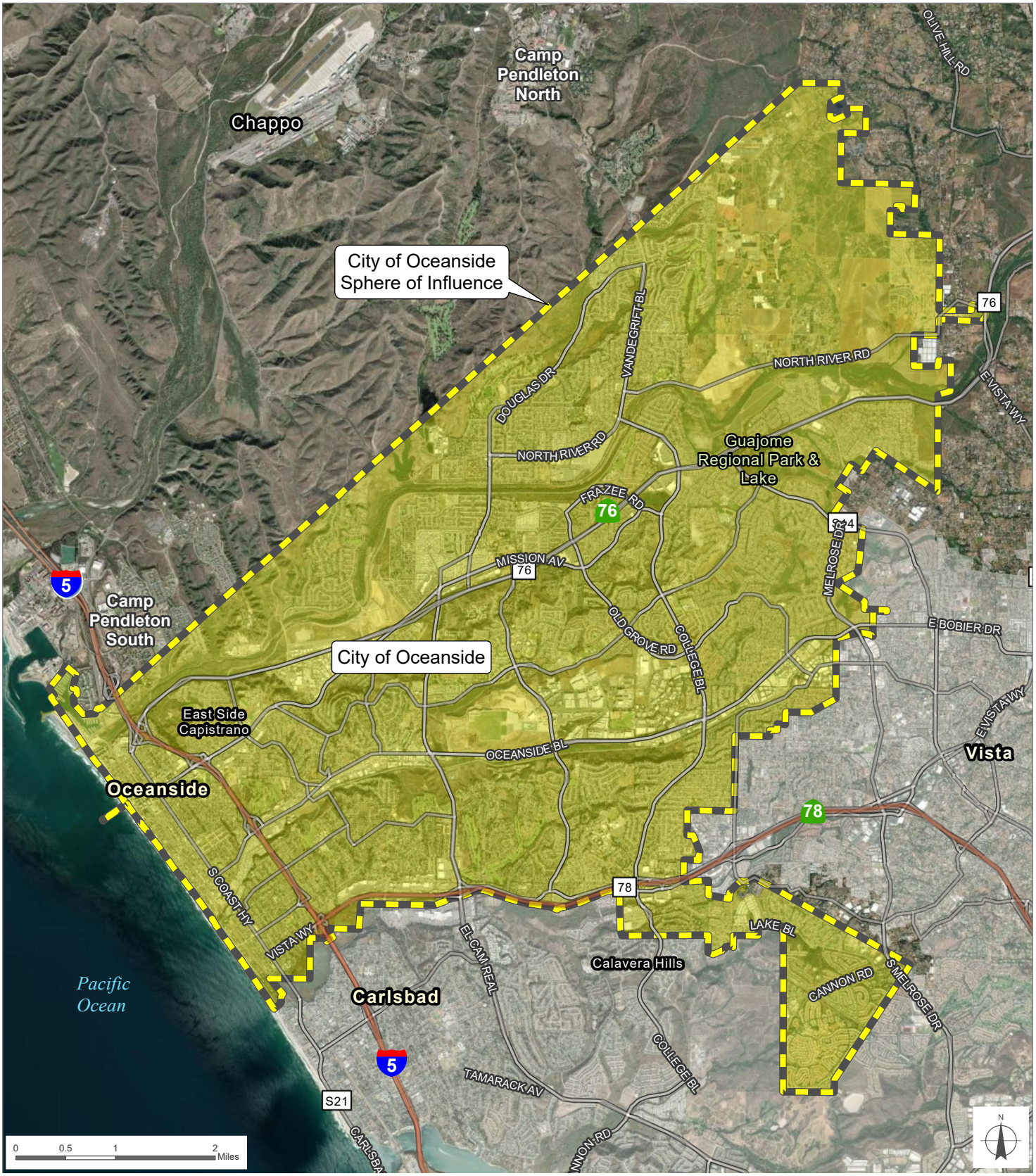


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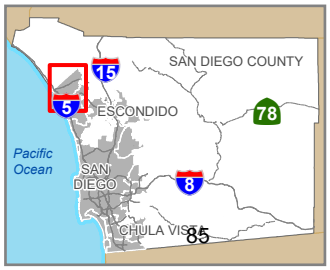
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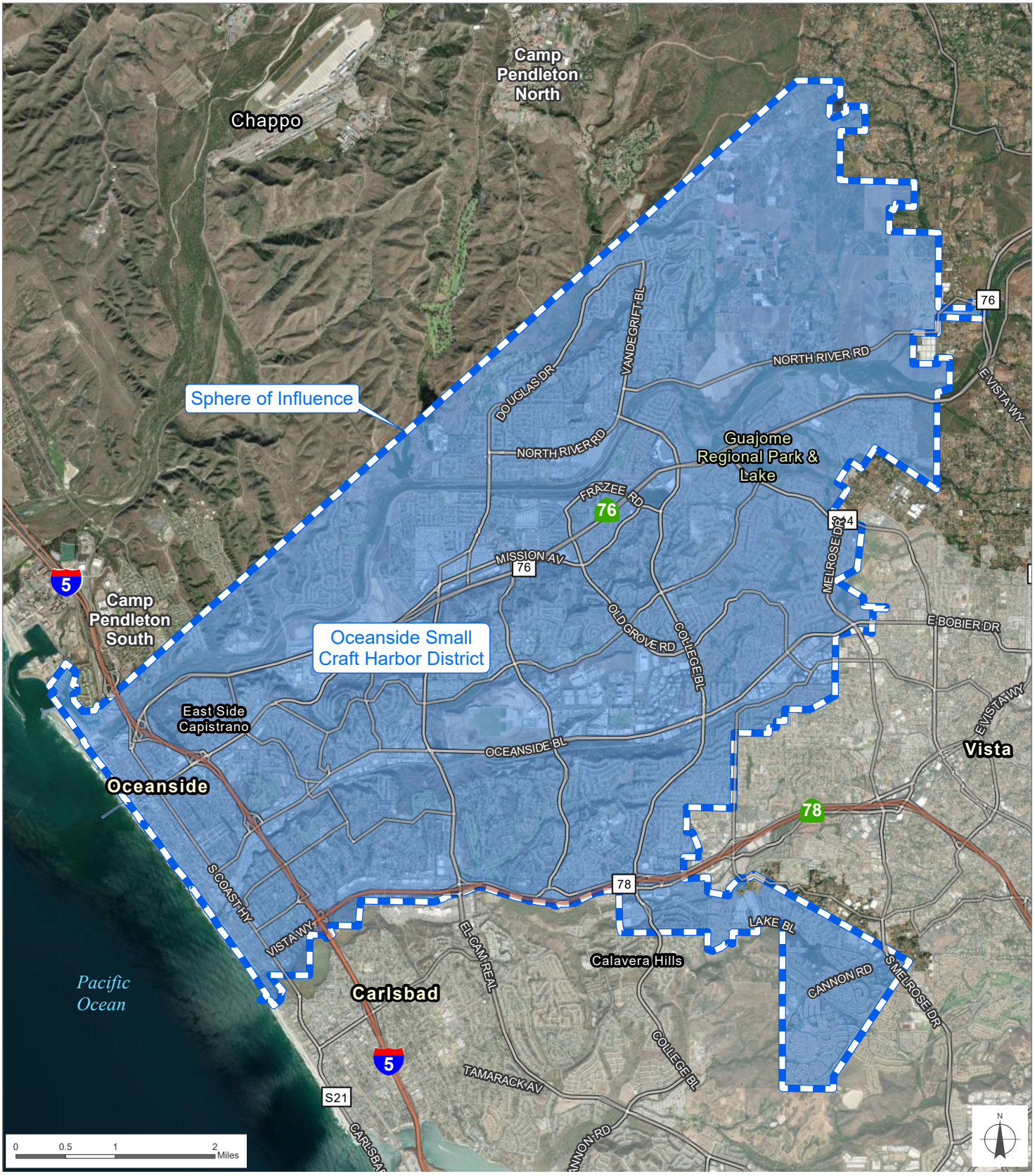
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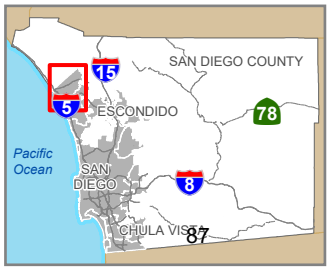
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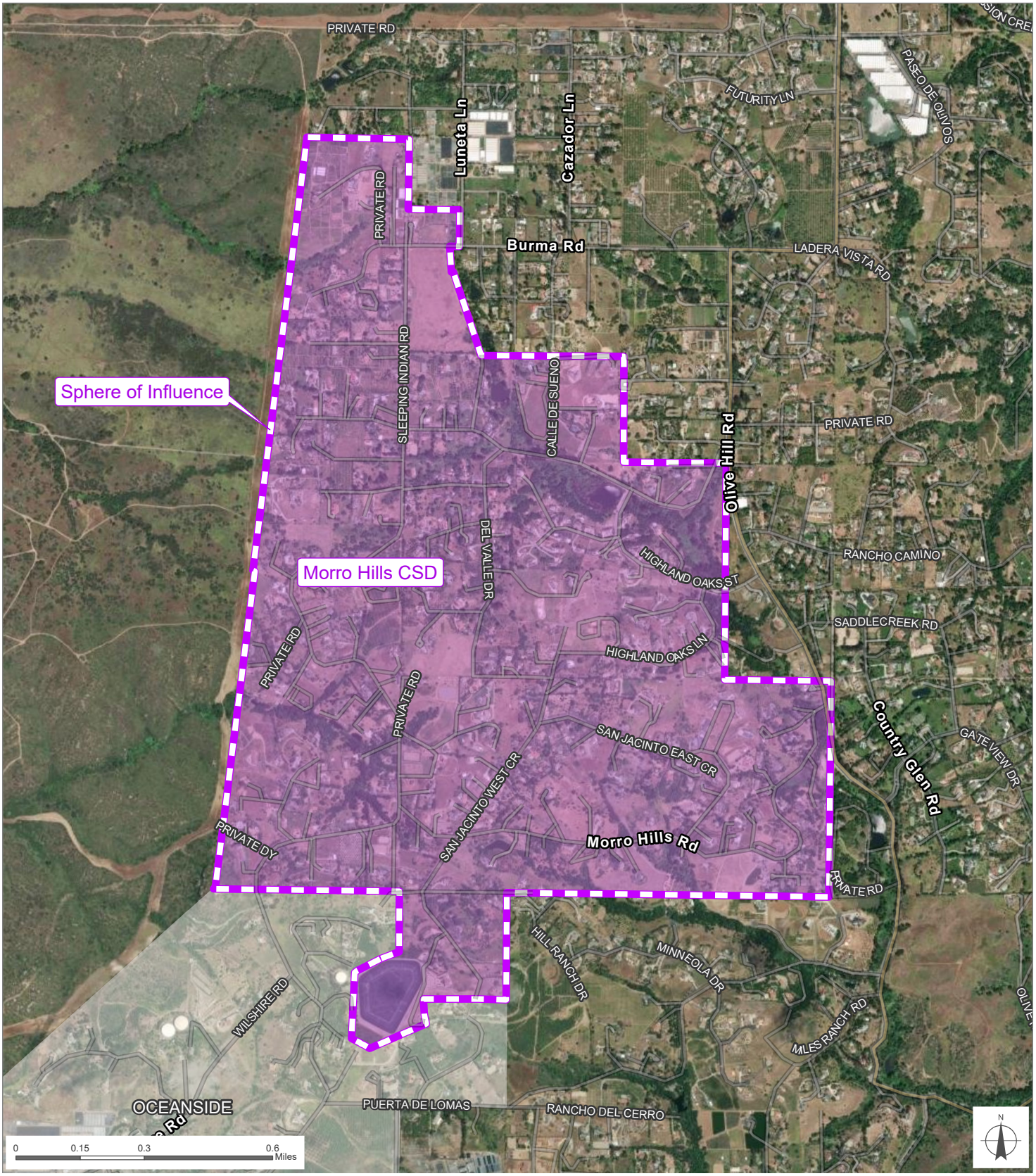
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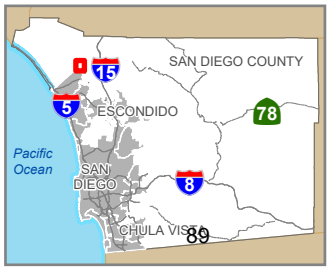
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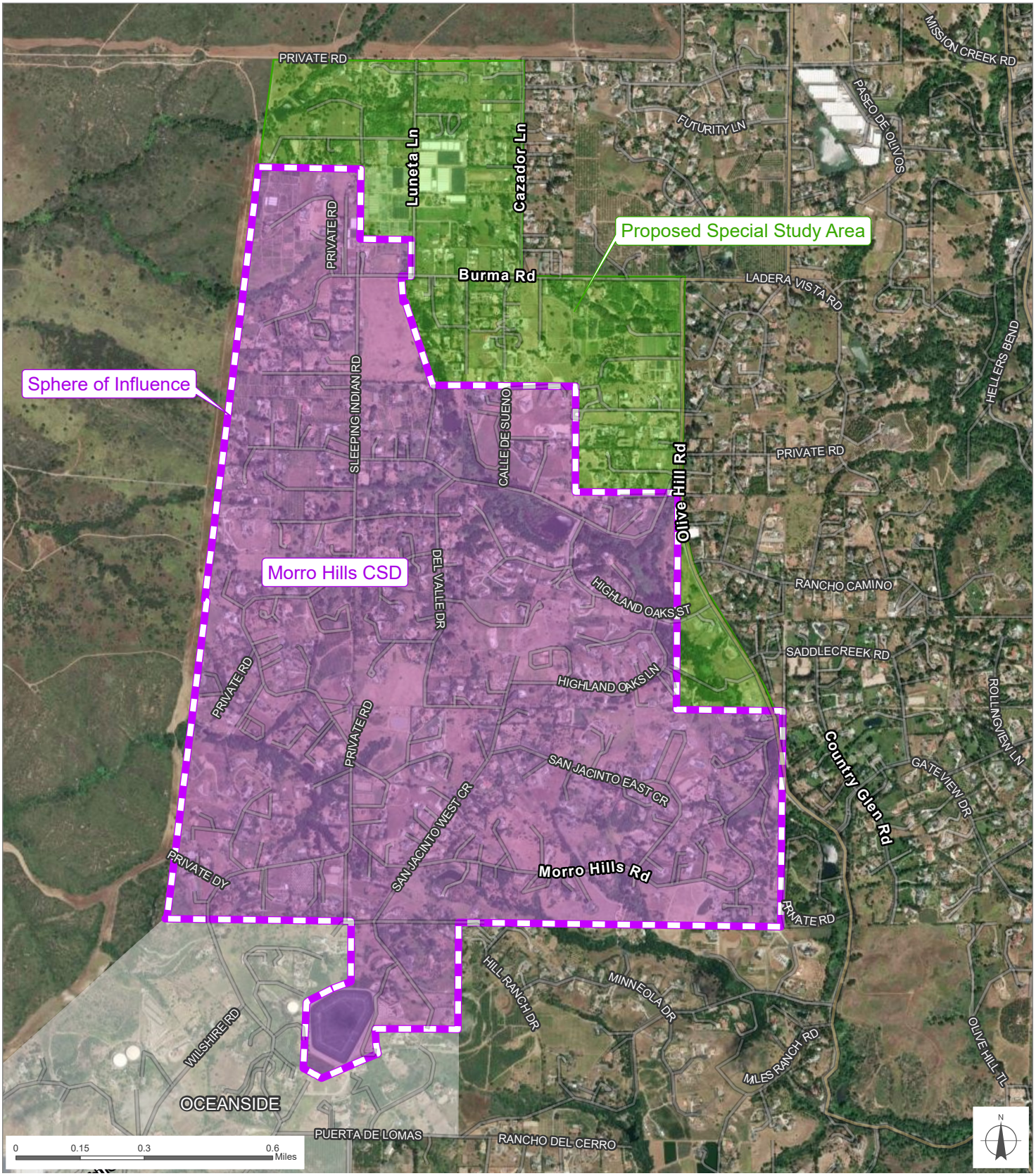
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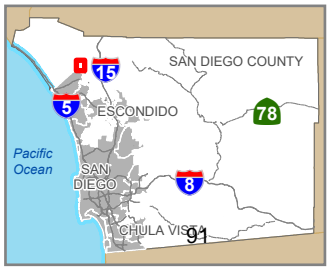
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE
SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MAKING DETERMINATIONS

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE OCEANSIDE REGION
City of Oceanside
Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District
Morro Hills Community Services District

WHEREAS, the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", is a political subdivision of the State of California with regulatory and planning responsibilities to facilitate orderly growth and development under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible under Government Code Section 56430 to regularly prepare municipal service reviews to independently and comprehensively evaluate the sufficiency of local governmental services to inform its regulatory and other planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission completed a municipal service review on public services within the Oceanside region consistent with statute and includes the City of Oceanside, Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District (SCHD), and Morro Hills Community Services District (CSD) hereafter referred as the "affected agencies"; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's written report on the municipal service review was presented to and approved by Commission on November 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the municipal service review on the Oceanside region serves as the informing document for the Commission to proceed with sphere of influence updates for the affected agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible under Government Code Section 56425 to establish spheres of influence for all local agencies under Commission oversight with the added statutory directive that all jurisdictional changes and out-of-agency services must be consistent with the affected agencies' spheres with limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is also responsible under Government Code Section 56425 to review and update all local agencies' spheres of influence every five years as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's written report and recommendations on sphere of influence updates for the affected agencies in the Oceanside region was presented to the Commission in a manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard and fully considered all the evidence presented at a public meeting concerning the sphere of influence updates in the Oceanside region on December 2, 2024;

WHEREAS, as part of the sphere of influence update process, the Commission is required pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e) to make a statement of written determinations with regards to certain factors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission hereby finds, determines, and orders the following:

1. The Commission determines the sphere of influence updates for the affected agencies in the Oceanside region represent a project under the California Environmental Quality Act but exempt from further review under the "general rule" provided under State Guidelines 15061(b)(3). This exemption appropriately applies given it can be seen with certainty spheres of influence are planning policies and any amendments or updates do not make any changes to the environment or authorize any new uses or services.

2. The Commission has considered the Executive Officer's written report on the sphere of influence updates and recommendations therein for the affected agencies.

3. The Commission makes the statements set forth in Exhibit "A" in determining the spheres of influence for the affected agencies.

4. The Commission APPROVES updates for the affected agencies to affirm with no changes the existing sphere of influence designations for all three affected agencies.

    a) The updated sphere of influence for City of Oceanside is affirmed as shown as Exhibit "B".

    b) The updated sphere of influence for Oceanside SCHD is affirmed as shown as Exhibit "C".

    c) The updated sphere of influence for Morro Hills CSD is affirmed as shown in Exhibit "D."

5. The Commission separately APPROVES establishing a special study area for Morro Hills CSD's sphere of influence consisting of approximately 325 unincorporated acres along the northeastern perimeter as shown in Exhibit "E".

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commission on December 2, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

ATTEST:

_____
Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE OCEANSIDE REGION

STATEMENT OF DETERMINATIONS
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425
City of Oceanside
Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District
Morro Hills Community Services District

1. With respect to present and planned land uses in the area as required under Section 56425(e)(1), the Commission independently determines the following.

   a) The affected territory included in the three proposed sphere of influence updates in the Oceanside region largely overlaps and collectively spans 28,093 acres with an estimated 175,616 full-time residents. The affected territory is under the land use authority of the either the City of Oceanside or County of San Diego. The portion of the affected territory within Oceanside and Oceanside SCHD is predominately urban in nature ranging from low density residential to more high-density residential along with commercial uses. Morro Hills CSD – and consistent with the County General Plan – is largely rural residential with limited agricultural uses. A limited amount of agriculture and open-space lands exist within the three proposed spheres of influence and is not considered significant.

2. With respect to present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area as required under Section 56425(e)(2), the Commission independently determines the following.

   a) The areas within the proposed sphere of influence updates reflect the appropriate current and near-term jurisdictional boundaries as well as service areas of the affected agencies as determined by the Commission.

   b) A Special Study Area designation for the Morro Hills CSD should be established to allow Commission consideration of sphere amendments and annexations ahead of the next five-year review and update process.

3. With respect to present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services the agencies provide or are authorized to provide as required under Section 56425(e)(3), the Commission independently determines the following.

   a) A comprehensive evaluation of public services and adequacy therein for the affected territory has been separately prepared by the Commission as part of a municipal service review. The Commission relies on the municipal service review in making all related sphere of influence determinations for the affected agencies.

4. With respect to the existence of any relevant social or economic community of interest in the area as required under Section 56425(e)(4), the Commission independently determines the following.

a) The areas within the proposed sphere of influence updates have established social and economic interdependencies with the affected agency through existing or – in limited instances – expected provision of municipal services. These existing interdependencies have been memorialized by the Commission in past actions to include the lands in the sphere of influence of the affected agencies.

5. With respect to the present and probable need for public water, sewer, and fire protection services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within or adjacent to the sphere as required under Section 56425(e)(5), the Commission independently determines the following.

a) Lands immediately adjacent to the spheres include lands qualifying as disadvantaged unincorporated communities and evaluated as part of the preceding municipal service review.

EXHIBIT B

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE OCEANSIDE REGION
CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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EXHIBIT C

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE OCEANSIDE REGION
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EXHIBIT D

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE OCEANSIDE REGION
MORRO HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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EXHIBIT E

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATES FOR THE OCEANSIDE REGION
MORRO HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT – SPECIAL STUDY AREA

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AGENDA REPORT
Business | Discussion

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Draft Policy on Public Member Appointments**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will review a draft policy to establish rules and procedures in making regular and alternate public member appointments. The item ties to the adopted workplan and presented in advance of the current regular public member's four-year term expiring in May 2025. The draft builds on recent practice and feedback provided by the Commission and collectively aims to create a clear and known process. Central provisions include tasking the Executive Committee to screen nominate two or more applicants for full Commission consideration while also allowing nominations from individual Commissioners. The draft also provides for expedited reappointments. Feedback will be incorporated into a revised draft ahead of staff initiating a public comment period and presenting a final version for action at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND

Membership Composition + Terms

San Diego LAFCO's membership is prescribed under State law to include 13 appointed Commissioners. Commissioners are divided between five distinct categories – County of San Diego, cities less City of San Diego, City of San Diego, special districts, and general public – and further distinguished between regular and alternate members. Only appointees from the

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public member category (regular and alternate) are made by LAFCO; appointments for the other four categories are externally determined under statute. All terms are four-years and commence on the first Monday in May in the affected year. There are no term limits involving LAFCO appointments in statute or under local policy.

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to review a draft policy establishing Commission protocols with respect to rules and procedures involving public member appointments. The draft builds on recent practice applied to conducting the appointment of the alternate public member in August 2024 and feedback provided by the Commission. The draft follows the Commission's standard policy format and divides into five parts with their key provisions summarized below.

- **Goals and Objectives**
  Prioritizes local government and/or community advocacy backgrounds in considering public member appointments. Commits the Commission to also consider diversity – geographic and other – in making appointments.

- **Appointment Eligibility**
  Addresses statutory requirements (county resident and not local government officers or employees) while clarifying eligibility for elected officials with County Planning Groups as well as appointees to local government commissions, committees, and the like, so long as they do not make land use decisions.

- **Appointment Terms**
  Addresses statutory provisions (four-year terms) while confirming no local term limits.

- **Full Term Appointments**
  Provides an initial decision point to either proceed with an open recruitment or expedited reappointment of the incumbent:

  - Should the Commission choose an open recruitment, the Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, and Immediate Past Chair) would take lead and nominate two or more candidates for full Commission consideration. A list of all candidates would also be transmitted to the Commission and Commissioners could also nominate candidates for consideration after notice from the Executive Committee.

  - Should the Commission choose to proceed with an expedited reappointment of the incumbent, the item would return to the Commission for action after legal notice is provided.

  - Irrespective of procedure (open recruitment or expedited reappointment), any appointment requires both a majority vote and at least one vote from each of the four membership categories on LAFCO (County, cities less San Diego, San Diego, and special districts).

- **Mid Term Vacancies**
  Allows the Commission to fill any unexpired term for the regular public member by directly appointing the alternate after legal notice is provided. Any actual appointment under this provision requires majority vote and at least one vote from each of the four membership categories on LAFCO as provided above.

The complete draft is provided as Attachment One.

ANALYSIS

The draft policy before San Diego LAFCO is for discussion and largely reflects a refinement of existing practices developed over the past several decades in making public member appointments. The aim is to enhance process predictability, while recognizing outcomes remain at the full discretion of the Commission. Most notably, the draft draws from the last appointment process. It tasks the Executive Committee with nominating two or more candidates for consideration by the full Commission while – pertinently – also allowing Commissioners to nominate additional candidates from the applicant list. The refinement is also reflected in providing allowances for the Commission to proceed with expedited reappointments instead of open recruitments as well as appointing alternates to fill unexpired terms for the regular position. The draft also aims to capture past actions to prioritize appointments based on qualifications and backgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO discuss the draft policy to establish protocols for making public member appointments, as needed. This includes providing input on any desired revisions and/or additions before staff initiates a public review and comment period and ahead of returning with a final version for action as early as February 2025.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The item is bring presented to San Diego LAFCO for discussion and feedback only.

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PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on the agenda for discussion as part of San Diego LAFCO's business calendar and subject to the following standard procedures.

1) Receive verbal presentation from staff unless waived.
2) Invite comments from interested audience members (voluntarily).
3) Discuss and provide input to staff on potential changes ahead of formal consideration.

On behalf of the Executive Officer,



Priscilla Mumpower
Assistant Executive Officer

Attachment:

1) Draft Policy on Making Public Member Appointments

Subject:
PUBLIC MEMBERS APPOINTMENTS

Purpose:
Provide rules and procedures to guide the appointment of public members to the Commission in an inclusive, clear, and fair process.

Background:
State law specifies the composition of the Commission shall include one member representing the general public with the option to also designate an alternate (Government Code Section 56325).

Policy:
It is the policy of the Commission:

A. Goals and Priorities:

1) The Commission shall appoint both regular and alternate public members.

2) The Commission shall prioritize experience in local government and/or community advocacy in considering public member appointments.

3) The Commission shall consider geographic and other lived diversities in appointing public members to help advance balanced decision-making.

4) The Commission tasks the Executive Officer to exercise their best judgement in ensuring robust and inclusive outreach is performed anytime an open recruitment is conducted under this policy.

B. Appointment Eligibility:

1) As required under State law, public member appointees shall be residents of San Diego County. Appointees shall not be current officers or employees of the County of San Diego or local cities and special districts.

2) Elected officials serving on any of the County of San Diego advisory planning groups retain appointment eligibility to concurrently serve as public members on LAFCO.

3) Appointees may concurrently hold other appointed positions with the County of San Diego or local cities and special districts so long as their duties do not involve making land use decisions (e.g., art commissions, measure oversight committees).

C. Appointment Terms:

1) All public member terms are four years and begin on the first Monday of May in the year appointed. Any mid-term vacancies shall be filled with appointees assuming the unexpired terms.

2) There are no term limits for public members.

D. Full Term Appointments

1) No less than 90 days in advance, the Executive Officer shall provide notice to the Commission on the agenda advising of any pending term expirations involving the public member positions – regular or alternate.

2) At the time of receiving notice of a pending term expiration involving a public member position, the Commission shall provide direction to LAFCO staff to proceed either with an open recruitment or expedited reappointment.

3) The following appointment procedures are specific to Commission direction to proceed with an open recruitment process.

a) LAFCO staff shall perform outreach on the open recruitment and prepare an advertisement for local publication (print and media) and posting inviting eligible applicants to submit a letter of interest.

b) The application period shall extend to no less than 30 days and may be extended as needed until two or more letters of interests are submitted by eligible applicants.

c) All submitted letters of interests received by the close of the application period shall be immediately transmitted to the full Commission.

d) The Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, and Immediate Past Chair) will screen all applicants, select applicants to interview, and conduct interviews of selected applicants at a notice special meeting.

e) The Executive Committee will nominate two or more applicants for consideration by the full Commission at a future meeting for which LAFCO staff can provide legally required notice. The list of the nominations from the Executive Committee shall be provided to all Commissioners no less than 10 days prior to the noticed meeting.

f) Any Commissioner may also nominate an applicant for consideration by the full Commission at the noticed meeting no later than five (5) days prior to the noticed meeting. Notice shall be given to the Executive Officer.

g) At a noticed meeting, with the opportunity to continue, the full Commission will consider all nominated applicants, and at the discretion of the Chair this may include inviting presentations and/or conducting interviews.

h) A successful appointment shall achieve no less than four (4) affirmative votes from voting Commissioners and include therein at least one affirmative vote from each of the following four membership categories:

- County of San Diego
- Cities Less San Diego
- Special Districts
- City of San Diego

i) In the event no candidate receives both a majority vote and an affirmative vote from each of the four membership categories, the Commission shall conduct a run-off vote of two candidates receiving the most votes. In the event that neither candidate receives a majority vote and an affirmative vote from all four membership categories, the Chair shall either continue consideration to a future meeting or provide direction to restart the recruitment process in the manner prescribed under this policy.

4) The following procedures are specific to Commission direction to proceed with an expedited reappointment of the incumbent.

a) The Commission will take up the expedited reappointment at the next regular meeting for which LAFCO staff can provide legally required notice.

b) A successful reappointment is subject to the same voting thresholds identified in the preceding subsection.

E. Mid Term Vacancy Appointments

1) If the regular public member position becomes vacant prior to the term expiration, the Executive Officer shall provide notice to the Commission on the agenda at the next regular meeting. The Commission may proceed thereafter in providing direction to LAFCO staff of its intentions to either appoint the alternate or proceed with an open recruitment.

   a) Any direction to proceed with appointing the alternate to fill a mid-term vacancy shall be considered for action at the next regular meeting in which LAFCO staff can provide legal notice.

   b) Any direction to proceed with an open recruitment to fill a mid-term vacancy shall follow the same procedures for full term appointments.

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AGENDA REPORT
Business | Action

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Michaela Peters, Analyst II
Adam Wilson, LAFCO Consultant
Aleks Giragosian, Deputy Commission Counsel

SUBJECT: **Quarterly Update on High Priority Project and Related Actions | Ad Hoc on Resource Conservation Districts –2.0**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a scheduled update on a high priority workplan project involving all three local resource conservation districts (RCDs) – Greater San Diego, Mission, and Upper San Luis Rey – in San Diego County. The workplan project is termed "RCDs' 2.0" and builds on the successful completion of a prior year project to bring out-of-agency service practices into compliance with LAFCO statute while remedying ongoing disputes among the three subject agencies. As detailed, and after an extended pause, 2.0 activities have recently resumed and currently focus on mapping potential and otherwise orderly boundary changes covering all three subject agencies. The update provides the Commission the opportunity to revisit the project and provide real-time input to LAFCO staff in proceeding forward. The update also – pertinently – includes a recommendation for the Commission to transition 2.0 from its current six-member Ad Hoc format to a less informal working group to provide more flexibility in advancing the project. All six Ad Hoc members have communicated their support for the recommendation.

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BACKGROUND

Municipal Service Review on RCDs

San Diego LAFCO completed a two-year countywide municipal service review (MSR) on RCDs in February 2021. The MSR included several statements directed towards all RCDs to align their out-of-agency service practices to comply with LAFCO review and approval processes required under Government Code Section 56133. The MSR relatedly recommended the Commission proceed with establishing an advisory committee to help address this and other key governance and accountability topics – including serving as a format to explore possible consolidations – functional or political – opportunities.

A prospectus summarizing the MSR and its key recommendations is attached.

FY 2023 and FY2024 Adopted Workplans | Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee & 1.0 Activities

San Diego LAFCO's adopted workplans in FY2023 and FY2024 established and continued, respectively, RCDs' 1.0 activities to address the most time-sensitive recommendations in the earlier MSR involving compliance issues for out-of-agency service practices and associated RCD disputes. 1.0 activities involved the establishment of a nine-member Ad Hoc and concluded with all three subject agencies ultimately approving a master memorandum of understanding (MOU) to coordinate their out-of-agency services going forward as well as establish protocols to guide interagency projects whenever applicable. Other MOU provisions are footnoted.[1]

Current FY 2025 Workplan | Proceeding with Ad Hoc Committee & 2.0 Activities

San Diego LAFCO's adopted workplan for the current fiscal year continues the Ad Hoc work via RCDs' 2.0 and advancing recommendations in the earlier MSR. This involves focus on two core objectives: (a) developing contemporary RCD service function and class designations as required under LAFCO statute and (b) facilitating coordinated boundary changes – including opportunities to replace out-of-agency service activities. The Commission also approved modifying the Ad Hoc composition for purposes of 2.0 down to six to no longer include three at-large members. The current composition includes the General Manager and one board member from each of the three RCDs.

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to receive a scheduled update on RCDs' 2.0 activities in working with the Ad Hoc to develop contemporary service function and class designations under LAFCO statute as well as gameplan coordinated boundary changes. The Ad Hoc has

[1] Other key MOU provisions involve agreeing to partner on grants that necessitate work beyond individual RCD boundaries and divide activities – either as a co applicant or subcontractor – based on expertise rather than geography with proper compensation.

largely been inactive to date during this fiscal year given the combination of scheduling challenges coupled with other LAFCO projects taking on more resource precedence. Nonetheless, 2.0 activities have recently resumed with a focus on informing the scope of potential boundary changes through digital mapping and developing implementation options. The update provides Commissioners the opportunity to provide feedback to staff to sync 2.0 activities going forward as well as consider a recommendation to dissolve the Ad Hoc and transition to a working group format.

ANALYSIS

San Diego LAFCO's scheduled RCDs' 2.0 activities have recently resumed after an extended pause attributed to challenges in scheduling Ad Hoc meetings as well as redirecting budgeted staff and consulting resources to advance other high-priority projects. Consequently, progress to date on 2.0 has been modest and largely involves recent digital mapping as described in the preceding section. Going forward staff believes transitioning away from the Ad Hoc to a working group should help advance 2.0 activities with added flexibility among LAFCO and RCD staffers and in doing so avoid the challenges to date in calendaring Brown Act compliant meetings. Staff has communicated the recommendation with all members of the Ad Hoc and no opposition has been received.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO receive an update from staff on activities underway as part of RCDs' 2.0 and proceed to formally dissolve the current Ad Hoc. This recommendation is reflected in the proceeding section as Alternative Action One.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to San Diego LAFCO through a single motion:

Alternative One (recommended):

a) Provide general feedback to LAFCO staff on RCDs' 2.0 activities.

b) Adopt the attached resolution to dissolve the Ad Hoc.

c) Authorize the Executive Officer to establish and maintain a working group to ensure an appropriate level of continuous input from all three subject agencies.

Alternative Two:
Continue the item to the next regular meeting and provide direction to staff as needed.

Alternative Three:
Take no action.

PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda for action as part of the business calendar. The following procedures are recommended:

1. Receive verbal presentation from staff and consultants unless waived.
2. Invite comments from interested audience members if any.
3. Consider the recommendation or alternatives.

Respectfully,



Michaela Peters
Analyst II

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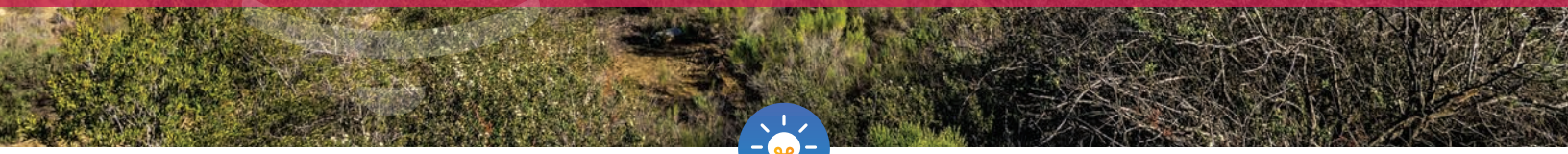
1) Prospectus on Resource Conservation Districts
2) Resolution Dissolving the RCD Advisory Committee

Municipal Service Review

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

FINAL

REPORT SUMMARY | February 2021



General Themes and Conclusions

RCDs – originally known as Soil Conservation Districts – first emerged in California in the late 1930s and memorialized the State Legislature's interest to empower local landowners to proactively remedy soil erosion by water, wind, and other sources. RCDs' enabling legislation followed the Federal government's lead and the Soil Conservation Act of 1935, which responded to the "Dust Bowl" and created the Natural Resources Conservation Services to partner with states and local agencies to protect against soil erosion and loss of farmland. California's legislation, notably, initially focused RCDs in creating a local property tax base to supplement work by the Natural Resources Conservation Services through community engagement and technical expertise. Subsequent legislation through the early 1970s reoriented RCDs as stand-alone agencies with an expanded focus to also include wildlife.

An initial round of RCD formations in San Diego County started in the early 1940s with additional formations continuing through the 1960s. At the height, there were 15 RCDs operating throughout San Diego County. New restrictions in raising tax revenues tied to Proposition 13 coupled with land use changes beginning in the 1970s led to a course reverse and a trend in consolidations through the 1990s as smaller RCDs (Borrego, Julian, Lakeside, Penasquitos, Valley Center, etc.) folded into larger RCDs with greater economies of scale. Changes in land uses, pertinently, involved a significant expansion of urban development in step with San Diego County's population more than doubling between 1970 and 2000 from 1.357 million to 2.815 million; a difference translating to the average net addition of 135 new residents in San Diego County each day over a 30-year period. The substantive result was the methodical drawn-down in RCDs to the remaining three in operation

today along with the realignment of service activities to be largely guided by available grant funding.

A review of the three RCDs operating in San Diego County relative to San Diego LAFCO's growth management tasks and interests as prescribed under statute produces eight central themes or conclusions. These conclusions are in linear order and collectively address the availability, demand, and performance of RCD services as well as challenges and opportunities proceeding forward. The conclusions are independently drawn and sourced to information collected and analyzed between 2015 and 2019 and detailed in the agency profiles.

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No. 1
Introductory Municipal Service Review

This report marks San Diego LAFCO's first municipal service review on RCDs in San Diego County and in doing so serves as a substantive new introduction of the Commission to all three affected agencies. Marking this introduction is addressing relatively new LAFCO statutes and responsibilities to the affected agencies in real-time while proceeding with an otherwise unfamiliar and relatively detailed service review process. Similarly, this introduction for the Commission reorients this municipal service review to focus on establishing baseline information for all three affected agencies with the intention of expanding the analysis – and specifically providing more quantitative measurements – in future municipal service reviews.

No. 2
And Then There Were Three

Over the last 40 years the number of RCDs in San Diego County have gradually decreased from 15 to the three – Mission, Greater San Diego County, and Upper San Luis Rey – remain today. This draw-down reflects a statewide trend and follows multiple consolidations where smaller RCDs have voluntarily folded into larger RCDs. The underlying attributes to the draw-down involve restrictions in generating new tax revenues paired with changes in land uses and expansion of the urban footprint.

No. 3
Outdated Principal Act

RCDs' principal act has remained largely unchanged since the 1970s and has become increasingly antiquated in aligning service powers with current resource conservation practices and needs. The principal act – relatedly and pertinently – has also fallen out of step with LAFCOs' oversight role of RCDs and highlighted by creating ambiguity in the Commission's task in statute to establish and regulate functions and classes of services. The cumulative effect of the principal act's antiquation are higher levels of local discretion needing to be exercised by the affected agencies as well as the Commission that may or may not sync with legislative expectations.



Anza-Borrego Desert from Volcan Mountain Preserve view point in Julian, California

No. 4
Influence of Grant Funding

RCDs represent a unique outlier among special districts given their funding status and dependency on outside grants fall outside the traditional criteria of operating either as an enterprise (direct fees for services) or non-enterprise (tax supported) agency. Alternatively, and as illustrated locally, the three RCDs in San Diego County operate more similarly to non-profit organizations with grants more so than other factors guiding decision-making in delivering municipal services. This dynamic also further illuminates the antiquation of the RCD principal act given the nature of grant funding to address current interests and needs and increasingly prompts the affected agencies – and more specifically Mission RCD and RCD of Greater San Diego County – to take on service programs beyond the clear and/or explicit provision in statute.

No. 5
RCD Services Need to Reflect Boundaries

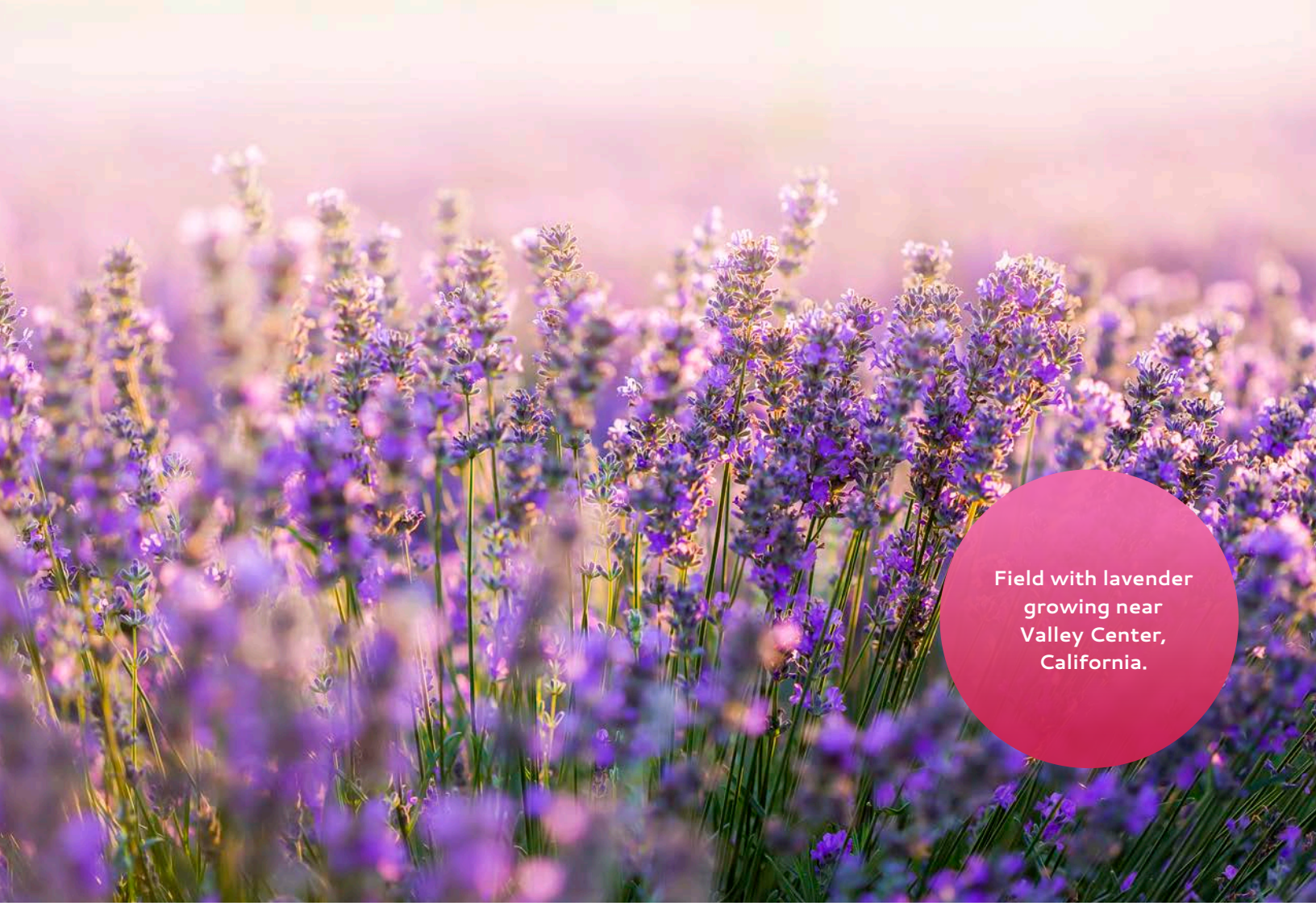
Two of the three affected agencies – Mission RCD and RCD of Greater San Diego County – have invested significant resources in providing services outside their jurisdictional boundaries without having received approval from San Diego LAFCO as required under statute. These irregular service activities – while premised on good intentions – diminish the function and role of jurisdictional boundaries and have contributed to conflict among the agencies. These conditions require correction and may lead to substantive changes in these agency operations and/or fiscal standing.

No. 6
Expanded – and Expanding – Role for RCDs

The three affected agencies' formations date to a period where constituency needs were focused on receiving water and soil expertise to protect and enhance farmland with the related assumption these interests were limited to unincorporated lands. Subsequent demographic and societal changes have measurably expanded these roles to be more holistic and now connect to wildlife habit, wildfire prevention, and climate change through technical, education, and advocacy services. These benefits, pertinently, also extend into the incorporated communities and merit expansion of RCD boundaries into adjacent cities lying in shared watersheds where appropriate.

No. 7
Recent Downward Fiscal Trends for Two RCDs

Two of the three affected agencies – Mission RCD and RCD of Greater San Diego RCD – finished the five-year report period trending negatively in standard measurements used by San Diego LAFCO in the municipal service review process. Both agencies finished with overall negative total margins over the 60-month period paired with double-digit percentage decreases in liquidity levels. These changes were most impactful Mission RCD as it finished the report period with only one month of unassigned monies in its General Fund to meet average operating costs.



Field with lavender growing near Valley Center, California.

No. 8
Clarifying Upper San Luis Rey RCD's Role in Managing Groundwater

Upper San Luis Rey RCD is a member of the Pauma Valley Groundwater Sustainable Agency (GSA) along with Yuima Municipal Water District and the Pauma Valley Community Services District and responsible for developing and implementing a plan to achieve long-term groundwater sustainability in the local basis. RCD's participation began in 2017 and ties to its water conservation powers under the RCD principal act and – notably – provides the GSA complete coverage of the subbasin as required under statute. However, and in response to stakeholder comments in preparing this report, additional review is needed to determine whether the RCD's water conservation powers were "active" at the time of joining the GSA or if the District should request and receive activation approval from LAFCO.

No. 9
Purposeful LAFCO Pause

The introductory role of this municipal service review coupled with other noted factors – including the more immediate need to sync services and boundaries – suggest a purposeful pause is merited before proceeding with next level analyses. Most notably, this includes deferring the Commission's evaluation of shared resource opportunities, such as functional and/or political consolidations, to the next municipal service review cycle.

Recommendations

The following recommendations call for specific action either from San Diego LAFCO and/or one or more of the affected agencies in the Fallbrook region based on information generated as part of this report and outlined below in order of their placement in Section 5.0 (Written Determinations). Recommendations for Commission action are dependent on a subsequent directive from the membership and through the annually adopted work plan.

1. San Diego LAFCO affirms resource conservation functions are explicit municipal services under CKH and support – both through direct and indirect means – orderly growth and development in San Diego County. LAFCO should accordingly incorporate regular reviews of RCD functions as part of future municipal service review cycles.
2. San Diego LAFCO should collaborate with the County of San Diego and SANDAG to develop buildout estimates specific to each affected agency and incorporate the information into the next scheduled municipal service review.
3. San Diego LAFCO should coordinate with all three affected agencies in developing performance measurements to help quantify capacity–demand relationships in each jurisdiction to appropriately inform future studies and/or reorganizations.
4. San Diego LAFCO should work with stakeholders and local legislators to propose a comprehensive rewrite of the RCD principal act and – among other benefits – clarify service function powers relative to current and anticipated community needs.
5. Irrespective of other efforts, San Diego LAFCO should proceed and address RCDs in the scheduled update to Rule No. 4 and the associated statutory directive for the Commission to formalize and regulate special districts' functions and classes.
6. All three affected agencies should voluntarily proceed in taking necessary corrective measures to ensure regulatory compliance with San Diego LAFCO and statutory emphasis therein to align municipal services with jurisdictional boundaries.
7. All three affected agencies are reminded to request and receive written approval or confirmation of exemption before entering contracts or agreements to provide municipal services outside their jurisdictional boundaries per G.C. Section 56133. None of the affected agencies are authorized to self–exempt under this statute.



Agricultural lands in Fallbrook, California.

8. San Diego LAFCO recently issued a cease and desist order to Mission RCD to terminate unauthorized out–of–agency services provided within the boundary and sphere of influence of RCD of Greater San Diego. It is unclear whether Mission RCD has complied with this order and accordingly additional action by LAFCO may be appropriate.
9. Upper San Luis Rey RCD should review the prescriptive requirements recently enacted (Assembly Bill 2257 and Senate Bill 929) and make conforming changes to their website and improve communication with constituents. Most urgently, this includes posting agendas and minutes online and in a timely manner as required under the Brown Act.



Recommendations

10. The County of San Diego should consider expanding their permit process to include erosion and sediment control plan reviews by applicable RCDs to enhance coordination among government agencies for the benefit of shared constituencies.
11. All three affected agencies can enhance their accountability to the public by providing video-recordings of board meetings online in step with their increasingly emphasized roles to educate and disseminate information on resource conservation best practices.
12. Notwithstanding other recommendations, San Diego LAFCO should immediately proceed with an addendum to determine if Upper San Luis Rey RCD has authority under LAFCO statute to provide water conservation and/or similar services under the principal act necessary to be a member of the Pauma Valley Subbasin GSA.
13. San Diego LAFCO should expand on the baseline information collected in this introductory municipal service review and provide a more quantified assessment of the three affected agencies services and related trends. The subsequent review should also – markedly – dutifully explore reorganization options, including functional and/or political consolidation opportunities.
14. San Diego LAFCO should proceed and update all three affected agencies' spheres with no changes and in doing so satisfy its planning requirement under G.C. Section 56425.

RESOLUTION NO._____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION DISSOLVING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED FOR AND INVOLVING THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF GREATER SAN DIEGO COUNTY, MISSION RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, AND UPPER SAN LUIS REY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021, a Municipal Service Review containing fourteen recommendations involving the three Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) in San Diego County was approved by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission, hereinafter referred to as "Commission," pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2022, the Commission approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to directly assist the Commission in implementing the recommendations included within the municipal service review; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc consisted of nine members including three Executive Directors from each respective District; one board or staff member assigned from each District; and one subject matter expert representing each of the agricultural, water, and fire industries; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc's responsibilities were to align their existing and future service practices to their jurisdictional boundaries to be authorized through the LAFCO approval process as outlined in government code section 56133; define latent powers; revise Division 9 and the Principal Act; explore financial partnerships; and create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the three RCD's to assist in regional services; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc commenced its duties on October 11, 2022, and held a total of five meetings completing each task, including the creation of a formal Master MOU between the three RCDs – Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County, Mission Resource Conservation District, and Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to dissolve the Ad Hoc now that its initial tasks are complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER as follows:

1. RECITALS. The Recitals above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

2. DISSOLUTION. The Commission hereby dissolves the RCD Advisory Committee established August 1, 2022.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

4. CORRECTIONS. As allowed under Government Code Section 56107, the Commission authorizes the Executive Officer to make non-substantive corrections to this resolution to address any technical defects, errors, irregularities, or omissions.

5. NOTICE. Under Government Code Sections 56880-56882, the Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this Resolution to each of the RCDs.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Commission on December 2, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Attest:

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Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

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AGENDA REPORT
Business | Discussion

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer
Joelle Burila, Analyst I

SUBJECT: **Update on Informational Report | Public Recreation at City Owned Reservoirs and Enhancement Opportunities**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive an update on an informational report on public recreational services at City of San Diego-owned reservoirs in unincorporated San Diego County. The update is in memorandum form and ties to a previously approved workplan project in 2023-2024 to assess public amenities at the City's seven unincorporated reservoirs and explore enhancement options – including forming a special district – to expand accessibility. The project received support from both the County of San Diego and Mayor's Office but unintentionally stalled at LAFCO and consequently left off the current workplan. This update presents the baseline information collected to date with preliminary observations. Should the Commission's discussion support continuing the project, staff will present an amendment at the next meeting.

BACKGROUND

Adopted FY2024 and FY2025 Workplans | Placement and Later Removal of Informational Report on City Owned Reservoirs

San Diego LAFCO's 2023-2024 workplan was adopted at a noticed public hearing in May 2023 outlining 30 specific projects in priority order. One of these projects involved the preparation

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of an informational report on public recreation services at City of San Diego-owned reservoirs in unincorporated San Diego County. The project responded to public interest to assess organizational opportunities – including a special district model – to enhance water-based recreational amenities at the City's seven reservoir sites for all county residents. The project's inclusion in the workplan was accompanied by written support from both the County of San Diego (Supervisors Anderson and Desmond) and City of San Diego (Mayor Gloria's Office). Work on the project, however and for a variety of reasons, stalled and was no longer top of mind towards the end of the fiscal year. Consequently, the project was not retained by the Commission in adopting a new workplan beginning in 2024-2025.

DISCUSSION

This item serves as an update to San Diego LAFCO on an informational report assessing public amenities and related opportunities at the City of San Diego's seven unincorporated reservoirs and related enhancement options consistent with the prior fiscal year workplan. The belated update is provided in the attached memorandum and follows new LAFCO staff reviewing the project file and performing additional analysis necessary to provide a relatively complete baseline accounting of existing conditions along with providing preliminary observations. This includes addressing amenities, fees, and budgets at all seven City-owned reservoirs in the unincorporated area as applicable.

ANALYSIS

See attachment memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information and discussion only – including whether the Commission supports continuing the analysis via a future workplan amendment.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

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PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda for information and discussion as part of the business calendar. The following procedures apply.

1) Receive verbal report from staff unless waived.
2) Initial questions or request for clarifications.
3) Discuss item and provide feedback as requested.

On behalf of staff,



Joelle Burila
Analyst I

Attachment: Memorandum

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MEMORANDUM

November 25, 2024

TO: Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

FROM: Joelle Burila, Analyst I

SUBJECT: Public Recreation at City-Owned Reservoirs and Opportunities

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As requested, this memorandum represents the information collected to date involving the prior fiscal year's workplan project to assess public recreational services at City of San Diego-owned reservoirs in the unincorporated area and related enhancement opportunities. The memorandum expands on information left in the project file as well as performing basic outreach as detailed. The collective aim of the memorandum is to provide a relatively complete accounting of current reservoir conditions with respect to public amenities, concession fees, and funding and in doing so serve as a pivot point should the Commission want to continue the project. This includes advancing the project to identify and evaluate governance options of these reservoir sites under a City-County special district.

Overview | City of San Diego Reservoirs

The San Diego region has a total of 24 reservoirs with 10 being owned by the City of San Diego. These 10 City-owned reservoirs are Barrett, El Capitan, Hodges, Lower Otay, Miramar, Morena, Murray, San Vicente, Sutherland, and Upper Otay. Seven of these 10 City-owned reservoirs – Barrett, El Capitan, Lower Otay, Morena, San Vincente, Sutherland, Upper Otay – are located in unincorporated areas of San Diego County and are the focus of the proceeding discussion. These reservoirs are primarily managed by the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, with the exception of Lake Morena, which is managed by the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation. Additional details on Lake Morena are footnoted.[1]

[1] The City of San Diego sold Morena Reservoir and 3,250 surrounding acres to the County in 1970. Terms includes a 25-year right to repurchase and if exercised a requirement to lease the land to the County for 50 years. In 1985, the City repurchased and adopted a resolution to lease the land to the County for public recreation consistent with the original terms. In 1991, a 99-year lease was executed between the City and County for Morena Reservoir.

Baseline | Public Recreation Offerings

The City of San Diego's Public Utilities Department (PUD) is tasked with overseeing the operations of the reservoirs listed in the preceding section and primarily serve as storage for local drinking water supplies. The PUD, as permitted by the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, also offer public recreational activities – including shore fishing, kayak rentals, and private motorboats, with some reservoirs also offering more specialized activities like standup paddleboarding, water skiing, and waterfowl hunting during certain seasons.[2] Lake Morena is the only City-owned reservoir that provides camping options, allowing 24/7 camping access.

While most reservoirs have regular operating hours from sunrise to sunset, some have seasonal or scheduled closures, with specific days closed each month. Sutherland Reservoir is closed six months a year while the remaining reservoirs are open year-round, though several (Barrett, El Capitan, Lower Otay, San Vicente, and Sutherland) close once a month. Lake Morena stands out as the only reservoir open daily with no monthly closures.

Attachment A provides a table with all 10 reservoirs with respect to location, year built, recreational offerings, hours of operation, and concessionaire. A map showing the location of each reservoir is provided as Attachment B.

Baseline | Reservoir Budgets and Funding

The City of San Diego funds the operation and maintenance of its reservoirs through the General Fund (Water Production). The total budgeted expenses for nine of the reservoirs – excluding Lake Morena – in FY 2024 is $3.0 million. Lake Morena is operated and maintained by the County of San Diego through its Department of Parks and Recreation. Lake Morena's annual operating budget is $0.986 million, covering staffing, services, and supplies needed to maintain the site and its recreational offerings.

LAFCO staff worked the County of San Diego Assessor's office to evaluate the Tax Rate Areas (TRAs) for the seven reservoirs covered in this report.[3] The total assessed valuation of TRAs overlapping parcels for all the reservoirs amounts to $4.9 million. This results in approximately $0.049 million in property tax revenue, with $0.010 million allocated to various County funds including the General Fund, Library, and several County Service Area's.[4]

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[2] The City's domestic water supply permit was issued in March 1968 by the State Water Resources Control Board and has been amended to allow various reservoir activities consistent with their standards and regulations.

[3] TRAs are designated geographic areas used by local governments to levy property taxes. Each TRA corresponds to a specific area where tax rates are applied to properties, and the collected revenue is allocated to various local funds, such as general government services, libraries, fire protection, and other district services.

[4] The $0.010 million allocated to the County is distributed to the following funds and districts: County General Fund, County Library, San Diego County Street Lighting District, San Diego County Fire Protection District, San Diego County Flood Control District, County Service Area No. 135 Regional Communications, County Service Area No. 83 (San Dieguito Local Parks), and County Service Area No. 17 (San Dieguito Ambulance).

Baseline | Concessionaire Fees

Four of the seven reservoirs – Barrett, El Capitan, Lower Otay and San Vincente – are managed under concessionaire agreements with private companies, including Advenco, LLC and Ticketmaster, while concessions at Lake Morena are operated by the County of San Diego. [5] The pricing structure and amenities offered vary by concessionaire. Five of the reservoirs provide relatively consistent offerings – specifically boat rental and fishing reservations – and are compared in terms of pricing within Attachment C. Key observations follow.

- Lake Morena consistently offers lower prices for both boat fees rentals and fishing reservations when compared to Lake Barrett (Ticketmaster) and the Advenco LLC-managed reservoirs (El Capitan, Lower Otay, and San Vicente). The prices at Advenco-managed reservoirs generally offer lower fees than Lake Barrett but are still come in higher than at Lake Morena.

- Lake Barrett's motorboat rental fees are significantly higher, when compared to Lake Morena, with increases of up to 986% on weekdays and 407% on weekends or holidays for seniors or disabled visitors. Fishing reservation fees at Lake Barrett are also significantly higher – 500% higher for adults and 1400% higher for juniors – on weekdays. These comparisons don't account for the additional costs tied to extra charges imposed by Ticketmaster.

- Lake Morena's motorboat rental fees are also significantly lower than the flat rates at the Advenco-managed reservoirs; with increases of up to 471% on weekdays and 166% lower on weekends or holidays when visiting the latter of the two.

Overall, Lake Morena is the more cost-effective choice for residents when comparing boat rental and fishing reservation fees and offering significant savings when compared to the higher rates at Lake Barrett and the relatively higher rates at Advenco-managed reservoirs. This highlights the difference between publicly managed and privately managed concessions.

Baseline | Stakeholder Outreach

LAFCO staff engaged with various key stakeholders to gather information into the current operations of the reservoirs. Key stakeholders included – among others – the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors (BOS), County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW), City of San Diego Public Utilities Department (PUD), City of San Diego Mayor's Office, and Friends of the

[5] Advenco, LLC is a subsidiary of ExplorUS which is a hospitality company managing more than 60 national and state parks throughout the United States.

San Diego Lakes. A key theme that emerged from these discussions was the interest in enhancing recreational amenities and access to the reservoirs.

Relatedly, a survey issued by the BOS District 2 office in June 2022 collected feedback from local constituents in the unincorporated areas. Results from the survey, highlighted three important considerations: (1) fishing, boating and camping were the most preferred activities at the reservoirs; (2) expanding hours and days of operation, as well as facility improvements (i.e., bathrooms, picnic facilities, playgrounds, and other amenities) were top priorities for respondents; and 3) more than one-half of the surveyors answered yes in support of increased user fees to fund various reservoir improvements.

Key Observations

Recreational Activities & Access

The City of San Diego owns and manages 10 reservoirs, with seven – Barrett, El Capitan, Lower Otay, Morena, San Vincente, Sutherland, Upper Otay – located in unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Most of these reservoirs offer a variety of recreational activities, including fishing, kayaking, paddleboarding, and water skiing. Most reservoirs operate from sunrise to sunset, with a few closing monthly or seasonally; Lake Morena stands out as the only City-owned reservoir open daily with no monthly closures.

Concessionaire Agreements

Four of the seven reservoirs are managed under private concessionaire agreements – Ticketmaster and Advenco, LLC – which influence the pricing structure and amenities offered, resulting in varying costs for services like boat rentals and fishing reservations.

Cost Differences in Concessions

Lake Morena is significantly more affordable for boat rentals and fishing reservations compared to other reservoirs, and specifically those managed by private concessionaires (e.g., Lake Barrett via Ticketmaster and Advenco-managed reservoirs). For example, motorboat rental fees at Lake Barrett can be up to 986% higher than at Lake Morena for seniors or disabled visitors.

Budget and Funding

The City of San Diego Public Utilities Department funds the operation and maintenance of its reservoirs primarily through the General Fund (Water Production), with a total of $3.0 million allocated for operating nine reservoirs in FY 2024. In contrast, Lake Morena is funded by the County of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department's General Purpose Fund, with an operating budget of $0.986 million.

Stakeholder Engagement & Community Feedback

Stakeholder discussions highlight community support for enhancing recreational amenities and access to the reservoirs and in particular expanding recreational activities, improving facilities, and increasing operating hours.

Respectfully,

Joelle Burila

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Attachments:

A) Summary Table of City of San Diego-owned Reservoirs
B) Map of City of San Diego-owned Reservoirs in San Diego County
C) Concessionaire Fee Comparison

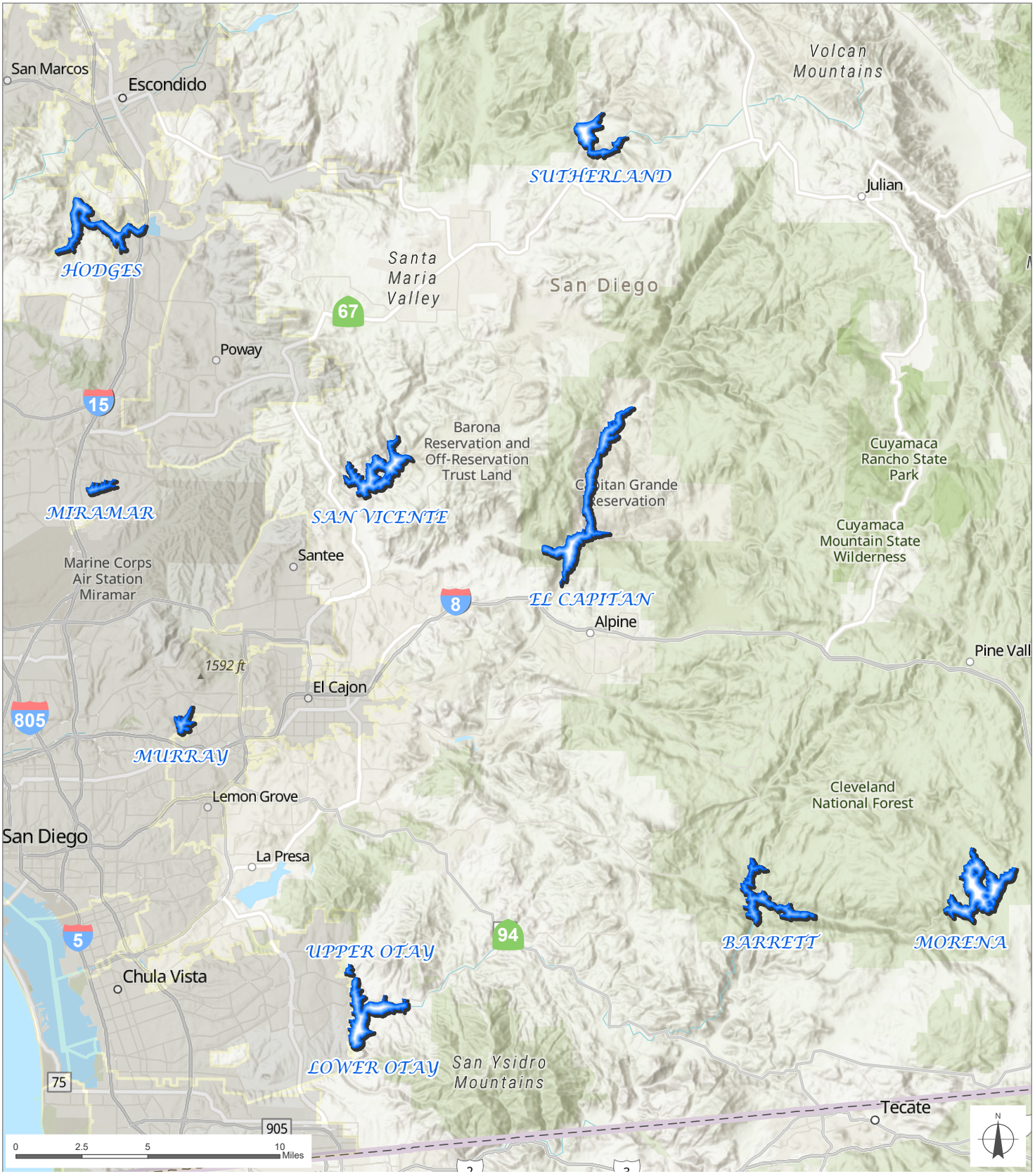
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Reservoir	Location	Built	Storage Capacity (AF)[1]	Depth	Recreation/Hunting	Fishing & Boating	Hours of Operation[2]	Concessionaire
Barrett[3]	Jamul	1922	34,806 acre-ft	161 ft	Picnicking and walking; Waterfowl Season – October-January	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, and rental boats	Open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays – Entry and departure at various times; Closed the first Wednesday of each month; Fishing Season May-September	Ticketmaster
El Capitan	Lakeside	1935	112,807 acre-feet	197 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events,	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Friday through Tuesday – 30 minutes before Sunrise to Sunset; Closed the first Friday of each month	Advenco, LLC
Hodges[4]	Escondido	1918	30,632 acre-feet	115 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events; Sailboarding, Standup Paddleboards	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday – Sunrise to Sunset; Open February-October; Closed November-January	Advenco, LLC
Lower Otay	Chula Vista	1919	47,067 acre-feet	138 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday – Sunrise to Sunset; Closed the second Wednesday of each month	Advenco, LLC
Miramar[4]	San Diego	1960	6,682 acre-feet	115 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Daily – Sunrise to Sunset; Closed the first Tuesday of each month	Advenco, LLC
Morena	Campo	1912	50,694 acre-feet	157 ft	Camping, picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Daily – 30 minutes before Sunrise to Sunset; Camping Hours 24/7; Fishing/Boating Hours slightly vary between April-Sept and Oct-March	County of San Diego
Murray[4]	La Mesa	1918	4,684 acre-feet	95 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats, and rental boats	Open Daily – Sunrise to Sunset; Closed the second Tuesday of each month	Advenco, LLC

[1] AF = acre-foot; 1 acre-foot equals about 326,000 gallons or enough water to cover an acre of land, about the size of a football field, one foot deep.
[2] Subject to change depending on holiday schedule. Holiday schedules are posted on the City of San Diego Reservoir and Lakes webpages.
[3] Access to Barrett Reservoir is by reservation only.
[4] Reservoirs located in the City of San Diego jurisdiction.

San Vincente	Lakeside	1943	249,358 acre-feet	306 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events; Personal watercraft, ski boats, and towing activities (water skiing, wake boarding, and ride-on inflatable devices)	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 30 minutes before Sunrise to Sunset; Summer and Winter schedule varies activities available; Closed the second Friday of each month	Advenco, LLC
Sutherland	Ramona	1954	29,508 acre-feet	145 ft	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events; Turkey Season – March-May	Shore fishing, float tubes, kayaks, private motorboats & sailboats, and rental boats	Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday – Sunrise to Sunset; Closed the third Friday of each month; Closed September-February	City of San Diego
Upper Otay	Chula Vista	1959	Unknown	Unknown	Picnicking, walking, jogging, biking, and special events	Shore fishing and float tubes	Open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday – Sunrise to Sunset; Closed the second Wednesday of each month; Pedestrian access is allowed on a year-round basis; Gates to vehicles open on a seasonable schedule from February-October	City of San Diego

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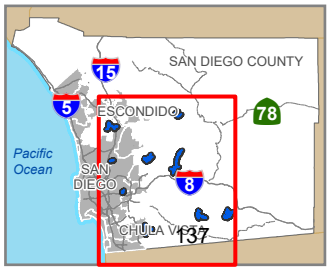
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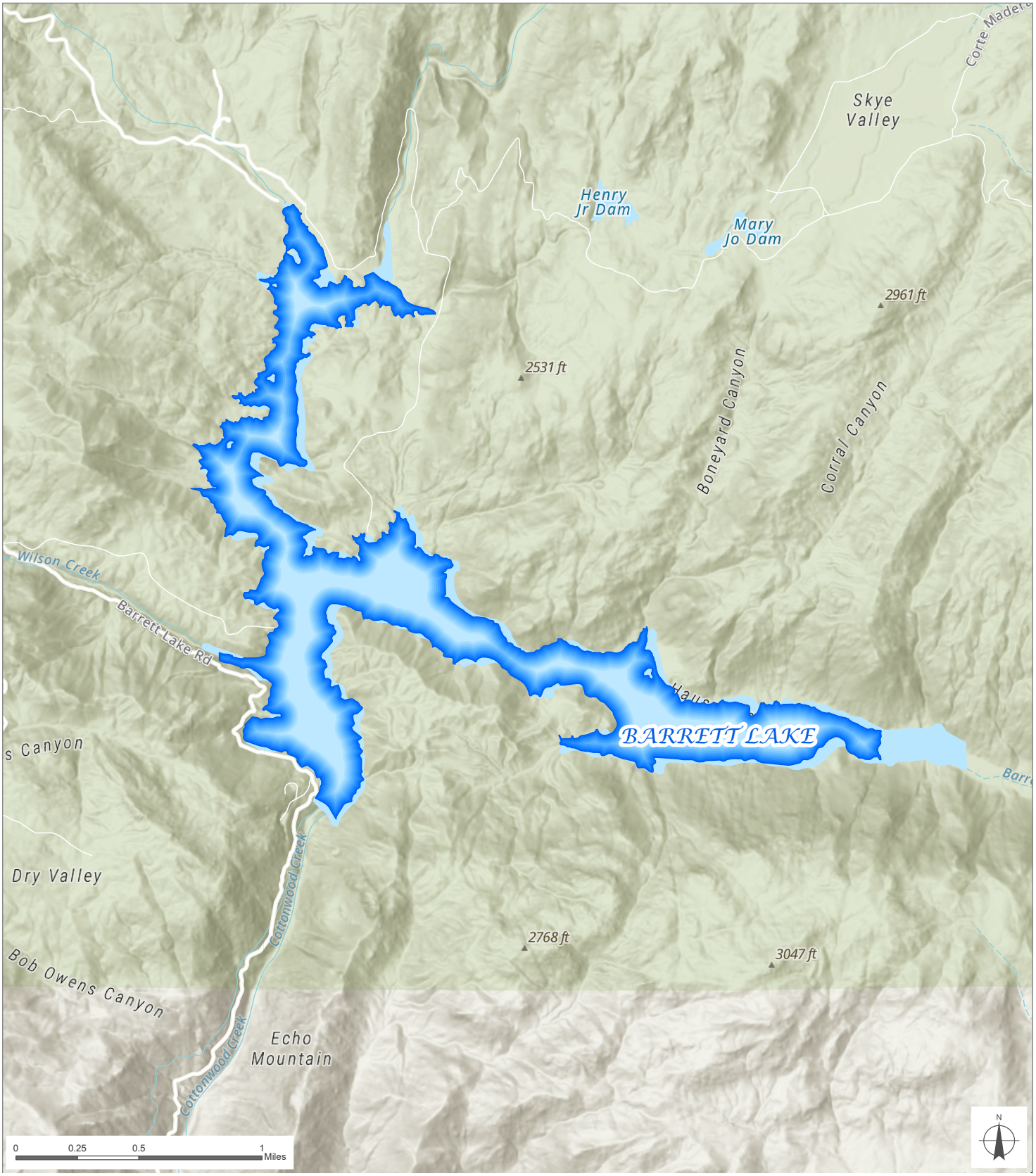
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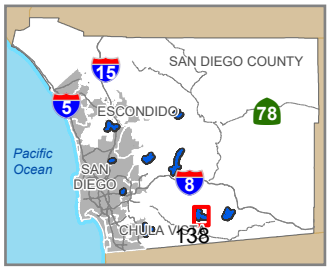
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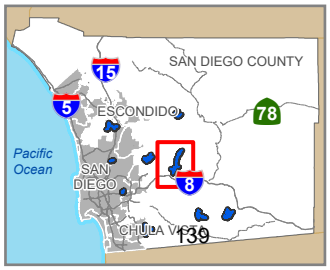
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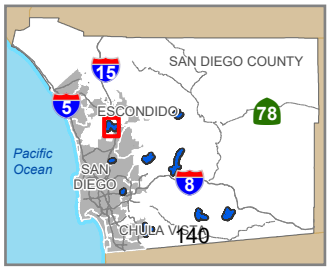
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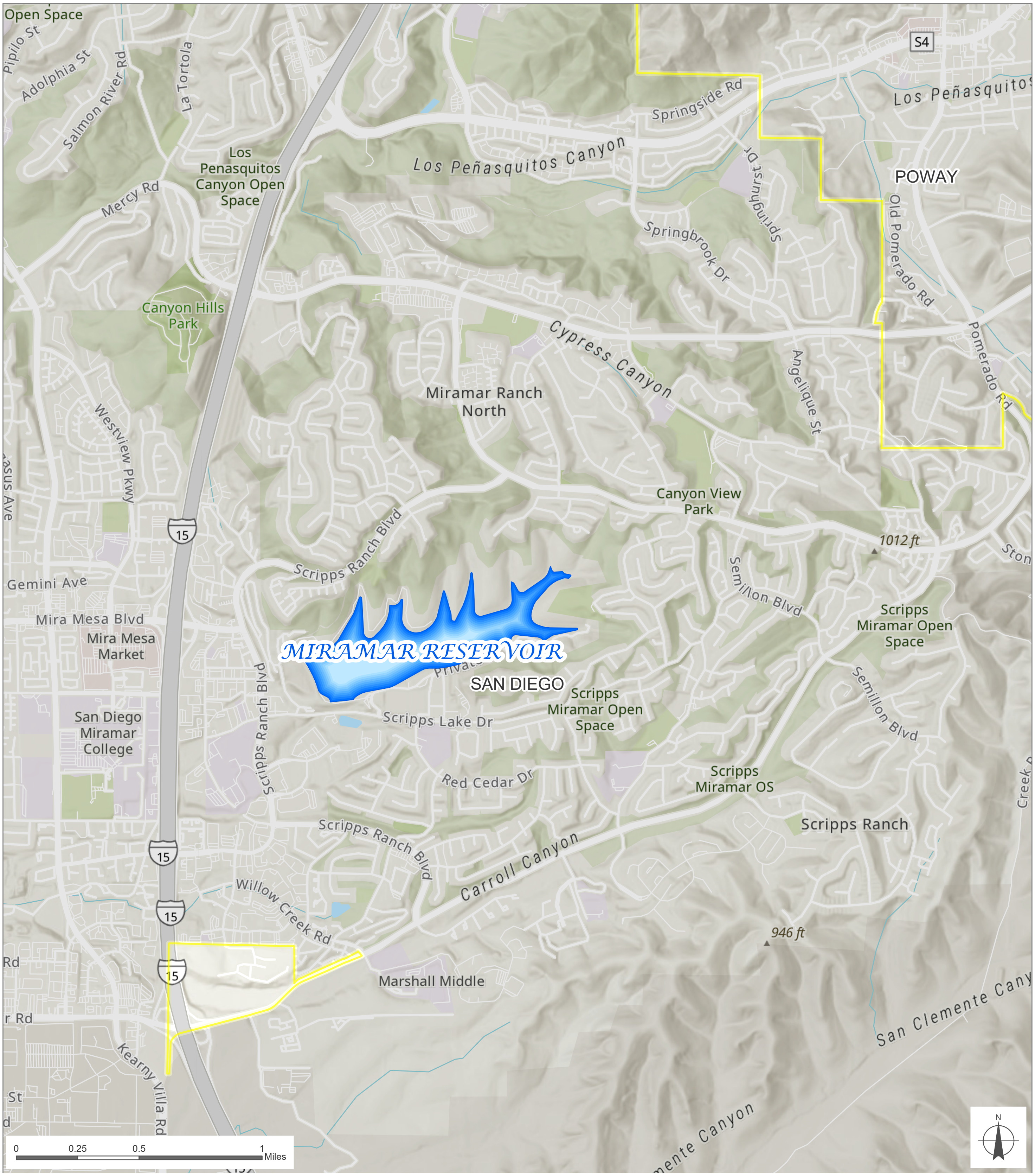
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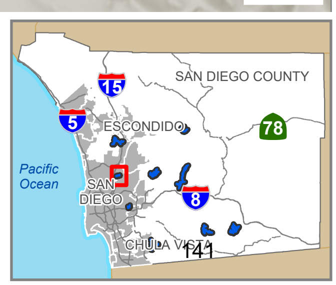
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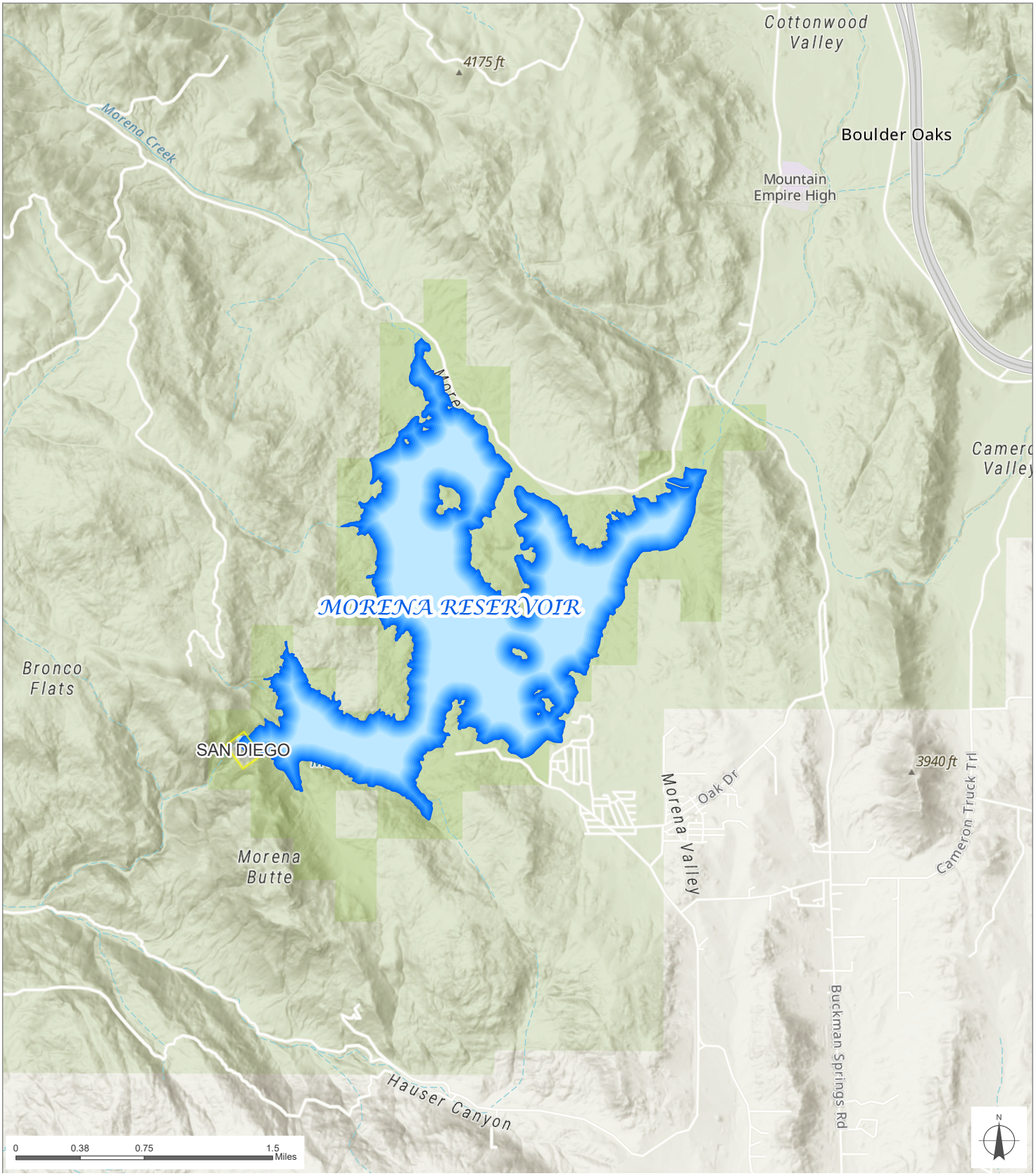
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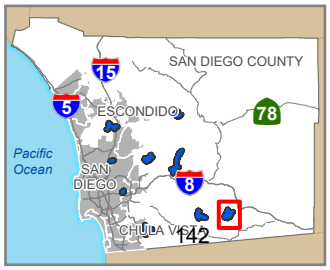
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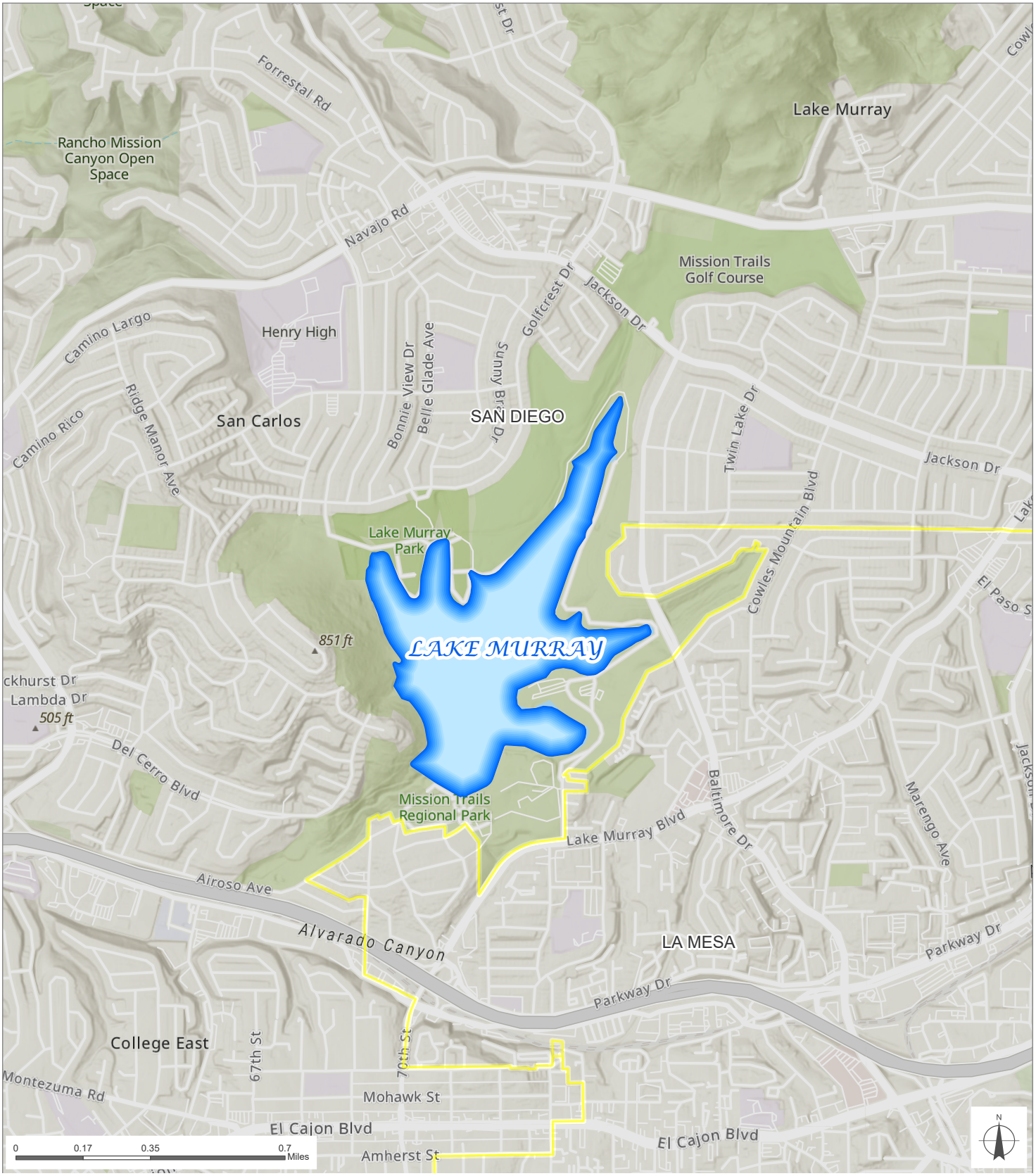
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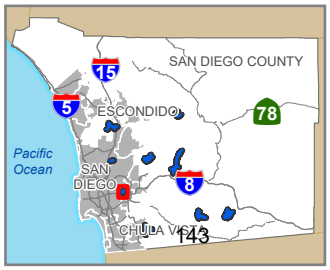
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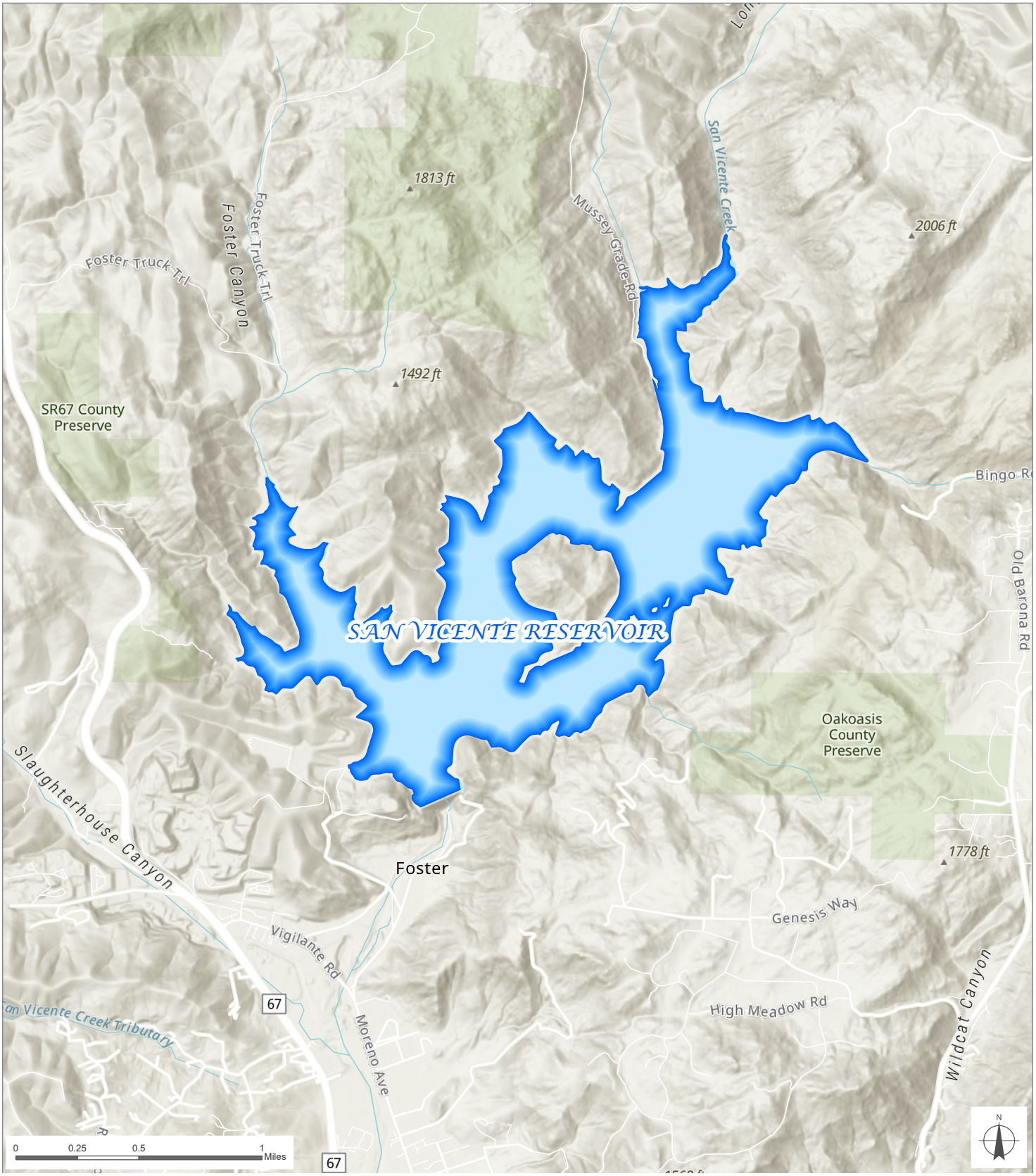
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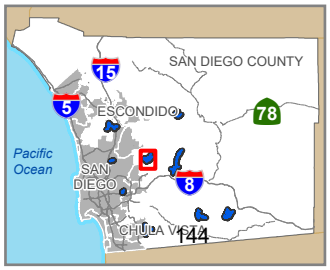
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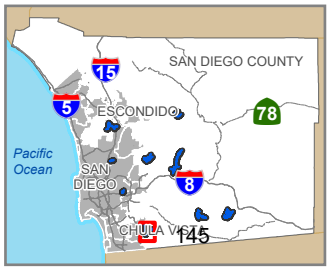
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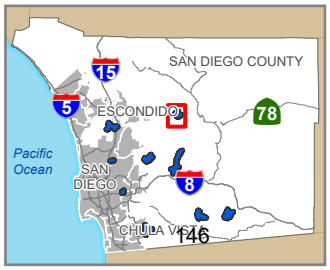
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City of San Diego-owned Reservoirs | Concessionaire Fees

Daily Fee Comparison of Boat Use: Ticketmaster

Boat Type (compared to Ticketmaster)	Lake Morena (County of SD)		Lake Barrett (Ticket Master)	Weekend/Holiday Rate Trend	Weekday Rate Trend
	Weekend/Holiday Flat Rate*	Weekday Flat Rate*	Flat Rate* **		
Motor Boat Daily Fees	$50.00	$30.00	$190.00	280.0%	533.3%
Motor Boat Senior/Disabled	$37.50	$17.50	$190.00	406.7%	985.7%
Row Boat/Full-Day Fees	$25.00	$15.00	$70.00	180.0%	366.7%
Row Boat/Full-Day Senior/Disabled	$21.00	$11.00	$70.00	233.3%	536.4%
Row Boat/Half-Day Adults	$15.00	$15.00	$70.00	366.7%	366.7%
Row Boat/Half-Day Senior/Disabled	$12.00	$12.00	$70.00	483.3%	483.3%
Private Boat	$8.00	$8.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

** Fee includes up to 4 persons per boat ** Plus Ticketmaster fees*

Daily Fee Comparison of Boat Use: Advenco, LLC

Boat Type (compared to Advenco, LLC)	Lake Morena (County of SD)		Other Reservoirs (Advenco, LLC)**	Weekend/Holiday Rate Trend	Weekday Rate Trend
	Weekend/Holiday Flat Rate*	Weekday Flat Rate*	All Day Rate*		
Motor Boat Daily Fees	$50.00	$30.00	$100.00	100.0%	233.3%
Motor Boat Senior/Disabled	$37.50	$17.50	$100.00	166.7%	471.4%
Row Boat/Full-Day Fees	$25.00	$15.00	$30.00	20.0%	100.0%
Row Boat/Full-Day Senior/Disabled	$21.00	$11.00	$30.00	42.9%	172.7%
Row Boat/Half-Day Adults	$15.00	$15.00	$30.00	100.0%	100.0%
Row Boat/Half-Day Senior/Disabled	$12.00	$12.00	$30.00	150.0%	150.0%
Private Boat	$8.00	$8.00	$11.00	37.5%	37.5%

** Fee includes up to 4 persons per boat ** El Capitan, Lower Otay, and San Vicente*

Daily Fee Comparison of Fishing Reservation: Ticketmaster

Fishing (compared to Ticketmaster)	Lake Morena (County of SD)		Lake Barrett (Ticketmaster)	Weekend/Holiday Rate Trend	Weekday Rate Trend
	Weekend/Holiday Flat Rate	Weekday Flat Rate	Flat Rate*		
Adults	$7.00	$5.00	$30.00	328.6%	500.0%
Juniors	$3.00	$2.00	$30.00	900.0%	1400.0%
Children	Free	Free	$30.00	N/A	N/A
Seniors	$5.50	$3.50	$30.00	445.5%	757.1%

** Plus Ticketmaster fees*

Daily Fee Comparison of Fishing Reservation: Advenco, LLC

Fishing Type (compared to Advenco, LLC)	Lake Morena (County of SD)		Other Reservoirs (Advenco LLC)*	Weekend/Holiday Rate Trend	Weekday Rate Trend
	Weekend/Holiday Flat Rate	Weekday Flat Rate	Flat Rate		
Adults	$7.00	$5.00	$11.00	57.1%	120.0%
Juniors	$3.00	$2.00	$4.00	33.3%	100.0%
Children	Free	Free	Free	N/A	N/A
Seniors	$5.50	$3.50	$6.00	9.1%	71.4%

**El Capitan, Lower Otay, and San Vicente*

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AGENDA REPORT
Business | Information

December 2, 2024

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Meghan Traynor, Analyst I
Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Local Agencies Directory Under LAFCO Oversight**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive an annual local agencies directory prepared as part of the Commission's adopted workplan. The directory lists all 102 local agencies – cities and special districts – within San Diego County subject to the Commission's planning and regulatory duties and identifies current council and board members along with senior staff members. The directory will be made available both online and in print and is part of the Commission's ongoing commitment to help sunlight the scope and scale of local government. The item is for information with the opportunity for the Commission to provide feedback on potential content changes going forward.

BACKGROUND

San Diego LAFCO's current workplan was adopted at a noticed public hearing in May 2024 and includes 30 projects divided into two distinct categories – statutory and administrative – along with priority assignments set by the Commission. This includes direction to staff to prepare an update to its annual local agencies directory to list all cities and special districts subject to LAFCO's regulatory and planning oversight.

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DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to receive a local agencies directory prepared as part of the adopted workplan and provided as Attachment One. The directory identifies all elected and appointed local agency officials for the 102 cities and special districts under the Commission's jurisdiction in San Diego County as of December 2024. Bounded hard copies will be provided to Commissioners following the meeting. Hard copies will also be sent to local agencies and other state and regional governmental agencies. The Commission is invited to discuss the directory and provide feedback on possible content changes ahead of future publications.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda for information as part of the business calendar. The following procedures are recommended in consideration of this item:

1) Receive verbal presentation from staff unless waived.
2) Invite comments from interested audience members, if any.
3) Discuss the item.

Respectfully,

Meghan Traynor
Local Government Analyst I

Attachment:

1) Local Agencies Directory, December 2024



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Local Agencies Directory

Incorporated Cities & Special Districts

DECEMBER 2024







Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) were established in 1963 and are responsible under State law to facilitate orderly growth and development in the most efficient manner possible while protecting against the premature conversion of agricultural and open-space resources in all 58 counties in California.



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ABOUT SAN DIEGO LAFCO



Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown Sr.

San Diego LAFCO History

Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) were established in 1963 and are political subdivisions of the State of California responsible for providing regional growth management services in all 58 counties. LAFCOs' authority is currently codified under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 ("CKH") with principal oversight provided by the Assembly Committee on Local Government. LAFCOs are comprised of locally elected and appointed officials with regulatory and planning powers delegated by the Legislature to coordinate and oversee the establishment, expansion, and organization of cities, towns, and special districts as well as their municipal service areas.

LAFCOs' creation were engendered by Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown Sr. (1959 – 1967) to more effectively address the needs of California's growing and diversifying population with an emphasis on promoting governmental efficiencies. Towards this end, LAFCOs are commonly referred to as the Legislature's "watchdog" for local governance issues. Guiding LAFCOs' regulatory and planning powers is to fulfill specific purposes and objectives that collectively construct the Legislature's regional growth management priorities outlined under Government Code Section 56301.

This statute reads:

> "Among the purposes of the commission are discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing governmental services, and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions. One of the objects of the commission is to make studies and furnish information to contribute to the logical and reasonable development of local agencies in each county and to shape the development of local agencies so as to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of each county and its communities."

LAFCO decisions are legislative in nature and therefore are not subject to an outside appeal process. LAFCOs also have broad powers with respect to conditioning regulatory and planning approvals so long as not establishing any terms that directly control land uses.

San Diego LAFCO Duties & Responsibilities

The State of California delegates a broad range of growth management duties and responsibilities to LAFCOs in all 58 counties through the Cortese–Knox–Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. This statute empowers LAFCOs to regulate and plan the establishment, expansion, and realignment (consolidations, mergers, etc.) of cities and most special districts and their municipal services with community needs. The statute similarly entrusts LAFCOs to achieve appropriate balance in accommodating new growth and development while protecting agricultural and open space resources from their premature conversion. This includes – pertinently – recognizing that providing housing for persons and families of all incomes is an important factor in promoting orderly development and essential to the social, fiscal, and economic well-being of the state. Additional details follow.

Regulatory Responsibilities

LAFCOs' principal regulatory responsibility date back to 1963 and involves approving or disapproving all jurisdictional changes involving the establishment, expansion, and reorganization of cities, towns, and most special districts in California. LAFCOs are also tasked beginning in 2001 with overseeing the approval process for cities, towns, and special districts to provide new or extended services beyond their jurisdictional boundaries by contracts or agreements. LAFCOs also oversee special district actions to either activate new service functions and/or classes or divest existing services. LAFCOs generally exercise their regulatory responsibilities in response to applications submitted by affected agencies, landowners, or registered voters. Recent amendments to State law also authorize and encourage LAFCOs to initiate jurisdictional changes to form, consolidate, and dissolve special districts consistent with community needs. A summary of all regulatory responsibilities follows.

- Incorporate cities and form special districts
- Annex and detach lands to cities and special districts
- Activate or deactivate special districts' service powers
- Consolidate two or more cities or special districts into one
- Merge special districts into cities
- Disincorporate cities and dissolve special districts
- Authorize cities and districts to provide new or extended services outside their boundaries by contracts



Planning Responsibilities

LAFCOs inform their regulatory actions through two central planning responsibilities: (a) making sphere of influence determinations and (b) preparing municipal service reviews. Sphere determinations have been a core planning function of LAFCOs since 1971 and serve as the Legislature's version of "urban growth boundaries" with regard to cumulatively delineating the appropriate interface between urban and non-urban uses within each county. Municipal service reviews, in contrast, are a relatively new planning responsibility enacted as part of the comprehensive rewrite of LAFCO law in 2001 and intended to inform – among other activities – sphere determinations. The Legislature mandates, notably, all sphere changes as of 2001 be accompanied by preceding municipal service reviews to help ensure LAFCOs are effectively aligning governmental services with current and anticipated community needs. A summary of all planning responsibilities follows.

- Establish, amend, and update spheres of influence for all cities and most special districts thereby delineating areas eligible for annexation
- Regularly prepare studies to independently assess the availability, demand and performance of local government services

Commission

San Diego LAFCO is governed by a 13-member "Commission" comprising county, city, special district, and public members. All Commissioners are appointed elected officials with the exception of the two public members. Commissioners serve four-year terms and divided between "regulars" and "alternates" and must exercise their independent judgment on behalf of the interests of residents, landowners, and the public as a whole. Commissioners are subject to standard disclosure requirements and must file annual statements of economic interests. The Commission has sole authority in administering its legislative responsibilities and decisions therein are not subject to an outside appeal process. The current Commission roster follows.



Stephen Whitburn
Chair
City of San Diego



Baron Willis
Vice Chair
Alpine Fire Protection



Joel Anderson
Commissioner
County of San Diego



Kristi Becker
Commissioner
City of Solana Beach



Jim Desmond
Commissioner
County of San Diego



Jo MacKenzie
Commissioner
Vista Irrigation



Harry Mathis
Commissioner
Public Member



Dane White
Commissioner
City of Escondido



Brigette Browning
Alternate
Public Member



David Drake
Alternate
Rincon del Diablo MWD



John McCann
Alternate
City of Chula Vista



Nora Vargas
Alternate
County of San Diego



Marni von Wilpert
Alternate
City of San Diego

Cities Advisory Committee

The Cities Advisory Committee serves in an ad-hoc capacity and advises San Diego LAFCO on germane items of interest as requested by the LAFCO Chair or Executive Officer. The current Committee has been called by the Executive Officer to review and provide ongoing feedback to the Executive Officer on the adopted workplans. All 18 cities in San Diego County are represented on the Committee by the city manager or their designee and have one vote. Each city may also appoint one or more alternates. The Executive Officer is also a non-voting member on the Committee and serves as moderator and is responsible for scheduling meetings. The current Committee roster is below.



Paz Gomez
Deputy City Manager
City of Carlsbad



Tiffany Allen
Director
City of Chula Vista



Tina Friend
City Manager
City of Coronado



Ashley Jones
City Manager
City of Del Mar



Vince DiMaggio
Assistant City Manager
City of El Cajon



Pamela Antil
City Manager
City of Encinitas



Sean McGlynn
City Manager
City of Escondido



Tyler Foltz
Community Development Director
City of Imperial Beach



Lynette Santos
Community Development Director
City of La Mesa



Lydia Romero
City Manager
City of Lemon Grove



Martin Reeder
Assistant Community Development Director
City of National City



Jonathan Borrego
City Manager
City of Oceanside

Cities Advisory Committee (continued)



Chris Hazeltine
City Manager
City of Poway



Dion Akers
Office of the Mayor
Regional Government
Affairs Manager
City of San Diego



Michelle Bender
City Manager
City of San Marcos



Marlene Best
City Manager
City of Santee



Alyssa Muto
City Manager
City of Solana Beach



John Conley
City Manager
City of Vista

Special Districts Advisory Committee

The Special Districts Advisory Committee was created in August 1971 by San Diego LAFCO and consists of 16 members collectively drawn from the 59 independent special districts in San Diego County. Members serve four-year terms and are appointed by the independent special districts through an election process administered by LAFCO staff. Committee rules also allow the Committee Chair to appoint members to fill unexpired terms as needed. The Committee is tasked with providing feedback – including recommendations – on germane topics to assist LAFCO in fulfilling its regulatory and planning functions. The Committee meets quarterly with its current roster provided below.



Kimberly Thorner
Chair
Olivenhain MWD



Jack Bebee
Vice Chair
Fallbrook PUD



Ann Baldridge
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego



Paul Bushee
Leucadia MWD



Jeff Egkan
North County FPD



James Gordon
Deer Springs FPD



Diane Hansen
Palomar Health District



Albert Lau
Santa Fe Irrigation District



Hector Martinez
South Bay Water District



Dave McQuead
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District



Marty Miller
Vista Irrigation District



Mark Robak
Otay Water District



Joel Scalzitti
Helix Water District



Mike Sims
Bonita–Sunnyside FPD

Special Districts Advisory Committee (continued)



Oliver Smith
Valley Center MWD

Vacant
Rainbow MWD



LAFCOs have been responsible since 1963 to regulate and plan the formation, expansion, and reorganization of cities and special districts and their service areas in California with limited exceptions.

Team Members

The San Diego LAFCO staff consists of professional support and technical personnel, who are independent of county government. The Executive Officer is directly appointed by the Commission. Since the San Diego LAFCO was created in 1963, the following Executive Officers have been appointed by the Commission:

- 1963–1970: Robert Small
- 1971–1976: S.M. "Skip" Schmidt
- 1977–1979: Mike Gotch
- 1980–1984: William Davis
- 1984–1992: Jane Merrill
- 1992–2017: Michael Ott
- 2017–present: Keene Simonds

Executive Management



Keene Simonds
Executive Officer



Priscilla Mumpower
Assistant Executive Officer



Holly O. Whatley
Commission Counsel



Aleks R. Giragosian
Assistant Commission Counsel

Staff



Michaela Peters
Analyst II



Joelle Burila
Analyst I



Meghan Traynor
Analyst I



Dieu Ngu
GIS Analyst



Aiden Velasquez
Communications Associate



Erica Sellen
Commission Clerk



Dr. Brian Brady
Consultant
Utilities



Chris Cate
Consultant
Governmental Relations



Adam Wilson
Consultant
Governmental Relations

Incorporated Cities

Cities operate with home rule established at the time of their incorporation with powers to regulate land use and other municipal services so long as there are no conflicts with State law. There are currently 18 cities in San Diego County with incorporation dates ranging from the City of San Diego on March 27, 1850 to Solana Beach on July 1, 1986. Twelve of the cities operate as "general-law" and follow prescribed standards set by the State with respect to their governance, finance, election, and other municipal activities. The other six cities operate as "charter-law" and empowered to establish their own standards through voters and highlighted by broader taxing authority as well as the ability to zone territory irrespective of general plan consistency.

Carlsbad

1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Office: 442.339.2730 | www.carlsbadca.gov

Incorporation Date: 1952
Estimated Population: 115,258

Council Members

Keith Blackburn, Mayor
Priya Bhat-Patel, Mayor Pro Tem
Melanie Burkholder, Council
Kevin Shin, Council
Tera Acosta, Council
Christian Peacox, Treasurer

City Manager: Scott Chadwick | **Email:** manager@carlsbadca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Meets 2-3 times a month on Tuesdays | 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Chula Vista

276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista CA 91910-2631
Office: 619.691.5044 | cityclerk@chulavistaca.gov | www.chulavista.gov

Incorporation Date: 1911
Estimated Population: 279,384

Council Members

John McCann, Mayor
Carolina Chavez, Council
Michael Inzunza, Council
Jose Preciado, Council
Cesar Fernandez, Council

City Manager: Maria V. Kachadoorian | **Email:** mkachadoorian@chulavistaca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Four Tuesdays of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Coronado

1825 Strand Way, Coronado, CA 92118-3099
Office: 619.522.7300 | cityclerk@coronado.ca.us | www.coronado.ca.us

Incorporation Date: 1890
Estimated Population: 19,684

Council Members

John Duncan, Mayor
Carrie Anne Downey, Council
Mark Fleming, Council
Amy Steward, Council

City Manager: Tina Friend | **Email:** cm@coronado.ca.us

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Tuesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Del Mar

1050 Camino Del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014-2604
Office: 858.755.9313 | cityhall@delmar.us | www.delmar.ca.us

Incorporation Date: 1959
Estimated Population: 3,931

Council Members

John Spelich, Council
Terry Gaasterland, Deputy Mayor
Tracy Martinez, Council
Dan Quirk, Council

City Manager: Ashley Jones | **Email:** ajones@delmar.ca.us

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Monday of the Month | 4:30 p.m.
Location: City of Del Mar, Town Hall

El Cajon

200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020-3916
Office: 619.441.1776 | www.cityofelcajon.us

Incorporation Date: 1912
Estimated Population: 104,793

Council Members

Steve Goble, Council
Phil Ortiz, Council
Gary Kendrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Bill Wells, Mayor
Michelle Metschel, Council

City Manager: Graham Mitchell | **Email:** citymanager@elcajon.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 3:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Encinitas

505 South Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024-3633
Office: 760.633.2600 | **FAX:** 760.633.2627 | **TDD:** 760.633.2700
council@encinitasca.gov | www.encinitasca.gov

Incorporation Date: 1986
Estimated Population: 61,685

Council Members

Bruce Ehlers, Mayor
Luke Shaffer, Council
Joy Lyndes, Deputy Mayor
Jim O'Hara, Council

City Manager: Pamela Antil | **Email:** citymanager@encinitasca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second, Third, and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Escondido

201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025-2709
Office: 760.839.4617 | cityclerk@escondido.gov | www.cityofescondido.gov

Incorporation Date: 1888
Estimated Population: 150,900

Council Members

Dane White, Mayor
Christian Garcia, Deputy Mayor
Joe Garcia, Council
Consuelo Martinez, Council
Judy Fitzgerald, Council

City Manager: Sean McGlynn | **Email:** sean.mcglynn@escondido.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: 4 Wednesdays Each Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Imperial Beach

825 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, CA 91932-2702
Office: 619.423.8300 | www.imperialbeachca.gov

Incorporation Date: 1956
Estimated Population: 25,480

Council Members

Paloma Aguirre, Mayor
John "Jack" Fisher, Council
Mitch McKay, Council
Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez, Council
Carol Seabury, Council

City Manager: Tyler Foltz | **Email:** citymanager@imperialbeachca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Wednesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

La Mesa

8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-5502
Office: 619.667.1120 | **TDD:** 619.667.1139 | www.cityoflamesa.us

Incorporation Date: 1912
Estimated Population: 61,077

Council Members

Mark Arapostathis, Mayor
Laura Lothian, Vice Mayor
Genevieve Suzuki, Council
Patricia Dillard, Council
Lauren Cazares, Council

City Manager: Greg Humora | **Email:** citymgr@cityoflamesa.us

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Lemon Grove

3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945-1705
Office: 619.825.3800 | execassistant@lemongrove.ca.gov | www.lemongrove.ca.gov

Incorporation Date: 1977
Estimated Population: 27,131

Council Members

Raquel Vasquez, Mayor
Jennifer Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem
Jessyka Heredia, Council
Alysson Snow, Council
Sitivi "Steve" Faiai, Council

City Manager: Lydia Romero | **Email:** lromero@lemongrove.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: Lemon Grove Community Center
3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

National City

1243 National City Boulevard, National City, CA 91950-4397
Office: 619.336.4228 | clerk@nationalcityca.gov | www.nationalcityca.gov

Incorporation Date: 1887
Estimated Population: 55,687

Council Members

Ron Morrison, Mayor
Jose Rodriguez, Council
Marcus Bush, Council
Ditas Yamane, Council
Luz Molina, Council

City Manager: Ben Martinez | **Email:** CMO@nationalcityca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Oceanside

300 North Coastal Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054-2824
Office: 760.435.4500 | www.ci.oceanside.ca.us

Incorporation Date: 1888
Estimated Population: 172,268

Council Members

Ryan Keim, Mayor
Rick Robinson, Council
Phyllis Dominguez, Treasurer
Eric Joyce, Council
Peter Weiss, Council
Jimmy Figueroa, Council
Zeb Navarro, Clerk

City Manager: Johnathan Borrego | **Email:** citymanager@oceansideca.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Two Wednesdays of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Poway

13325 Civic Center Drive, Poway, CA 92064-5755
Mailing Address: PO Box 789, Poway, CA 92074-0789
Office: 858.668.4530 | cityclerk@poway.org | www.poway.org

Incorporation Date: 1980
Estimated Population: 47,943

Council Members

Steve Vaus, Mayor
Caylin Frank, Deputy Mayor
Brian Pepin, Council
Tony Blain, Council
Peter De Hoff, Council

City Manager: Chris Hazeltine | **Email:** chazeltine@poway.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Tuesday of the Month | 7:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

San Diego

202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-4806
Office: 619.236.5555 | cityclerk@sandiego.gov | www.sandiego.gov

Incorporation Date: 1850
Estimated Population: 1,389,828

Council Members

Todd Gloria, Mayor
Jennifer Campbell, Council
Raul A. Campillo, Council
Joe LaCava, Council
Kent Lee, Council
Vivian Moreno, Council
Sean Elo-Rivera, Council
Marni von Wilpert, Council
Stephen Whitburn, Council
Henry Foster III, Council

Chief Operating Officer: Eric Dargan | **Email:** edargan@sandiego.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Mondays | 2:00 p.m.
Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.
Location: City Administration Building, Council Chambers – 12th Floor

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San Marcos

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069-2918
Office: 760.744.1050 | cityclerk@san-marcos.net | www.san-marcos.net

Incorporation Date: 1963
Estimated Population: 95,287

Council Members

Rebecca Jones, Mayor
Danielle LeBlang, Council
Ed Musgrove, Council
María Nuñez, Council
Mike Sanella, Council

City Manager: Jack Griffin | **Email:** jgriffin@san-marcos.net

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Santee

10601 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, CA 92071-1266
Office: 619.258.4100 | clerk@cityofsanteeca.gov | www.cityofsanteeca.gov

Incorporation Date: 1980
Estimated Population: 60,334

Council Members

John W. Minto, Mayor
Dustin Trotter, Vice Mayor
Laura Koval, Council
Ronn Hall, Council
Rob McNelis, Council

City Manager: Marlene Best | **Email:** mbest@cityofsanteeca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | January – October | 6:30 p.m.
Second Wednesday of the Month | November – December | 6:30 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Solana Beach

635 South Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075-2215
Office: 858.720.2400 | aivey@cosb.org | www.cityofsolanabeach.org/en

Incorporation Date: 1986
Estimated Population: 12,771

Council Members

Lesa Heebner, Mayor
Jewel Edson, Deputy Mayor
David A. Zito, Council
Kristi Becker, Council
Jill MacDonald, Council

City Manager: Alyssa Muto | **Email:** amuto@cosb.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

Vista

200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084-6240
Office: 760.726.1340 | www.cityofvista.com

Incorporation Date: 1963
Estimated Population: 100,328

Council Members

John B. Franklin, Mayor
Katie Melendez, Deputy Mayor
Corinna Contreras, Council
Jeff Fox, Council
Dan O'Donnell, Council

City Manager: John Conley | **Email:** info@vista.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 5:30 p.m.
Location: Vista Civic Center, Council Chambers – 2nd Floor



Special Districts

DEPENDENT & INDEPENDENT

Special districts are separate local government entities that provide one or more municipal services within a specific geographic area – typically in an unincorporated community or collection of communities within a shared region. Most commonly, special districts in San Diego County provide water, wastewater or fire protection. Special districts are generally divided between two types of districts, enterprise districts (user charges) and non-enterprise districts (taxes and assessments) as well as independent and dependent. Independent special districts are defined as having a directly elected governing board whereas dependent special districts consist of an appointed governing board and frequently in the form of the board of supervisors or local city councils.

Alpine Fire Protection District

1364 Tavern Road, Alpine, CA 91901-3831
Office: 619.445.2635 | dpinhero@alpinefire.org | www.alpinefire.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1957
Estimated Population: 15,589

Board Members

Steve Taylor, President
Chase Cromwell, Director
Bill Paskle, Director
Barry Willis, Vice-President
Tim Mehrer, Secretary

Fire Chief: Brian Boggeln | **Email:** bboggeln@alpinefire.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Tuesday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: District Office, Board Room

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services

Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District

4900 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902-1725
Office: 619.479.2346 | msims@bonitafd.org | www.bonitafd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1950
Estimated Population: 12,300

Board Members

Jim Marugg, Director
Mark Scott, Director
Thomas Pocklington, Director

Fire Chief: Mike Sims | **Email:** msims@bonitafd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 8:00 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services

Borrego Water District

806 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-3101
Office: 760.767.5806 | customer.service@borregowd.org | www.borregowd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1996
Estimated Population: 2,933

Board Members

Kathy Dice, President
Dave Duncan, Secretary/Treasurer
Gina Moran, Director
Tammy Baker, Vice President
Martha Deichler, Director

General Manager: Geoff Poole | **Email:** geoff@borregowd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

District Wide: Groundwater Replenishment, Water, Vector Control
Restricted Areas: Wastewater, Flood Control, Solid Waste, Park & Recreation

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Buena Sanitation District

200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084-6240
Office: 760.726.1340 | www.cityofvista.com

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1960
Estimated Population: 25,552

Board Members

John B. Franklin, Mayor
Corinna Contreras, Council
Dan O'Donnell, Council
Katie Melendez, Deputy Mayor
Joe Green, Council

City Manager: John Conley | **Email:** jconley@cityofvista.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 5:30 p.m.
Location: Vista Civic Center, Council Chambers – 2nd Floor

Service Functions

Wastewater

Canebrake (County) Water District

140 Smoketree Lane, Julian, CA 92036-9336
Office: 760.765.1180 | bucheitjerry@gmail.com
www.canebrakewater.specialdistrict.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1966
Estimated Population: 71

Board Members

Christopher MacDonald, Board Member
Ellyn Hae, Board Member
Gunnar Ramstrum, Board Treasurer
Marsha Campbell, Board Member
Daryl Holmes Jr., Board Member

General Manager/Board Pres.: Jerry Bucheit | **Email:** bucheitjerry@gmail.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Saturday Every Other Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water

Carlsbad Municipal Water District

5950 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008-7314
Office: 442.339.2722 | water@carlsbadca.gov | www.carlsbadca.gov

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1954
Estimated Population: 90,052

Board Members

Keith Blackburn, Mayor
Melanie Burkholder, Council
Tera Acosta, Council
Priya Bhat-Patel, Mayor Pro Tem
Kevin Shin, Council
Christian Peacox, Treasurer

Executive Manager: Scott Chadwick | **Email:** manager@carlsbadca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: 2-3 Tuesdays a Month
Location: Council Chambers
1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA 92008

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water

Coachella Valley Water District

51501 Tyler Street, Coachella, CA 92336-3601
Mailing Address: PO Box 1058, Coachella, CA 92236-1058
Office: 760.398.2651 | www.cvwd.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1918
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

John Powell Jr., President
Cástulo R. Estrada, Vice President
John Aguilar, Director
Anthony Bianco, Director
Peter Nelson, Director

General Manager: Jim Barrett | **Email:** jbarrett@cvwd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Second Tuesday of the Month | 8:00 a.m.
Location: First Tuesday: Palm Desert Operations Building
75525 Hovley Ln E, Palm Desert, CA 92211
Second Tuesday: Steve Robbins Administration Building
75515 Hovley Ln E, Palm Desert, CA 92211

Service Functions

Domestic Water (Riverside/Imperial), Sanitation Collection/Treatment (Riverside)
Recycled Water (Riverside), Regional Stormwater (Riverside/Imperial)
Flood Protection (Riverside/Imperial), Irrigation Water Import/Distribution (Riverside/Imperial)

County Service Area No. 17 (San Dieguito Paramedic)

County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Emergency Services
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120-3505
Office: 619.285.6429 | www.sandiegocounty.gov

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1969
Estimated Population: 119,258

Board Members

Kellie Hinze, Chair
Tracy Martinez, Vice Chair
Jill MacDonald, Committee
Nancy Hillgren, Committee
Elizabeth (Liz) Shopes, Committee
Frank Twohy, Member at Large

General Manager: Andrew Parr | **Email:** andy.parr@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Tuesday of the Month (February, May, August, and November) | 4:00 p.m.
Location: Solana Beach City Council
635 South Highway 101

Service Functions

Emergency Medical Service, EMS Ambulance Transport

County Service Area No. 26 (Rancho San Diego)

County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.565.3600 | askparks.lue@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdparks.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1970
Estimated Population: 14,689

Board Members

Mike Wagenleiter, President
John Davis, Director
Eileen Tierney, Secretary

Region Manager: Carl McCullough | **Email:** carl.mccullough@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Thursday of the Month | 3:30 p.m.
Location: Rancho San Diego Library
11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, CA

Service Functions

Landscape Maintenance, Open-Space Maintenance

County Service Area No. 81 (Fallbrook Local Parks)

County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.565.3600 | askparks.lue@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdparks.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1976
Estimated Population: 52,136

Board Members

Stephani Baxter, Director
Kari Hoyer, Director
Sean O'Callaghan, Director
David Throop, Director
Ricardo Favela, Director
Jim Loge, Director
Susan Reed, Director

Region Manager: Jake Enriquez | **Email:** jake.enriquez@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Thursday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: Live Oak Park Visitors Center
2746 Reche Road, Fallbrook, CA

Service Functions

Park Maintenance

County Service Area No. 83 (San Dieguito Local Parks)

County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123-1239
Office: 858.565.3600 | askparks.lue@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdparks.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1976
Estimated Population: 33,655

Board Members

N/A

Director: Anthony Hooper | **Email:** anthony.hooper@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

N/A

Service Functions

Park Maintenance

County Service Area No. 122 (Otay East Mesa)

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, San Diego County Sanitation District
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123-1239

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1986
Estimated Population: 2,757

Board Members

Nora Vargas, Board of Sup.
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Sup.
Jim Desmond, Board of Sup.
Joel Anderson, Board of Sup.
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Sup.

Director: Anthony Hooper | **Email:** anthony.hooper@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 310, San Diego, CA 92101

Service Functions

Infrastructure Planning

County Service Area No. 128 (San Miguel Local Park)

County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.565.3600 | askparks.lue@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdparks.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1991
Estimated Population: 59,433

Board Members

Steve Babbitt, Director
Robert Eble, Director
Braulio Sanabria, Director
Tina Carlson, Director
Carl Kasimatis, Director
Rolland E. Slade, Director

Region Manager: Kelly Daniels | **Email:** kelly.daniels@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Tuesday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.
Location: Spring Valley Teen Center
838 Kempton Street Spring Valley, CA 91977

Service Functions

School Based Recreational Program, Park Maintenance

County Service Area No. 135 (Regional Communications)

County of San Diego Sheriff's Department (RCS), Regional Communications System
5595 Overland Avenue, Suite 101, San Diego, CA 92123-1268
Office: 858.694.3663 | rcs800mhz@sdsheriff.org | www.rcs800mhz.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1994
Estimated Population: 1,065,629

San Diego County Fire Protection District
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.974.5999 | fire@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdcountyfire.org

CAL FIRE Operations, San Diego Unit Headquarters
2249 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, CA 92019-4301

Board Members

Nora Vargas, Board of Sup.
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Sup.
Jim Desmond, Board of Sup.
Joel Anderson, Board of Sup.
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Sup.

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Monday of the Month | 1:00 p.m.
Location: County Operations Center: San Diego County Fire Authority, Conference Room 241

Service Functions

Regional Communications Systems

County Service Area No. 136 (Sundance Detention Basin)

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123-1239
Office: 858.514.4990

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1987
Estimated Population: 70

Board Members

Nora Vargas, Board of Sup.
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Sup.
Jim Desmond, Board of Sup.
Joel Anderson, Board of Sup.
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Sup.

Director: Sara Agahi | **Email:** sara.agahi@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 310, San Diego, CA 92101

Service Functions

Flood Control Detention Basin

County Service Area No. 137 (Live Oak Springs)

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, San Diego County Sanitation District
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123-1239
Office: 858.514.4990 | csa137@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sandiegocounty.gov

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 2020
Estimated Population: 147

Board Members

Nora Vargas, Board of Sup.
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Sup.
Jim Desmond, Board of Sup.
Joel Anderson, Board of Sup.
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Sup.

Director: Anthony Hooper | **Email:** anthony.hooper@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 310, San Diego, CA 92101

Service Functions

Water Service

County Service Area No. 138 (Valley Center Parks and Recreation)

County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.565.3600 | askparks.lue@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdparks.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 2020
Estimated Population: 21,221

Region Manager: Jake Enriquez | **Email:** jake.enriquez@sdcounty.ca.gov

Board Members

Donna Hein, Director
Karen Blair, Director
Carol Johnson, Director
Bill Trok, Director
Irma Hernandez, Director

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Monday of the Month | 3:00 p.m.
Location: Valley Center Community Hall
28246 Lilac Road, Valley Center, CA 92028

Service Functions

Parks and Recreation

Cuyamaca Water District

15240 Highway 79, Julian, CA 92036-9252
Office: 760.315.1070 | cwd@cuyamacawaterdistrict.org
www.cuyamacawaterdistrict.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1982
Estimated Population: 66

Board Members

William Dresselhaus, Director
Carolyn Hilfiker, Director
Dave Hilfiker, Director
Paul Turner, Director
Steve Miller, Director

Board President: Ronald Brown | **Email:** cwd@cuyamacawaterdistrict.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: 34560 Engineer Road
Julian, CA 92036

Service Functions

Potable Water

Deer Spring Fire Protection District

8709 Circle R Drive, Escondido, CA 92026-5802
Office: 760.749.8001 | liz@dsfd.sdcoxmail.com | www.deerspringsfire.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1982
Estimated Population: 12,889

Board Members

Bret Sealey, President
Steve Kerrin, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Holley, Director
Mark Jackson, Vice President
James Gordon, Director

Fire Chief: David Morrison | **Email:** david.morrison@fire.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: District Headquarters

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, BLS-ALS Emergency Medical Services

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Descanso Community Water District

PO Box 610, Descanso, CA 91916-0610
Contact: 855.224.6981 | www.descansowaterdistrict.myruralwater.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1982
Estimated Population: 371

Board Members

Maureen Philips, President
Sheri Minix, Director
Lee Johnson, Financial Director

Contact: Maureen Phillips | **Email:** mphillipswater@gmail.com | 619.445.6042

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Thursday of the Month; Quarterly | 7:00 p.m.
Location: Descanso Community Hall

Service Functions

Water

Fairbanks Ranch Community Services District

Dudek & Associates, 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024-3513
Office: 760.479.4150 | www.frcsd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1987
Estimated Population: 1,639

Board Members

Michael Conger, Director
Marlene King, President
Jim Nierman, Vice-President
Rick Heymann, Director
Daniel LaBouve, Director

General Manager: Chuck Duffy | **Email** cduffy@dudek.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Monday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
(February, May, November, and August)
Location: Fairbanks Ranch Clubhouse
17651 Circa del Norte, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Service Functions

Wastewater Treatment, Streetlight Maintenance, Roadside Landscape, Maintenance

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Fallbrook Regional Health District

138 South Brandon Road, Fallbrook CA 92028-2205
Office: 760.731.9187 | www.fallbrookhealth.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1950
Estimated Population: 58,237

Board Members

William "Bill" Leach, Chair
Barbara Mroz, Vice Chair
Jennifer Jeffries, Treasurer
Howard Salmon, Secretary

Executive Officer: Rachel Mason | **Email:** rmason@fallbrookhealth.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Wednesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: Administrative Office
1st Floor Community Room

Service Functions

Healthcare

Fallbrook Public Utility District

990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028-2232
Office: 760.728.1125 | leckert@fpud.com | www.fpud.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1922
Estimated Population: 34,487

Board Members

Jennifer DeMeo, President
Dave Baxter, Director
Charley Wolk, Director
Don McDougal, Vice President
Ken Endter, Director

General Manager: Jack Bebee | **Email:** jackb@fpud.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Monday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, Parks and Recreation, Street Lighting, Roads and Streets

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Casa de Playa Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD)

202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-4806
Office: 619.236.5555 | www.sandiego.gov

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1997
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

N/A

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Meets as Needed

Service Functions

Geologic Hazard Mitigation

For further information, contact:

Haley Ralston | hralston@ghad.org | 925.866.900 | www.ghad.org

Grossmont Health Care District

9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, CA 91942-3300
Office: 619.825.5050 | info@grossmonthealthcare.org
www.grossmonthealthcare.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1952
Estimated Population: 512,785

Board Members

Gloria A. Chadwick, President
Nadia Farjood, Board Member
Randy Lenac, Board Member
Robert "Bob" Ayres, Vice President
Virginia Hall, Secretary

Chief Executive Officer: Christian Wallis | **Email:** cwallis@grossmonthealthcare.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Tuesday and Third Thursday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Healthcare

Helix Water District

7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91942-0427
Contact: 619.466.0585 | helix@helixwater.org | www.hwd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1913
Estimated Population: 275,240

Board Members

Dan McMillan, President
Kathleen Coates Hedberg, Director
Mark Gracyk, Director
Joel A. Scalzitti, Vice President
Andrea Beth Damsky, Director

General Manager: Brian Olney | **Email:** brian.olney@helixwater.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First, Third, and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 3:00 p.m.
Location: Administration Office

Service Functions

Water, Park and Recreation

Jacumba Community Services District

Jacumba Community Services District

PO Box 425, Jacumba, CA 91934-0425
Office: 619.766.4359 | jacumbawater@att.net | www.jacumbawater.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1985
Estimated Population: 431

Board Members

Katrina Westley, President
Sarah Misquez, Vice President
Judith Stutler, Member

General Manager: Emillo Gonzalez | **Phone:** 619.766.4359

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: Jacumba Library
44605 Old Highway 80, Jacumba, CA 91934

Service Functions

Water, Park and Recreation

Jacumba Community Services District

Julian Community Services District

District Headquarters: 2645 Farmer Road, Julian, CA 92036
Mailing Address: PO Box 681, Julian, CA 92036-0681
Office: 760.765.0483 | JulianCSD@att.net

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1965
Estimated Population: 320

Board Members

Joseph Romano, President
Matthew Kraemer, Director
Yesenia Rodriguez, Director

General Manager: Harry Seifert

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Tuesday of the Month
Location: Julian Sheriff Substation
2907 Washington Street, Julian, CA 92036

Service Functions

Water

Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District

Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District

15027 Highway 79, Julian, CA 92036-9530
Office: 760.765.0515 | info@lakecuyamaca.org | www.lakecuyamaca.net

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1961
Estimated Population: 243

Board Members

David Hilfiker, President
George L. Merz, Vice President
Steve Vandewalle, Secretary
Thomas A. King, Treasurer
Eric Otto, Director

General Manager: Race H. Paddock

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 10:00 a.m..
Location: 34560 Engineers Road
Julian, CA 92036

Service Functions

Recreation and Park

Lakeside Fire Protection District

12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040-0921
Office: 619.390.2350 | info@lakesidefire.org | www.lakesidefire.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1963
Estimated Population: 64,383

Board Members

Brent Bowser, Director
Jim Bingham, Director
Tim Robles, Director
Pete Liebig, Director
Steve Robak, Director

Fire Chief: Don Butz | **Email:** dbutz@lakesidefire.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 5:30 p.m.
Location: Fire Administration Office

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services

Lakeside Water District

Lakeside Water District

10375 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040-2440
Office: 619.443.3805 | form@lakesidewater.org | www.lakesidewater.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1924
Estimated Population: 33,475

Board Members

Frank Hilliker, Director
Steve Johnson, Director
Steve Robak, Director
Pete Jenkins, Director
Eileen Neumeister, Director

General Manager: Brett Sanders | **Email:** bretts@lakesidewater.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Tuesday of the Month | 5:30 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water

Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District

Lemon Grove City Hall
3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945
Office: 619.825.3800 | www.lemongrove.ca.gov

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: N/A
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

Racquel Vasquez, Mayor
Sitivi "Steve" Faiai, Council
Alysson Snow, Council
Jennifer Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem
Jessyka Heredia, Council

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: Lemon Grove Community Center

Service Functions

Lighting

Lemon Grove (County) Sanitation District

City of Lemon Grove Public Works
3232 Main Street, Lemon Grove, CA 91945-1705
Office: 619.825.3810 | www.lemongrove.ca.gov

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1947
Estimated Population: 26,994

Board Members

Sitivi "Steve" Faiai, Councilmember
Jennifer Mendoza, Mayor Pro Tem
Racquel Vasquez, Mayor
Jessyka Heredia, Councilmember
Alysson Snow, Councilmember

City Manager: Lydia Romero | **Email:** lromero@lemongrove.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: Lemon Grove Community Center
3146 School Lane, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Service Functions

Wastewater Collection

Leucadia (County Water) Wastewater District

1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, CA 92009-6810
Office: 760.753.0155 | info@lwwd.org | www.lwwd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1959
Estimated Population: 60,768

Board Members

Chris Roesink, President
Elaine Sullivan, Director
Donald Omsted, Director
Rolando A. Saldana, Vice President
Robert Pacilio, Director

General Manager: Paul Bushee | **Email:** pbushee@lwwd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Wednesday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Recycled Water, Wastewater

LSFPD

Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District

2725-B Granger Avenue, National City, CA 91950-7824
Office: 619.245.4550 | lsfpdistrict@gmail.com
www.sites.google.com/site/lsfpdistrict

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1944
Estimated Population: 2,249

Board Members

Kurt Worden, President
Kevin Albers, Director
Yolanda Escamilla, Secretary
Rodolfo Gonzalez, Vice President
Russell Coniff, Director

General Manager/President: Kurt Worden

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Monthly | 6:30 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services (Services Provided by the City of National City)

Majestic Pines Community Services District

Majestic Pines Community Services District

1405 Banner Road, Julian, CA 92036
Mailing Address: PO Box 266, Julian, CA 92036-0266
Office: 760.765.0532 | mpcsd@sbcglobal.net | www.majesticpinescsd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1993
Estimated Population: 915

Board Members

Mark Taylor, Vice President
Robert Markart, Secretary
John Jones, Treasurer
Gary Darnell, Member At Large

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Wednesday of the Month | 3:30 p.m.
December: Second Wednesday of the Month
Location: 1405 Banner Road
Julian, CA 92036

Service Functions

Water

Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA

P.O. Box 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153
Office: 213.217.6000 | www.mwdh2o.com

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1928
Estimated Population: 3,223,389

Board Members

38-member Board of Directors
Visit the MET website for more information:
www.mwdh2o.com/WhoWeAre/Board/Board-Meeting

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 12:00 p.m.
Location: Metropolitan Water District
700 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Service Functions

Water

Mission Resource Conservation District

138 South Brandon Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Office: 760.728.1332 | www.missionrcd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1944
Estimated Population: 124,163

Board Members

Scott Murray, President
Bob Lin, Treasurer
Victor Santos, Director
Julia Escamilla, Vice President
Peggy Brown, Director

District Manager: Ani V | **Email:** aniv@missionrcd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Monday of the Month | 3:00 p.m.
Location: 138 South Brandon Road
Fallbrook, CA 92028

Service Functions

Agricultural, Water Management, Conservation Plans, Residential Irrigation, Equestrian, Weed Management, Landscape, Community Garden

Mootamai Municipal Water District

Mootamai Municipal Water District

PO Box 812, Pauma Valley, CA 92061-0812
Info: mootamaimwd@gmail.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1962
Estimated Population: 166

Board Members

William J Schell, President
Theresa M. Gifford, Vice President
Norma Larios, Secretary / Treasurer

General Manager: Lori Johnson | **Email:** mootamaimwd@gmail.com | 760.802.2692

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Quarterly As Needed
Location: Pauma Valley Community Center
16650 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Service Functions

Water Rights, Structural Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service

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Morro Hills Community Services District

PO 161 , Fallbrook, CA 92088-0161
Office: 760.723.3642 | president@morrohillscsd.com | www.morrohillscsd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1961
Estimated Population: 1,094

Board Members

Thomas Harrington, President
Patrick Meehan, Director
Jeff Walker, Director
Jeanine Roskos, Director
Charlene Weber, Director

President: Thomas Harrington | **Email:** president@morrohillscsd.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Monday Quarterly | 5:00 p.m.
Location: Palomares House
1815 Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA

Service Functions

Road Maintenance

North County Cemetery District

2640 Glen Ridge Road, Escondido, CA 92027-4532
Office: 760.745.1781 | northcountycemeterydistrict@yahoo.com
www.northcountycemeterydistrict.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1984
Estimated Population: 417,475

Board Members

Sharon Disney, Vice Chair
Colleen Lukoff, Trustee
Steven Lochridge, Chair
Barbara Sulier, Trustee

General Manager: Edward Serna

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Monday of the Month | 5:30 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Cemetery, Internment Services

North County Fire Protection District

Administration Headquarters: 330 South Main Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028-2938
Office: 760.723.2005 | kmcreynolds@ncfire.org | www.ncfire.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1987
Estimated Population: 55,802

Board Members

Mark Bartholomew, Director
Ken Munson, Director
Chris Shaw, Director
Jeff Egkan, Director
Ross Pike, Director

Fire Chief: Keith McReynolds | **Email:** kmcreynolds@ncfire.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Tuesday of the Month (Except November and December) | 5:00 p.m.
Second Tuesday of December (No meeting in November) | 5:00 p.m.
Location: Fallbrook PUD, Board Room
990 East Mission Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services, Ambulance Transportation, Community Risk Reduction

North County Transit District

810 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92054
Office: 760.966.6500 | creports@nctd.org | www.gonctd.com

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1975
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

Priya Bhat-Patel, Vice-Chair
Jim Desmond
Mary Dover
Joe Garcia
Sharon Jenkins
Tracy Martinez
Suheil Rodriguez
Corinna Contreras
Shawn Donaghy
Jewel Edson, Board Chair
Kellie Hinze
Kent Lee
Rick Robinson
Lori A. Winfree

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Thursday of the Month | 2:00 p.m.
Location: NCTD Administrative Offices

Service Functions

Pending Municipal Service Review

Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District

1540 Harbor Drive North, Oceanside, CA 92054-1090
Office: 760.435.4000 | www.ci.oceanside.ca.us | hbac@oceansideca.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1960
Estimated Population: 172,268

Board Members

Liz Rhea, Chair
Les George, Member
Mark Mallaby, Member
Travis Tielens, Member
Joe Yaglinski, Vice Chair
Carolynn Krammer, Member
Ernie Prieto, Member
Charles Russell, Member

Harbor Division Manager: Joseph Ravitch | **Phone:** 760.435.4029

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Monday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
(February, April, June, August, October, and November)
Location: Oceanside City Hall, Council Chambers – 2nd Floor
300 North Coast Hwy, Oceanside, CA

Service Functions

Public Small Marine-Craft Facility and Related Services

Oceanus Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD)

202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-4806
Office: 619.236.5555 | www.sandiego.gov

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 2010
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

N/A

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Meets as Needed

Service Functions

Geologic Hazard Mitigation

For further information, contact:

Haley Ralston | hralston@ghad.org | 925.866.900 | www.ghad.org

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District

1966 Olivenhain Road, Encinitas, CA 92024-5676
Office: 760.753.6466 | skaufmann@olivenhain.com | www.olivenhain.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1959
Estimated Population: 72,135

Board Members

Christy Guerin, President
Matthew R. Hahn, Vice President
Neal Meyers, Treasurer
Marco San Antonio, Director
Scott Maloni, Director

General Manager: Kimberly A. Thorner | **Email:** kthorner@olivenhain.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second or Third Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater, Hydroelectric Generation, Reclaimed Water, Park and Recreation

Otay (Municipal) Water District

2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA 91978-2004
Office: 619.670.2222 | www.otaywater.gov

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1956
Estimated Population: 236,627

Board Members

Jose A. Lopez, President
Gary Croucher, Director
Francisco X. Rivera, Director
Delfina Gonzalez, Director
Mark Robak, Treasurer

General Manager: Jose Martinez | **Email:** jose.martinez@otaywater.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Wednesday of the Month | 3:30 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater, Recycled Water

Padre Dam Municipal Water District

9300 Fanita Parkway, Santee, CA 92071-7906
Mailing Address: PO Box 719003, Santee, CA 92072-9003
Office: 619.448.3111 | customer@padre.org | www.padredam.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1976
Estimated Population: 103,549

Board Members

Bill Pommering, President
Kim Hales, Director
Rocky Qualin, Director
Suzanne Till, Vice President
Brian Fordyce, Director

CEO/General Manager: Kyle Swanson | **Email:** kswanson@padre.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water – Limited, Wastewater – Limited, Recycled Water - Limited, Park and Recreation

PALOMAR HEALTH

Palomar Health

Palomar Medical Center Downtown:
2185 Citracado Parkway, Escondido, CA 92029
Office: 760.740.6345 | www.palomarhealth.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1948
Estimated Population: 531,867

Board Members

Jeff Griffith, Chair
Terry Corrales, Secretary
John Clark, Director
Laurie Edwards-Tate, Director
Michael Pacheco, Vice-Chair
Abbi L. Jahaaski, Director
Linda Greer, Director

Chief Executive Officer: Diane Hansen | **Email:** diane.hansen@palomarhealth.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Monday of the Month | 6:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual or District Office

Service Functions

Healthcare

Pauma Municipal Water District

Pauma Municipal Water District

PO Box 706, Pauma Valley, CA 92061-0706
Office: 760.802.2692 | **Email:** pmwdsd@gmail.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1960
Estimated Population: 188

Board Members

Warren Lyall, President
Jon Hoxter, Secretary / Treasurer
Lori A. Johnson, Administrator
Rick Kariya, Vice President
Don Armstrong, Director

Contact: Lori A. Johnson | **Email:** pmwdsd@gmail.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Meetings are held when necessary per District

Service Functions

Water Rights, Emergency Medical Services

Pauma Valley Community Services District

Pauma Valley Community Services District

33129 Cole Grade Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061-9518
Office: 760.742.1909 | customerservice@paumavalleycsd.ca.gov
www.paumavalleycsd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1961
Estimated Population: 672

Board Members

Richard R. Collins, Director
Michael Esparza, Director
Lolo Levy, Directory

General Manager: Eric Steinlicht | **Email:** gm.pvcsd@gmail.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Monday of the Month | 10:00 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Wastewater And Collection, Treatment and Storage; Security and Patrol Services
Water Treatment; Distribution; and Private Road Management

Pomerado Cemetery District

14361 Tierra Bonita Road, Poway, CA 92064-3027
Office: 858.748.5760 | www.dearborncemetery.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1950
Estimated Population: 186,538

Board Members

Kevin Haupt, Trustee
James Lyon, Trustee
Denise L. Polito, Trustee

General Manager: Carrie Perryman | **Email:** carrie@dearborncemetery.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 3:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Cemetery, Interment Services

Questhaven Municipal Water District

Questhaven Municipal Water District

20560 Questhaven Road, San Marcos, CA 92078-6810
Office: 760.744.1500 | office@questhaven.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1959
Estimated Population: 30

Board Members

N/A

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Semi-annual Meetings
Location: N/A

Service Functions

Water

Rainbow Municipal Water District

3707 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook, CA 92028-9372
Office: 760.728.1178 | www.rainbowmwd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1953
Estimated Population: 25,100

Board Members

Greg Irvine, Director
Lisa Hoffman, Director
Patti Townsend, Director
Claude Hayden Hamilton, Director
Michael Mack, Director

General Manager: Jake Wiley | **Phone:** 760.728.1178 Ext. 130

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Tuesday of the Month (January-October) | 1:00 p.m.
First Tuesday of the Month (November-December) | 1:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater Collection
District-Wide: Water distribution

Ramona Cemetery District

Ramona Cemetery District

532 Ash Street, Ramona, CA 92065-1404
Mailing Address: PO Box 211, Ramona, CA 92065-0211
Office: 760.789.0136 | ramonacemetery@sbcglobal.net | www.ramonacemeterydistrict.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1959
Estimated Population: 35,396

Board Members

William Biggs, President
Daniel W. Vengler, Vice President
Robert Stuckey, Secretary

General Manager: John Vargas

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 12:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Cemetery, Internment Services

Ramona Municipal Water District

105 Earlham Street, Ramona, CA 92065-1558
Office: 760.789.1330 | customerservice@rmwd.org | www.rmwd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1956
Estimated Population: 32,713

Board Members

Jim Hickle, President
Jeff Lawler, Vice President
Jacob Zoria, Director
Gary Hurst, Treasurer
Jim Piva, Secretary

General Manager: Erica Wolski

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, CA 92065

Service Functions

Waster, Recycled Water, Sewer, Park Services

Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District

Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District

District Office: 750 Second Street, Encinitas, CA 92024-4406
Mailing Address: Dudek and Associates, 605 Third Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024-3513
Office: 760.942.5147 | www.rsfcsd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1981
Estimated Population: 8,617

Board Members

Bill Hinchy, Director
Deborah Plummer, Director
John Tanner, President
Laurel Lemarié, Director
John Salazar, Vice President

General Manager: Chuck Duffy | **Email:** cduffy@dudek.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Monday of the Month | 1:30 p.m.
Location: Board Room, Santa Fe Irrigation District Office
5920 Linea Del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

Service Functions

Wastewater, Reclaimed Water, Landscape, Maintenance, Utility Undergrounding, Security

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Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District

Administrative Office: 18027 Calle Ambiente, Suite 101, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067
Mailing Address: PO Box 410, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-0410
Office: 858.756.5971 | www.rsf-fire.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1946
Estimated Population: 36,497

Board Members

James Ashcraft, Board President
Kevin Barnard, Director
John C. Tanner, Vice President
Nancy C. Hillgren, Director
Tucker Stine, Director

Fire Chief: David C. McQuead | **Email:** mcquead@rsf-fire.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Wednesday of the Month | 1:00 p.m.
Location: Administrative Office, Board Community Room

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services, First Responder
District-Wide: Fire Prevention, Shelter-In-Place, District-Wide, Community, Programs, Cert Car Seat Installation, Risk Reduction

Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego

11769 Waterhill Road, Lakeside, CA 92040-2905
Office: 619.562.0096 | **Info:** info@rcdsandiego.org | www.rcdsandiego.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1941
Estimated Population: 1,461,044

Board Members

Donald H. Butz, President
Odette Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael McGrath, Director
Maggie Sleeper, Director
Marilyn Huntamer, Vice President
Neil Meyer, Director
Diane Moss, Director

Executive Director: Ann Baldridge | **Email:** ann.baldridge@rcdsandiego.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Wednesday of the Month | 11:30 a.m.
Location: Various locations – check the District's website

Service Functions

Water and Soil, Conservation, Fish and Wildlife, Habitat Programs

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Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District

1920 North Iris Lane, Escondido, CA 92026-1318
Office: 760.745.5522 | admin@rinconwater.org | www.rinconwater.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1954
Estimated Population: 130,526

Board Members

David Drake, Director
Evan Wahl, Director
James Murtland, President
Inki Welch, Treasurer

General Manager: Clint Baze

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection and EMS (ID-E), Water (ID 1 and 2), Recycled Water, Fire (Contract With City Of Escondido)

Rincon Ranch Community Services District

Rincon Ranch Community Services District

District Office: 32859 Rincon Ranch Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061
Mailing Address: PO Box 882, Pauma Valley, CA 92061-0882
Office: 760.742.3704

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1963
Estimated Population: 206

Board Members

N/A

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Quarterly
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Road Maintenance

San Diego County Fire Protection District

County of San Diego
5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.974.5999 | fire@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdcountyfire.org

CAL FIRE Operations
San Diego Unit Headquarters: 2249 Jamacha Road, El Cajon, CA 92019

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 2020
Estimated Population: 88,326

Board Members

Joel Anderson, Board of Supervisors
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Supervisors
Nora Vargas, Board of Supervisors
Jim Desmond, Board of Supervisors
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Supervisors

Director: Jeff Collins | **Email:** jeff.collins@sdcounty.ca.gov

Fire Chief: Tony Mecham

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Annually, set by the Board of Supervisors
Location: County Operations Center, San Diego County Fire Authority, Conference Room 241

Service Functions

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services, Community Risk

San Diego County Flood Control District

5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123-123
Office: 858.694.2112 | sara.agahi@sdcounty.ca.gov | www.sdcfcd.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: N/A
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

Joel Anderson, Board of Supervisors
Jim Desmond, Board of Supervisors
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Supervisors
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Supervisors
Nora Vargas, Board of Supervisors

District Manager: Sara Agahi | **Email:** sara.agahi@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First Thursday of the Month | 9:30 a.m.
Location: 5510 Overland Ave., Rm 472, San Diego, CA, 92123

Service Functions

Stormwater Management

San Diego County Sanitation District

County of Diego, Department of Public Works, Wastewater Management
5510 Overland Ave. Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.514.4990 | sewer@sdcounty.ca.gov
www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/wasteh2o.html

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 2010
Estimated Population: 144,272

Board Members

Joel Anderson, Board of Supervisors
Jim Desmond, Board of Supervisors
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Supervisors
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Supervisors
Nora Vargas, Board of Supervisors

District Manager: Anthony Hooper | **Email:** anthony.hooper@sdcounty.ca.gov

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Second and Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101, Room 310

Service Functions

Sewer Service (Wastewater)

San Diego County Street Lighting Maintenance District

5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.694.2212 | jen.winfrey@sdcounty.ca.gov
www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/specialdistricts/streetlight.html

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: N/A
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

Joel Anderson, Board of Supervisors
Monica Montgomery Steppe, Board of Supervisors
Nora Vargas, Board of Supervisors
Jim Desmond, Board of Supervisors
Terra Lawson-Remer, Board of Supervisors

Meeting Information

N/A

Service Functions

Lighting

San Diego County Water Authority

4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123
Office: 858.522.6600 | www.sdcwa.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1944
Estimated Population: 3,209,883

Board Members

36-member Water Authority Board of Directors
Visit the SDCWA website for more information:
www.sdcwa.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meetings

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Thursday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: Webcast

Service Functions

Water

San Diego Unified Port District

3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101
Office: 619.686.6200 | customerservicecenter@portofsandiego.org
www.portofsandiego.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1962
Estimated Population: N/A

Board Members

Frank Urtasun, Chair
Gilanthony Ungab
Danielle Moore
Sid Voorakkara
Ann Moore, Secretary
Michael Zucchet
Dan Malcolm

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 1:00 p.m.
Location: Don L. Nay Administration Building

Service Functions

Pending Municipal Service Review

San Dieguito (Irrigation) Water District

160 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024-3721
Office: 760.633.2650 | waterops@sdwd.org | www.sdwd.org

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1922
Estimated Population: 38,233

Board Members

Luke Shaffer, Director
Jim O'Hara, Director
Bruce Ehlers, Mayor
Bruce Ehlers, Director
Joy Lyndes, Director

General Manager: Isam Hireish

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Wednesday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: Encinitas City Council Chambers
505 South Vulcan Avenue

Service Functions

Potable (Drinking) Water, Recycled Water

San Luis Rey Municipal Water District

5328 Highway 76, Fallbrook, CA 92028-7806
Office: 714.743.6298 | www.sanluisreymwd.specialdistrict.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1958
Estimated Population: 613

Board Members

Victor Pankey, President
Thomas Veysey, Secretary-Treasurer
William Pankey, Vice President
Christian Zaleschuk, Director

Email: edunn@awattorneys.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Wednesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: District Office, Pankey Ranch

Service Functions

Water Rights, Water Storage Rights of Landowners

San Marcos Fire Department

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069-2918
Office: 760.744.1050 ext. 3410 | www.san-marcos.net

Type: Dependent
Formation Date: 1936
Estimated Population: 106,015

Board Members

Rebecca Jones, Mayor
Ed Musgove, Council
Mike Sannella, Council
Danielle LeBlang, Council
María Nuñez, Council

Fire Chief: Dan Barron | **Email:** dbarron@san-marcos.net

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Council Chamber

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services

San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District

2850 Via Orange Way, Spring Valley, CA 91978-1746
Office: 619.670.0500 | info@sanmiguelfire.org | www.sanmiguelfire.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1988
Estimated Population: 127,897

Board Members

Jeff Nelson, Director
Harry Muns, Director
Theresa McKenna, Director
Edward Woodruff, Director
Kim Raddatz, Director
Christopher Pierce, Director
Jesse A. Robles, Director

Fire Chief: Andy Lawler | **Email:** alawler@sanmiguelfire.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Wednesday of the Month | 5:30 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday of the Month (if needed) | 5:30 p.m.
Location: District Headquarters, Board Room

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services

Santa Fe Irrigation District

5920 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067
Mailing Address: PO Box 409, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067-0409
Office: 858.756.2424 | customerservice@sfidwater.org | www.sfidwater.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1923
Estimated Population: 19,388

Board Members

Dana Friehauf, Vice President
Sandra D. Johnson, Director
Andrew Menshek, Director
Michael T. Hogan, President
Ron Magnaghi, Director

General Manager: Albert C. Lau | **Email:** generalmanager@sfidwater.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Thursday of the Month | 8:30 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water

South Bay Water District

c/o Sweetwater Authority: 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910-2328
Mailing Address: PO Box 2328, Chula Vista, CA 91910-2328
Office: 619.420.1413 | www.sweetwater.org | boardsecretary@sweetwater.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1951
Estimated Population: 131,805

Board Members

Elizabeth Cox, Director
Manny Delgado, Director
Paulina Martinez-Perez, Director
Ditas Yamane, Director
Steve Castaneda, Director
Hector Martinez, Director
Ron Morrison, Director

General Manager: Carlos Quintero | **Email:** cquintero@sweetwater.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Wednesday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Fourth Wednesday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.

Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water

Tri-City Medical Center

4002 Vista Way, Oceanside, CA 92056-4506
Office: 760.724.8411 | inquiry@tcmc.com | www.tricitymed.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1957
Estimated Population: 393,689

Board Members

Rocky J. Chavez, Chairperson
George Coulter, Assistant Treasurer
Sheila Brown, Board Member
Tracy M. Younger, Chairperson
Nina Chaya, Vice Chairperson
Gigi Gleason, Secretary
Adela I. Sanchez, Treasurer

President & CEO: Gene Ma

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Thursday of the Month | 3:30 p.m.
Location: District Office, Assembly Room

Service Functions

Healthcare

Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation

Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation

PO Box 921, Pauma Valley, CA 92061-0177
Office: 760.742.3704 | www.uppersanluisreyrcd.net

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1945
Estimated Population: 10,719

Board Members

Andrew Lyall, President
Michael Perricone, Director
Greg Kamin, Vice-President
Amy Reeh, Director

General Manager: Amy Reeh | **Email:** amy@yuimamwd.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Thursday of Month | 1:00 p.m.
(January, April, August, October and November)

Location: Yuima Municipal Water District, Conference Room
34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061

Service Functions

Soil Conservation, Soil Erosion, Water Conservation and Distribution, Wildlife Enhancement

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Vallecitos Water District

201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, CA 92069-1453
Office: 760.744.0460 | www.vwd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1955
Estimated Population: 105,138

Board Members

Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson, Director
James Pennock, Director
Denise Aviles, Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Kerschbaum, Director
James Gumpel, Director

General Manager: James Gumpel | **Email:** jserna@vwd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Wednesday of the Month | 5:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater, Reclaimed Wastewater

Valley Center Cemetery District

Valley Center Cemetery District

PO Box 645, Valley Center, CA 92082
Office: 760.749.1186 | vccemetery@gmail.com | www.valleycentercemetery.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1931
Estimated Population: 26,026

Board Members

Claudia Johnson, President
Rhona Cristy Lopez, Secretary
Bruce Uber, Trustee
Louise Kelly, Vice President
Jesus Velasquez, Trustee

Contact: Claudia Johnson | 619.204.9999

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 10:00 a.m.
Location: 28953 Miller Road, Valley Center, California 92082

Service Functions

Cemetery, Internment Service

Valley Center Fire Protection District

28234 Lilac Road, Valley Center, CA 92082-5413
Office: 760.751.7600 | www.valleycenterfire.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1982
Estimated Population: 20,979

Board Members

Phil Bell, President
Ronald Duff, Secretary
Steve Hutchison, Vice President
Dr. Robb Rattray, Treasurer

Fire Chief: Joe Napier | **Email:** napier@vcfpd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Third Thursday of the Month | 6:00 p.m.
Location: Valley Center MWD
29300 Valley Center Rd, Valley Center, CA 92082

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, ALS Emergency Medical Services, Community Risk Reduction Services

Valley Center Municipal Water District

29300 Valley Center Road, Valley Center, CA 92082-6207
Mailing Address: PO Box 67, Valley Center, CA 92082-0067
Office: 760.735.4500 | vcwater@vcmwd.org | www.vcmwd.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1954
Estimated Population: 30,727

Board Members

Enrico Ferro, President
Cooper Ness, Director
Oliver Smith, Director
Daniel Holtz, Vice President
Alysha Stehly, Director

General Manager: Gary Arant | **Email:** garant@vcmwd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Monday of the Month | 2:00 p.m.
Location: District Office, Board Room

Service Functions

Water, Wastewater, Recycled Water

Vista Fire Protection District

Vista Fire Protection District

450 S. Melrose Drive, Vista, CA 92081
Office: 760.688.7588 | karannals@gmail.com | www.vistafireprotectiondistrict.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1944
Estimated Population: 18,982

Board Members

Jim Elliott, President
Daniel Gomez, Director
John Ploetz, Vice President
Rob Fougner, Director
Read Miller, Director

Contact: Karlena Rannals | **Email:** krannals@vistafpd.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time Second Wednesday of the Month | 1:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Structural Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Services, Advance Life Support (ALS), Fire Prevention Services (Including Education)

Vista Irrigation District

1391 Engineer Road, Vista, CA 92081-8840
Office: 760.597.3100 | www.vidwater.org

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1923
Estimated Population: 130,053

Board Members

Peter Kuchinsky II, Director
Marty Miller, Director
Byron L. Olson, Director
Jo MacKenzie, Director
Patrick H. Sanchez, Director

General Manager: Brett Hodgkiss | **Email:** bhodgkiss@vidwater.org

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: First and Third Wednesday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Potable Water

Whispering Palms Community Services District

Whispering Palms Community Services District

Administrative Office: 750 Second Street, Encinitas, CA 92024-4406
Mailing Address: Dudek and Associates, 605 Third Street, Encinitas, CA 92024-3513
Office: 760.479.4150 | www.wpcsd.net

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1987
Estimated Population: 2,331

Board Members

Byron Hanchett, President
Doug Manatt, Director
Al Panton, Director
Bill Haynor, Vice President
Ed Munsch, Director

General Manager: Chuck Duffy | **Email:** cduffy@dudek.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Tuesday of the Month | 4:00 p.m.
Location: Morgan Run Golf Course Clubhouse
5690 Cancha de Golf, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92091

Service Functions

Wastewater, Roadside Landscape Maintenance, Street Sign and Lightening Maintenance

Wynola Water District

PO Box 193, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070-0193
Office: 858.775.6695 | wynolawater@gmail.com | www.wynolawaterdistrict.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1969
Estimated Population: 50

Board Members

Brenden Kelso, Treasurer
Jim Madaffer, President
Ron Placa, Vice President
Steve Kincaid, Director
Sandie McCann, Director

Office Manager: Jim Madaffer | **Email:** wynolawater@gmail.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Second Saturday of the Month | 9:00 a.m.
Location: Santa Ysabel Nature Center
22135 Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Service Functions

Water

Yuima Municipal Water District

34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, CA 92061
Mailing Address: PO Box 177, Pauma Valley, CA 92061-0177
Office: 760.742.3704 | yuima@yuimamwd.com | www.yuimamwd.com

Type: Independent
Formation Date: 1963
Estimated Population: 1,886

Board Members

Don Broomell, Secretary-Treasurer
Bruce Knox, Director
Steve Wehr, Vice-President
Laurie Kariya, Director
Roland Simpson, President

General Manager: Amy Reeh | **Email:** amy@yuimamwd.com

Meeting Information

Dates & Time: Fourth Monday of the Month | 2:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

Service Functions

Water Service
District-wide: Structural and Wildlife Fire Protection and EMS, Emergency Medical Services
District-wide: Domestic Potable Water Service
District-wide: Municipal and Industrial: Agricultural and Wholesale



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