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SAN DIEGO COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE ACTIONS FOR THE CARLSBAD SUBREGION, CITY OF OCEANSIDE, AND RELATED ITEMS

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") will hold a public meeting on **Monday, August 3, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.** at the County of San Diego Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302, San Diego, California. Public participation will also be available via live-streamed videoconference. As part of the meeting, LAFCO will conduct a formal hearing to consider recommendations to update the spheres of influence for the two local agencies under its jurisdiction in the Carlsbad subregion: the City of Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Municipal Water District. Staff is also recommending the Commission establish a dual study area affecting both the City of Carlsbad's and the City of Oceanside's spheres of influence for lands along the State Highway 78 corridor. Staff further recommends the Commission adopt a General Rule Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act for all proposed actions.

For context, LAFCO establishes spheres of influence for all cities, towns, and most special districts to designate the territory it independently determines represents the agencies' appropriate and probable future service areas and jurisdictional boundaries. Jurisdictional changes – including annexations, detachments, and outside service extensions – generally must be consistent with the adopted spheres of influence of the affected agencies, subject to limited exceptions. State law requires LAFCO to review and update spheres of influence approximately every five years in conjunction with completing independent evaluations of the affected agencies, commonly referred to as municipal service reviews. The most recent municipal service reviews for the City of Carlsbad, Carlsbad Municipal Water District, and the City of Oceanside were completed within the last two years and are available on LAFCO's website at www.sdlafco.org.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments regarding the public hearing, including requests for specific changes, should do so by email to michaela.peters@sdcounty.ca.gov no later than **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**. Written comments received by that date will be forwarded to the Commission with the agenda report. Comments may also be provided at the public hearing. For additional information, please contact the LAFCO office at **619-321-3380** or by email at lafco@sdcounty.ca.gov.

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