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AGENDA REPORT Consent | Information

December 3, 2018

TO: San Diego Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
John Traylor, Project Manager

**SUBJECT: Results of Protest Proceedings |
County Service Area No. 115 Reorganization (RO14-12 and RO14-13 et al.)**

SUMMARY

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive the results of the protest hearing conducted for the “County Service Area No. 115 Reorganization.” The noticed hearing was held by the Executive Officer on November 8th and did not produce any written objections from landowners or registered voters. The Commission’s approval, accordingly, to transfer fire protection and emergency medical service responsibilities in the Pepper Drive area from the County to Lakeside and San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection Districts (FPDs) will be ordered once all terms are satisfied.

BACKGROUND

Proposal Filings

In March 2015, San Diego LAFCO received two separate and competing proposals from San Miguel Consolidated FPD and Lakeside FPD. Both proposals requested LAFCO approval to dissolve County Service Area (CSA) No. 115 and annex the affected territory in its entirety to the respective agencies in step with assuming fire and related emergency medical services. The affected territory is adjacent to the Cities of Santee and El Cajon and spans approximately 441 acres in size with 2,496 current registered voters. The applicants – however and with the aid of a Commission Ad Hoc Committee (Jacob, MacKenzie, Sprague, and Vanderlaan) – subsequently agreed to a joint-approach to modify and coordinate their reorganization proposals to divide the affected territory post dissolution of CSA No. 115 into equal annexation halves based on assessed value.

Commission Action

On October 1, 2018, San Diego LAFCO held a combined public hearing to consider the two proposals filed by Lakeside and San Miguel Consolidated FPDs. The Commission proceeded to approve coordinated modifications to both proposals to (a) dissolve CSA No. 115 and concurrently (b) annex the northern portion of the affected territory to Lakeside FPD and (c) annex the southern portion of the affected territory to San Miguel Consolidated FPD.¹ The Commission also delegated protest hearings to the Executive Officer as allowed under policy.

DISCUSSION

This information item is for San Diego LAFCO to receive the results of the protest hearing delegated to the Executive Officer involving the Commission's earlier approval of the CSA No. 115 Reorganization as required under policy. The protest hearing was held on November 8, 2018 and produced no written submittals from affected landowners or registered voters objecting to the reorganization approval. A confirming resolution ordering the reorganization has been executed by the Executive Officer, and the proceedings will become final once the applicants satisfy all remaining terms necessary to record a certificate of completion.

ANALYSIS

The CSA No. 115 Reorganization has cleared its last substantive threshold. All remaining actions necessary to record the boundary changes are ministerial.²

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the item for information purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

This item is being presented for information only; no action.

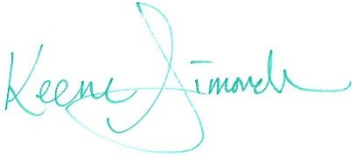
¹ Conforming sphere of influence amendments were also approved consistent with the staff recommendation.

² San Diego LAFCO policy directs the Executive Officer to proceed and issue an ordering resolution at the conclusion of the protest hearing process so long as the results do not require the proposal to be terminated or confirmed by an election. The Executive Officer is also responsible for informing the Commission of the protest results resulting in an action being ordered at the next regular meeting. (Policy on Conducting Protest Hearings Section 4(h)).

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.

Respectfully,



Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

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