



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING Municipal Service Review on the Fallbrook Region

Affected Agencies:

Fallbrook Public Utility District, Rainbow Municipal Water District, North County Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 81 (Parks and Recreation)

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) invites all interested parties to review and provide written comments on a draft report on the municipal service review prepared on the Fallbrook region with specific focus on the four local governmental agencies in the region: Fallbrook Public Utility District (PUD), Rainbow Municipal Water District (MWD), North County Fire Protection District (FPD) and County Service Area (CSA) No. 81. 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.

The draft report 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 Fallbrook Region. Several recommendations are also outlined and include:

- The Commission should explore the issue of declining avocado acreage in the region as part of its current two-year planning grant with the State of California to independently assess agricultural trends in San Diego County.
- While opportunities for local government consolidations in the region are available and ultimately probable, no actions initiated by San Diego LAFCO are merited at this time.
- San Diego LAFCO should prepare an informational report to advise on current statutory thresholds and associated opportunities involving incorporation for the Fallbrook community.

Written comments received on the draft by **Monday, January 31, 2022**, will be incorporated into preparing a final document for action at a scheduled public hearing on Monday, February 7, 2022. 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 619-321-3380.

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