



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT

August 1, 2022

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Carol Ieromnimon, Analyst I

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item No. 7c |
Appointments to Advisory Committee on Resource Conservation Districts**

This supplement relates to Agenda Item No. 7c and the proposed action by San Diego LAFCO to establish an advisory committee to directly assist the Commission in implementing recommendations included in a recent municipal service review on resource conservation districts. The supplement is accompanied an attachment prepared by Consultant Adam Wilson with recommendations on the proposed composition, tasks, and related timeline along with deliverables. Additional background follows.

Background

Earlier Municipal Service Review & Reference to Tasking an Advisory Commission

A municipal service review (MSR) for Mission RCD, Upper San Luis Rey RCD, and RCD of Greater San Diego was recently completed in February 2021. The MSR concluded – and among other key items – the need for the RCDs to align their existing and future service practices to their jurisdictional boundaries with exceptions to be authorized through the LAFCO approval process outlined in Government Code Section 56133. The MSR relatedly recommended the Commission proceed with an advisory committee to help address this and other key conclusions – including serving as a format to explore possible consolidations – functional or political – opportunities.

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Preliminary Work to Date

At the request of the Executive Officer, Consultant Adam Wilson has begun outreach with all three RCDs operating in San Diego County with respect to getting their feedback on proceeding forward with an advisory committee as contemplated in the aforementioned MSR. This includes holding several informal meetings with the affected general managers in advance of making recommendations to LAFCO with respect to formal steps going forward. Mr. Wilson's recommendations are provided as Attachment One.

Attachment:

- 1) Memorandum

MEMORANDUM TO SAN DIEGO LAFCO

To: Ms. Carolanne Ieromnimon, Analyst

From: Mr. Adam Wilson, Consultant

Date: July 27, 2022

RE: ITEM 7C – APPOINTMENTS TO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

This memorandum serves as a follow-up to LAFCO staff's earlier request that I begin coordinating the establishment of an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for San Diego LAFCO, in which I would serve as moderator to address topics and related concerns identified in a recently completed Municipal Service Review.

My duties to date have included individual meetings with all three Executive Directors for each Resource Conservation District, as well as one collective meeting with all three of them. The purpose of these meetings was to gain a general understanding of their respective needs in the region and to receive their input on options and preferences in moving forward with the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee.

Based on these discussions and related observations, the following are my recommendations to both the formal creation and duties to be addressed by an Ad Hoc Committee:

- **COMPOSITION:** Nine total members which would include the three (3) Executive Directors from each respective District; one (1) board or staff member assigned from each District; and one (1) subject matter expert representing each of the Agricultural, Water and Fire industries.
- **TASKS AND DUTIES:** The Ad Hoc Committee's responsibilities should include, but not be limited to improving the relationship between LAFCO and RCD's (i.e. 56133); help define and update latent powers; revisions to Division 9 and the Principal Act; exploring financial partnerships; opportunities through the Carbon Offset Program; and potential MOU between all RCD's to assist in regional services.
- **TIMELINES:** It may be best and appropriate to have the Ad Hoc Committee convene up to three or four meetings to formalize their overall agenda and be given adequate opportunity to fully digest and analyze a host of complex issues related to their organizations and findings from the MSR. It would seem reasonable for their work to conclude in Winter 2022/2023.

I'd like to thank the Commission for their time and consideration to this item and I'm very hopeful that with your support LAFCO can assist the Resource Conservation Districts in furthering their missions in San Diego County.