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AGENDA REPORT
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TO: Commissioners

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**SUBJECT: Protest Hearing Results |
 “County Service Area No. 69 Reorganization”**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive the results of the protest hearing held for the “County Service Area No. 69 Reorganization.” This proposal was conditionally approved by the Commission in October 2022 and involves the dissolution of County Service Area (CSA) No. 69 and its ambulance transport function and proportional designation of the City of Santee and Lakeside Fire Protection District (FPD) as successor agencies. The approved proposal also includes conforming annexations to Lakeside FPD. The noticed protest hearing was held by staff on November 18th without generating written opposition from affected landowners or registered voters. The reorganization proposal will now proceed to recordation once all terms are satisfied. The protest hearing results are being presented for the Commission to receive and file.

BACKGROUND

Proposal Request

In January 2022, the County of San Diego filed a reorganization proposal with San Diego LAFCO to dissolve CSA No. 69 and its active ambulance transport service within an approximate 40,300-acre jurisdictional boundary. Approximately three-fourths of the jurisdictional boundary is unincorporated and includes the Lakeside, Pepper Drive, and

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Bostonia communities. The remaining one-fourth of the jurisdictional boundary covers the City of Santee. As part of the proposal, the County requested LAFCO proportionally designate Lakeside FPD and Santee as successor agencies to the ambulance transport function. A conforming annexation of approximately 680 acres of the CSA No. 69 jurisdictional boundary to Lakeside FPD for ambulance transport only was also requested to ensure all jurisdictional lands are covered by one of the two successor agencies. The estimated population in the jurisdictional boundary is 135,468.

Commission Action

On October 3, 2022, San Diego LAFCO held a noticed public hearing to consider the reorganization proposal filed by the County of San Diego. The Commission proceeded to conditionally approve the reorganization with a modification to expand the annexation to Lakeside FPD to include an additional 3,274 unincorporated acres for ambulance transport as well as fire protection and emergency medical. This modification – notably – was recommended by staff to remedy a lapsed condition associated with a separate Commission action taken in February 2019. The Commission also delegated protest hearings to the Executive Officer as allowed under statute and local policy.

DISCUSSION

This 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 reorganization proposal as required under policy. Discussion on the protest hearing and next steps follows.

Protest Hearing

The Executive Officer held the protest hearing on the reorganization on November 18, 2022 at the County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa. Notice of the hearing was provided in manner allowed under statute and included publishing a 1/8th page advertisement in the Union Tribune as well posting online. No written protest was received through the end of the hearing from affected landowners or registered voters. A video recording of the protest hearing is available online at the LAFCO website: www.sdlafco.org.

Next Steps

The Executive Officer has proceeded to execute a confirming resolution ordering the reorganization. The reorganization will be recorded once all terms have been completed.

ANALYSIS

The reorganization to dissolve CSA No. 69 and its ambulance transport function and proportionally designate Lakeside FPD and the City of Santee as the successor agencies has cleared its last substantive threshold. All remaining actions necessary to record and enact the reorganization are ministerial.¹

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO formally receive the results of the protest hearing held on the reorganization consistent with Alternative One in the proceeding section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternative actions are available to San Diego LAFCO and can be accomplished with a single-motion:

Alternative One (recommended):

Receive and file the protest results for the “County Service Area No. 69 Reorganization” as presented.

Alternative Two:

Continue the item to a future meeting and provide related direction to staff as needed.

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 the Executive Officer,



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¹ 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)].

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