San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Update to Open Space and Agricultural Lands Policy

Deadline to Submit Written Comments is Friday, September 18, 2020
Public Hearing is Scheduled for October 5, 2020

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has scheduled an update to its Open Space and Agricultural Lands Policy as part of the current workplan. This policy was originally adopted by the Commission in November 1978 and last amended in May 1998. The policy restates germane provisions of statute with respect to tasking the Commission to preserve open-space and agricultural lands and associated procedures. This includes a premising statement to discourage proposals (i.e. incorporations, formations, annexations, etc.) that would covert prime agricultural or open-space lands to other uses unless the underlying actions promote planned orderly and efficient development.

A draft update to the policy has been prepared by staff with an initial review performed by the Commission at its August 3, 2020 meeting. The draft update focuses on modernizing the document to reflect LAFCO's expanded regulatory and planning responsibilities in statute as well as local conditions in San Diego County. The draft update also – notably – incorporates initial feedback solicited from the San Diego County Wildlife Coalition and San Diego County Farm Bureau. A summary of the update and a track-change version is available online at the LAFCO website with a link available on the home page (www.sdlafco.org).

LAFCO invites all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals to review the draft update and submit e-mail comments by **Friday, September 18, 2020** to Commission Clerk Tammy Luckett at tamaron.luckett@sdcounty.ca.gov. Written comments received by this date will be incorporated into a final update presented to the Commission for formal action as part of a noticed public hearing set for Monday, October 5, 2020.

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