



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Municipal Service Review on the Ramona Region

Affected Agencies:

Ramona Municipal Water District

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) invites all interested parties to review and provide written comments on a draft municipal service review prepared on the Ramona region with specific focus on the Ramona Municipal Water District (MWD) and its five active service functions: water; wastewater; fire protection; parks; and recycled water. The draft has been prepared consistent with statute and direction to LAFCO to regularly assess the availability and adequacy of local governmental services relative to current and future community needs. This includes preparing written determinations addressing specific factors and include growth and population projections, infrastructure needs and deficiencies, financial standing, and opportunities for government restructure. LAFCO will draw on the final municipal service review in guiding subsequent sphere of influence updates and inform future boundary changes in the region involving – but not limited to – the Ramona Municipal Water District.

The draft on the municipal service review is available online at www.sdlafco.org and headlined by an Executive Summary and its outlining of key conclusions relative to LAFCO's growth management interests in the Ramona Region. Several recommendations are also outlined in the Executive Summary and include:

- Ramona MWD should consider divesting and delegating its fire protection duties to the San Diego County Fire Protection District.
- Ramona MWD should discuss with San Diego LAFCO the merits of reorganizing the MWD into a community services district given the latter's expanded powers in State law.
- San Diego LAFCO should prepare an informational report to advise on current statutory thresholds and associated opportunities involving incorporation for the Ramona community.

Written comments received on the draft by Monday, September 27, 2021, will be incorporated into preparing a final document for action at a scheduled public hearing on Monday, October 4, 2021.

Comments and questions on the draft municipal service review should be directed to Priscilla Allen by e-mail at priscilla.allen@sdcounty.ca.gov or by telephone at 858-614-7755.

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