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**AGENDA REPORT**  
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August 5, 2019

**TO:** Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** **Current Proposals and Related Activities**

**SUMMARY**

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a report summarizing active proposals on file with the Commission as well as pending submittals. The item is for information only and concurrently satisfies the Commission’s reporting requirement to affected agencies for special district annexation proposals submitted by petition. The notification starts a 60-day period in which subject special districts may request termination of the annexation proceedings due to financial or service-related concerns.

**BACKGROUND**

**LAFCO Proceedings**

LAFCO proceedings for consideration of proposed changes of organization or reorganizations – which include incorporations, formations, annexations, detachments, mergers, consolidations, and service power activations or divestures – may be initiated by landowner/voter petition or resolution by local agencies. LAFCOs may also initiate proposals specific to forming, consolidating, or dissolving special districts if consistent with the recommendations of approved municipal service reviews. Following submittal, proposal

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applications are reviewed for completeness and status letters are sent to applicants within 30 days. If additional documentation is required, the proposal is deemed incomplete and the status letter will itemize any needed information. Once submitted proposals are deemed complete, they are scheduled for Commission hearing. Proposals involving outside-of-agency service extension requests follow separate proceedings and may be administratively approved by the Executive Officer if addressing documented public health or safety threats.

## DISCUSSION

This item is being presented for information only and identifies all active proposals currently on file with San Diego LAFCO. The report also – and for telegraphing purposes of future workload – identifies pending proposals staff anticipates being filed with LAFCO in the near term. A summary of active and pending proposals follow and further detailed in Attachment One. The information item also serves to concurrently satisfy the Commission’s reporting requirement to provide notice on agendas to affected special districts when annexation proposals are initiated by petition of landowners or registered voters.<sup>1</sup>

### Active Proposals

There are 23 active proposals currently on file with San Diego LAFCO as of date. The active proposals range in scope from pre-hearing to post-hearing with the latter category representing items already approved by the Commission but awaiting the completion of conducting authority proceedings (i.e., protest) or terms.

### Pending Proposals

There are eight potential new and substantive proposals staff expects to be submitted to San Diego LAFCO in the near-term from local agencies based on ongoing discussions with proponents.<sup>2</sup> Three of these pending proposals involve city annexations in North County to accommodate relatively large residential subdivision projects and include Safari Highlands (Escondido), Sager Ranch (Escondido), and Rancho Lomas Verdes (Vista). Two pending proposals involve city annexations in South County, one to eliminate a large unincorporated island containing the Otay Mesa Landfill (Chula Vista), the other to facilitate commercial development on Sweetwater Road (National City). Other pending proposals involve relatively large unincorporated residential development projects west of the City of Escondido – Valiano (Eden Hills) and Harmony Grove Village South – and would require annexations to one or more special districts.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Staff uses discretion in listing pending proposals and limits notice to only activities to be initiated by a local governmental agency. Pending proposals to be initiated by landowners and/or registered voters are not disclosed until an actual filing is made.

## ANALYSIS

San Diego LAFCO remains active in processing nearly two dozen jurisdictional change proposals and outside-of-agency service agreement requests. The volume of new submittals, however, has slowed down. This slow down in new proposal activity provides an opportunity for the Commission to review its application materials and make related improvements per the adopted workplan. The slow down also provides staff an opportunity to draft new policy to establish guidelines in terminating inactive and/or otherwise dormant proposal filings for future Commission consideration.

Proposal details are provided as Attachment One.

## RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only. It is recommended the Commission review the report with the invitation to discuss and ask questions of staff.

## ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

This item is being presented for information only; 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 staff,



Linda Zambito

Analyst I

Attachment:

- 1) Active and Pending Proposals as of August 5, 2019

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File Number	Proposal Name   Affected Agencies	Project Manager	Proposal Summary
<b>ACTIVE PROPOSALS   <u>PENDING COMMISSION ACTION</u></b>			
1	DA08-10 “Avocado Way-Potter Annexation” - Vallecitos WD (Annexation)	Robert Barry	Proposal application submitted in March 2008 for a proposed annexation to Vallecitos WD to obtain sewer service for two existing residences along Avocado Way but deemed incomplete in April 2008 status letter. A new status letter was sent to the applicant in January 2018 stating the proposal will be considered abandoned unless notified otherwise. The current property owner has responded and conveyed their interest to proceed with the annexation. Ongoing discussions with Vallecitos WD as of 2018.
2	RO08-09 “South Mollison Ave-Snyder Reorganization” - City of El Cajon (Annexation)	Robert Barry	Proposal application submitted in May 2008 for a proposed annexation to the City of El Cajon. The annexation area includes approximately 1.25 acres and is subject to a proposed multi-family residential project and was deemed incomplete in June 2008 status letter. A new status letter was sent in January 2018 to the applicant, new property owner, and City stating the proposal will be considered abandoned unless notified otherwise. No response to date.
3	RO08-15 SA08-15 “Crestlake Estates Reorganization” - San Diego County SD (Annexation) - Lakeside FPD (Annexation) - CSA 69 (Annexation)	Robert Barry	Proposal application submitted in May 2008 requesting a reorganization to provide sewer services to an approved Tentative Map allowing the development of 60 single-family residences and was deemed incomplete in June 2008 status letter. A new status letter was sent to the applicant in February 2018 stating the proposal will be considered abandoned unless notified otherwise. No response to date.
4	DA12-02 “Lorch Annexation” - Borrego WD (Annexation)	Robert Barry	Proposal application submitted in March 2012 to annex approximately 9.4 acres to the Borrego Water District to provide water service to one parcel. The site is within the adopted sphere. but deemed incomplete in an April 2012 status letter. A new status letter was sent in January 2018 stating the proposal will be considered abandoned unless notified otherwise. Borrego WD responded to the letter and has reinitiated discussions with the landowner regarding possible service terms.
5	RO06-17 “Tobacco Road Reorganization” - City of Escondido (Annexation)	Robert Barry	Proposal application submitted in March 2006 to annex six parcels to the City of El Cajon for wastewater Service. In 2006, LAFCO approved two out of service agreements to allow the City of Escondido to provide sewer service to two residences with failing septic systems located along Tobacco Road. The agreements between the City and landowners required the annexation of the two parcels. The proposal was deemed incomplete in April 2006 status letter. A new status letter was sent in January 2018 stating the proposal will be considered abandoned unless notified otherwise. Two of the affected landowners have responded to the letter and are now working with the City in proceeding forward in determining if the other landowners are interested/willing to proceed with the annexation at this time.

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6	DA16-10	<p>“CSA 17 Harmony Grove Annexation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSA 17 (Annexation)</li> </ul>	Linda Zambito	<p>Proposal submitted in May 2016 to approximately 3,600 acres to CSA 17 for ambulance service. It was required as cross-condition of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District Reorganization: Dissolution of CSA No. 107 (Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove). The proposal was deemed incomplete in June 2016 status letter. The CSA 17 Advisory Committee has opposed the annexation. A negotiated property tax exchange agreement is also necessary. LAFCO staff met with the applicant in August 2018 to provide assistance.</p>
7	RO16-11	<p>“Rancho Hills Annexation”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rancho Santa Fe CSD (Annexation)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	<p>Proposal 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 November 2016 status letter. Applicant has requested the proposal processing be placed on hold. Staff has remained in contact with the applicant and is awaiting their confirmation to proceed.</p>
8	SA16-13 RO16-13	<p>“Windmill Construction Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City of La Mesa (Annexation)</li> <li>- San Miguel FPD (Detachment)</li> <li>- CSA 135 (Detachment)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	<p>Proposal submitted in October 2016 to annex approximately 0.13 acre to be developed as a single residential lot to the City of La Mesa for wastewater service. Originated as an outside agency service extension request with the City of La Mesa. The proposal has transitioned into a reorganization as a City condition of service. Property owner proposes development of one single-family residence. La Mesa has approved a General Plan Amendment and rezoning for the affected territory. The submitted proposal is scheduled for Commission hearing on August 5th, 2019.</p>
9	SA17-07 RO17-07	<p>“San Marcos Highlands Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City of San Marcos (Annexation)</li> <li>- San Marcos FPD (Annexation)</li> <li>- Vista FPD (Detachment)</li> <li>- Vallecitos WD (Sphere Amendment, Annexation)</li> <li>- Vista ID (Detachment)</li> <li>- Tri-City Healthcare District (Detachment)</li> <li>- Palomar Health Healthcare District (Annexation)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	<p>Proposal submitted in June 2017 by resolution to annex approximately 125 acres 189-SFR development to the City of San Marcos. The proposal involves concurrent reorganizations between the San Marcos FPD and the Vista FPD for fire protection services, and between the Vallecitos WD and Vista ID for the provision of sewer and water services. The City of San Marcos has approved development plans and environmental review for the referenced development titled “San Marcos Highlands.” The City’s approvals included a condition requiring the City and the County to execute a habitat protection agreement with State and Federal agencies for the proposal area. The submitted proposal application is incomplete pending receipt of additional documentation – including the referenced habitat document – and information from the applicant to complete staff’s analysis.</p>

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10	RO18-13 SA18-13	<p>“Pauma Valley Fire Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSA No. 135 (Service-specific Sphere Amendment and Activated Latent Powers Area Expansion)</li> <li>- Pauma Valley MWD (Divestiture)</li> <li>- Yuima MWD (Divestiture)</li> <li>- Mootamai MWD (Divestiture)</li> </ul>	Linda Zambito	Proposal submitted in August 2018 by resolution from Pauma Valley MWD, Yuima MWD, Mootamai MWD and CSA No. 135, involves the divesture of fire and EMS services and concurrent latent power expansion and service-specific sphere amendment for CSA No. 135. The proposal is scheduled for Commission hearing on August 5th, 2019.
11	RO19-01 SA19-01	<p>“Lomas De Oro Court Change of Organization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leucadia Wastewater District (Detachment)</li> </ul>	Alex Vidal / Robert Barry	Proposal submitted by landowner petition in February 2019 involving detachment from the Leucadia WWD. Affected territory includes two developed incorporated parcels totaling approximately 1.18 acres. Detachment from Leucadia WWD is requested as a City of Encinitas condition of wastewater service to the parcels. The submitted proposal is scheduled for Commission hearing on August 5th, 2019.
12	RO19-02	<p>“Salem – Snyder Road Change of Organization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Otay Water District (Annexation)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted in February 2019 by landowner petition, involves annexation of an approximately 1.49 acre residential lot for wastewater service. The submitted proposal is scheduled for Commission hearing on August 5th, 2019.
13	Ro19-04	<p>“Ortega – Olde Highway 80 Change of Organization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- San Diego County Sanitation District (Annexation)</li> </ul>	Linda Zambito	Proposal submitted in February 2019 by landowner petition, involves the annexation of two residential lots totaling approximately 5.07 acres for wastewater service. The submitted proposal application is incomplete and pending receipt of additional documentation and information from the applicant to complete staff’s analysis.
14	RO19-08 OAS19-08	<p>“Wilmott–Champagne Boulevard Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Valley Center Municipal Water District (Annexation)</li> <li>- Vallecitos Water District (Detachment)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	Proposal was submitted in June 2019 by landowner petition, involves reorganization of one unincorporated parcel totaling approximately 1.4 acres developed with one single-family residence. The reorganization includes annexation of the affected territory to Valley Center MWD for water service with a concurrent detachment from Vallecitos WD. The residence uses an on-site well for domestic water needs that has been documented by DEH as failing. The subject parcel is presently within the Vallecitos WD but is within the sphere of influence for Valley Center MWD and has an existing MWD water line within the adjacent Champagne Boulevard frontage right-of-way. The Executive Officer administratively approved an outside-of-agency water service agreement with the Valley Center MWD in advance of the reorganization on June 18th. Ratification of the administratively-approved service agreement is scheduled for Commission hearing on August 5 <sup>th</sup> 2019.

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15	RO19-06	<p>“Orchard Hills Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vallecitos Water District (Annexation)</li> <li>- Vista Irrigation District (Detachment)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted in March 2019 by landowner petition. Involves annexation to Vallecitos WD and detachment from Vista ID of two unincorporated parcels totaling approximately 12.5 acres for wastewater and water services. The affected territory is located within the Vallecitos WD sphere of influence and is subject to a County of San Diego tentative map (TM5570) for a 20-lot residential subdivision. The submitted proposal is tentatively scheduled for Commission hearing on October 7 <sup>th</sup> 2019.
16	DA19-07 OAS19-07	<p>“Acaia Ave–Rains Revocable Trust”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- San Diego County Sanitation District (Sphere Amendment, OAS)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted in April 2019 by landowner petition, involves the annexation of one developed unincorporated parcel totaling 0.45 acres for wastewater service. The existing residence uses an on-site septic system that has been documented by DEH as failing. The Executive Officer administratively approved an outside-of-agency water service agreement with the San Diego County SD in advance of the annexation. The submitted proposal application is incomplete and pending receipt of additional documentation and information to complete staff’s analysis.
<b>ACTIVE   POST COMMISSION ACTION</b>				
17	RO18-09	<p>“Julian – Cuyamaca FPD Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Julian – Cuyamaca FPD (Dissolution)</li> <li>- CSA 135 (Latent Power Expansion)</li> </ul>	John Traylor	Proposal submitted April 2018 requesting dissolution of the approximate 52,100 acre Julian-Cuyamaca FPD with concurrent expansion of the activated latent power area of CSA No. 135 for fire protection and emergency medical services within the affected territory. The proposal was approved by the Commission on September 10, 2018 with a subsequent protest hearing held on October 16, 2018. Written protest submitted from registered voters was deemed sufficient to require an election and is separately addressed as part of Agenda Item No. 15. The election resulted in 54% of the registered voters approving dissolution of the FPD and the associated transfer of authority for fire protection and emergency medical services to CSA 135. LAFCO certified the election results and recorded the reorganization on April 8, 2019. Opponents have filed actions to overturn the approval and are currently subject to Court proceedings.
18	SA16-20 LP16-20	<p>“CSA 135 Islands Reorganization”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSA 135 – LP Fire Area (Latent Powers Expansion)</li> <li>- Bonita-Sunnyside FPD (Annexation)</li> <li>- Lakeside FPD (Annexation)</li> <li>- San Miguel FPD (Annexation)</li> <li>- Ramona MWD (Annexation)</li> </ul>	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted November 2016 and involved the annexation of remaining unserved Islands 2, 3, and 4 within Heartland area and reorganization of local fire service territory among five agencies: CSA 135; Bonita-Sunnyside FPD; Lakeside FPD; Ramona MWD; and San Miguel FPD. Reorganization proposal submitted by resolution of the San Diego County Fire Authority. Involves 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. A concurrent amendment to add the affected territory to the subject agencies’ spheres of influence is also required to accommodate the proposed action. The proposal was approved by the Commission on 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.

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19	CO18-17 DA18-17	“Nordahl Road-Diaz Change of Organization” - Vallecitos Water District (Annexation)	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted in October 2018 by landowner petition, involves the annexation of an approximately 3.8 acre lot. The proposal was approved by the Commission on March 4, 2018 and is now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied.
20	SA18-07 OAS18-07	“Carmichael Drive – Wyman Service Agreement” - City of La Mesa (Sphere Amendment, OAS)	Robert Barry	Proposal involves an outside-of-agency wastewater service extension agreement between the property owner and the City of La Mesa for wastewater sewer service to one developed single-family residence located outside of the La Mesa sphere of influence. The purpose of the request is to allow the landowner to proceed with an intensity improvement to develop an accessory workshop unit, which exceeds the permitted capacity of the existing onsite septic system. The proposal was approved by the Commission on April 8, 2018 and is now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied.
21	RO19-03	“Bonsignore – Guava Lane Change of Organization” - Otay Water District (Annexation)	Linda Zambito	Proposal submitted in February 2019 by landowner petition, involves the annexation of an approximately 0.98 acre residential lot for wastewater service. The proposal was approved by the Commission on May 6, 2019 and is now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied.
22	RO18-16	“Stonemark Estates Reorganization” - City of Vista (Annexation) - Buena SD (Detachment) - Vista FPD (Detachment)	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted in October 2018 by resolution from the City of Vista, involves the annexation of an approximately 31.75 acres and concurrent detachment from Buena Sanitation and Vista Fire Protection. The proposal was approved by the Commission on May 6, 2019 and is now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied.
23	DD18-10	“Pala Detachment” - San Luis Rey MWD (Detachment)	Robert Barry	Proposal submitted April 2018 by petition of the landowners of a detachment of approximately 334.33 acres from the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District. The proposal area includes 11 unincorporated parcels that are owned by the Pala Band of Mission Indians, but are not part of the Pala Reservation area. The proposal was approved by the Commission on May 6, 2019 and is now pending recordation once all terms are satisfied

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<b>PENDING PROPOSAL SUBMITTALS</b> (No project manager; inquiries should be direct to Robert Barry)			
24	Pending “Safari Highlands Reorganization” - City of Escondido		This anticipated reorganization proposal is currently undergoing development and environmental review by the City of Escondido with an expected submittal to LAFCO later in 2018. 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 of the affected territory lies outside the current City 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 issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint-review with other stakeholders.
25	Pending “Rancho Lomas Verde Reorganization” - City of Vista		This anticipated reorganization 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 current City 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 issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint-review with other stakeholders.
26	Pending “Sager Ranch Reorganization” - City of Escondido		This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of approximate 1,800 acres to the City of Escondido and concurrent detachments from CSA 135 and the Valley Center FPD. The reorganization would facilitate the development of approximately 200 acres to include 203 residential units and a 225-room resort. Portions of the project area lies outside the current City 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 issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint-review with other stakeholders.
27	Pending Valiano Specific Plan (TM-5575)		This anticipated reorganization involves the Eden Hills project and specific to accommodating sewer services (among a variety of options) for the planned development of approximately 239 acres to include 326 residential units.

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28	Pending	Harmony Grove Village South (TM-626)		This anticipated reorganization involves the 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.
29	Pending	Otay Mesa Landfill – City of Chula Vista		This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of an unincorporated island containing the Otay Mesa Landfill to the City of Chula Vista.
30	Pending	“Sweetwater Road Reorganization” – City of National City, Lower Sweetwater FPD, and CSA No. 135		This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of two parcels to the City of National City for commercial development. Includes concurrent detachments from Lower Sweetwater FPD and CSA No. 135 (Regional Communications).
31	Pending	Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District Reorganization		This anticipated reorganization involves detachment of two retail member agencies from the overlying wholesale imported water provider – the San Diego County Water Authority – and concurrent annexation to Eastern Municipal Water District (Riverside County).

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