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AGENDA REPORT
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TO: Special Districts Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: **Current Workplan Update on High Priority Project |
 Municipal Service Review on Wholesale Water Agencies: San Diego County
 Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

SUMMARY

The Special Districts Advisory Committee (“Committee”) will receive an update on the current adopted workplan focusing on one of San Diego LAFCO’s highest placed priorities. The update will advise on staff’s progress in preparing the scheduled municipal service review (MSR) on wholesale water agencies operating in San Diego County. This includes a comprehensive review of the San Diego County Water Authority and a proportional review of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The update is provided for information with an opportunity for Committee members to provide feedback to staff on interests and/or priorities on behalf of special districts in San Diego County.

BACKGROUND

**Adopted Workplan &
 MSR on Wholesale Water Agencies**

San Diego LAFCO’s current fiscal year workplan includes 30 projects and is divided into two distinct categories – statutory and administrative – along with priority assignments set by the Commission. A scheduled MSR covering wholesale water agencies tops the priority list and

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covers LAFCO’s statutory responsibility to perform an independent review of the San Diego County Water Authority and – albeit proportionally to its role in San Diego County – the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. LAFCO retains discretion in determining the appropriate scope of each MSR and does so currently by policy delegation to the Executive Officer. Nonetheless, all MSRs must meaningfully address the following statutory factors:

- Growth and Population Projections
- Present and Planned Service Capacities
- Adequacy of Services Relative to Community Needs
- Financial Standing
- Opportunities for Shared Facilities
- Accountability of Governmental Structure and Alternatives
- Any Other Factors Required by Local Policy
 - Environmental Justice (San Diego)

DISCUSSION

This item is for the Committee to receive an update on one of San Diego LAFCO’s highest placed priorities and involving advancing the scheduled MSR on wholesale water agencies operating in San Diego County – and specifically County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. It follows Commission action in August 2023 to direct staff to regularly provide updates on the MSRs and in doing so provide opportunities in real-time for Commissioners, Committees, and the public to provide feedback on current and pending activities. The Committee will receive a verbal report by LAFCO Consultant Chris Cate.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to the Committee for information.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

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PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION

This item has been placed on the Committee’s agenda for discussion as part of the business calendar. The following procedures are recommended:

- 1) Receive verbal presentation from staff unless waived.
- 2) Invite comments from interested audience members if any.
- 3) Discuss and provided general feedback as needed.

On behalf of the Consultant Team,



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Attachments: none

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