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**COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 2, 2025**

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Agenda Item No. 6a

**Appointment of a Public Member and
Other Possible Actions**



6/2/2025

Background



Open Recruitment Process

- Conducted in accordance with Administrative Policy A-109 (adopted February 2025)
- Announced via website, San Diego Union-Tribune, and social media

Applications

- 20 eligible applications received
- 2 ineligible applicants due to employment/elected office within LAFCO jurisdiction

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Executive Committee Review & Nomination

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Executive Committee Review

- Chair Whitburn, Vice Chair Willis, and Immediate Past Chair Desmond
- Four finalists invited for interviews (May 14, 2025)
- Three nominations made for full Commission consideration

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Nominations

- **Brigette Browning** - Current Alternate Public Member
- **Greg Cox** - Former LAFCO Commissioner and County Supervisor
- **Eileen Delaney** - Chair of Fallbrook Community Planning Group

Policy Objectives



Key Objectives of Administrative Policy A-109

- 1 • Preference for candidates with **local government or community**
- 2 **advocacy** experience
- 3 • Geographic Diversity:
 - 4 ◦ One member from an incorporated area
 - 5 ◦ One member from an unincorporated area (unless waived)

6 All three candidates meet eligibility criteria and bring a diverse mix of
7 experience and geographic representation

Successful Appointment Procedures



Majority vote from the Commission and **at least one affirmative vote from each of the four membership categories:**

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 - County of San Diego
 - City of San Diego
 - Cities less San Diego
 - Special Districts

If no candidate secures required votes (as listed above):

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 - A run-off vote between the two candidates receiving the most votes
 - If no consensus is reached, the Commission may continue the item

Additional Provisions: Geographic residency requirement may be waived

Next Steps



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1. Candidate Presentations (alphabetical order by last name):

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a. Brigette Browning

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b. Greg Cox

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c. Eileen Delaney

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2. Follow-up Questions

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3. Public Hearing & Testimony

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4. Discussion & Appointment

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**Adoption of Amendments to the
Special Districts Advisory Committee Rules**



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Background



- Committee established in 1971
- Serves as an advisory body to San Diego LAFCO — supporting special district appointments and providing guidance on growth management issues
- Operates under Rules that may be amended by a simple majority vote by the Committee
- Amended Rules must be presented to LAFCO for final approval

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**SAN DIEGO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RULES**

**SECTION I
FORMATION AND PURPOSE**

A. Authorization for Formation

The Special Districts Advisory Committee was formed on August 2, 1971 to review the "Rules and Regulations Affecting the Functions of Special Districts and for Representation of Independent Special Districts" on San Diego LAFCO. Instead of disbanding the Committee after district representatives were seated, the Commission retained the Committee to serve as both a forum for discussion and a method of channeling information to LAFCO on pending projects/issues.

B. Statement of Purpose

Recognizing the diversity of special districts and the need for technical advice on pending LAFCO projects/issues, the Commission hereby continues the San Diego LAFCO Special Districts Advisory Committee. The purposes of the Committee are to:

1. Assist LAFCO in the performance of its duties by (1) reviewing, before consideration by the Commission, those proposed boundary changes, spheres of influence adoption or amendment, or other special studies that affect special districts and require technical insight and expertise, and (2) making recommendations to the Commission.
2. Identify areas of potential conflict between cities, county service areas, and special districts and facilitate voluntary resolution of those conflicts rather than by formal action of LAFCO.
3. Identify districts that are no longer functioning efficiently and/or cost-effectively and make appropriate recommendations.
4. Assist districts that desire reorganization as a means of providing better service.
5. Assist LAFCO in coordinating its decisions with other agencies.
6. Review, study, and recommend changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Ad Hoc Committee



- Established September 2024
- Convened twice
- Members:

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 **Chair Kim Thorner**
Olivenhain MWD

 **Paul Bushee**
Leucadia Wastewater District

 **Al Lau**
Santa Fe Irrigation District

 **Dave McQuead**
Rancho Santa Fe FPD

 **Mark Robak**
Otay Water District

 **Oliver Smith**
Valley Center MWD

Amendment Highlights



- **Clarify** the **Committee advises** the **Commission** and include **making recommendations on MSRs** in support of the Commission's core responsibilities
- **Reducing** number of members from sixteen (16) to fifteen (15) members
- **Broadening** the **criteria** for **seat eligibility** to encompass all special district sectors (i.e. healthcare, water, sewer, fire, cemetery, irrigation, etc.)
- **Election process** adjusted to **occur biennially**
 - Starting in January 2026 for the first eight (8) members
 - Next election in January 2028 for the remaining seven (7) members
- **Shift Committee** meeting **schedule** from the last month of each quarter to the first month of each quarter
- **Amend quorum** from five (5) members to eight (8) members, constituting a simple majority affirmative vote
- **Rule amendments** require **approval** by the **Commission**
- **Mandate to review Rules** every five years or as needed

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Agenda Item No. 7b

**Proposed “Moody - Lemon Avenue Out-of-Agency
Wastewater Services” | City of La Mesa**



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Background

Out-of-Agency Service request by City of La Mesa: Wastewater

- 0.3 - acre parcel in Valle de Oro community (no assigned situs)
- Parcel currently underdeveloped, plans to construct SFR & ADU
- County designated land use: (SR-0.5)

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Criteria in Approving OAS Agreement



- 1 OAS vs. Annexation
- 2 Public Health & Safety Considerations
- 3 Availability & Adequacy of Service
- 4 Discretionary Conditions (if any)

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Reccomendations



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- 1 Approve the requested out-of-agency wastewater service authorization allowing the City of La Mesa to serve the affected territory
- 2 Authorize the EO to file CEQA Notice of Exemption (15319(b))

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Agenda Item No. 7c Legislative Report



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Key Proposed Bills



AB 259 (Rubio) Open Meetings and Continued Access to Teleconferences

AB 351 (McKinnor) Campaign Contributions Involving Agency Officers

AB 489 (Arreguín) LAFCO Public Records and Online Access

AB 740 (Rubio) Municipal Wastewater Filings with LAFCOs

AB 777 (Richardson) Expanding LAFCOs Role to Include Endowment-Funded Cemeteries

AB 356 (Patel) Healthcare Districts in Northern San Diego County

AB 448 (Patel) Extend Loan Repayments for Palomar Healthcare District

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Recommendations



- **AB 356 (Patel)** Healthcare Districts in Northern San Diego County
Support ✓

- **AB 448 (Patel)** Extend Loan Repayments for Palomar Healthcare District
Support, if amended ✓

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Agenda Item No. 7d

Proposed “Pauma Valley CSD Island Annexation”

Fee Waiver Request



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Proposed Pauma Valley CSD Island Annexation



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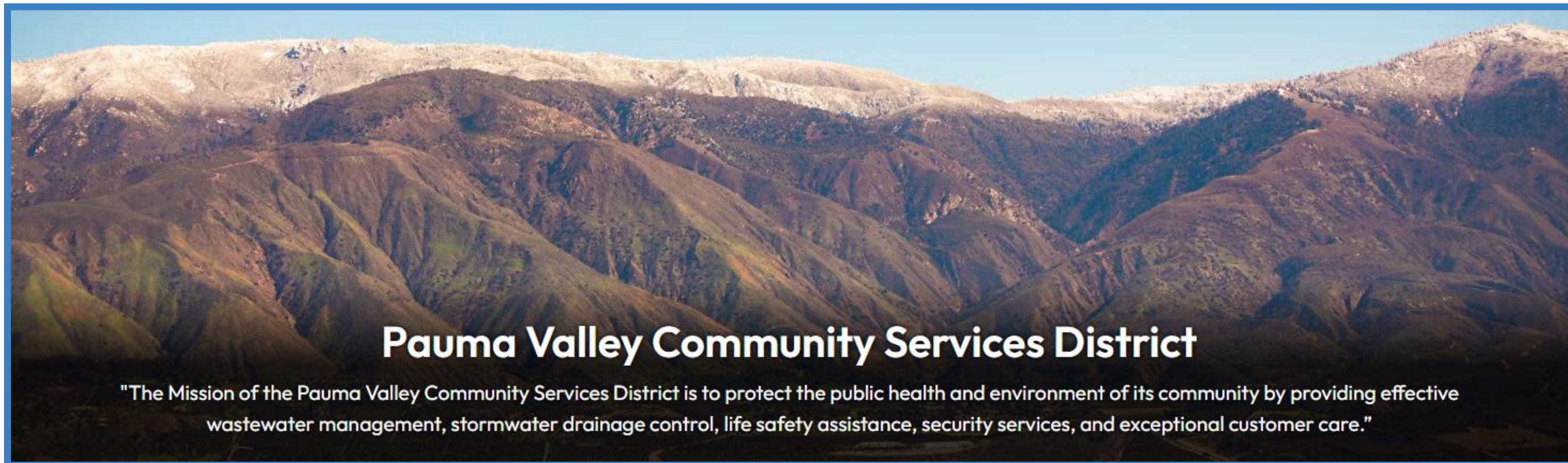
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PAUMA VALLEY

COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Pauma Valley Community Services District

"The Mission of the Pauma Valley Community Services District is to protect the public health and environment of its community by providing effective wastewater management, stormwater drainage control, life safety assistance, security services, and exceptional customer care."

Proposed Island Annexation



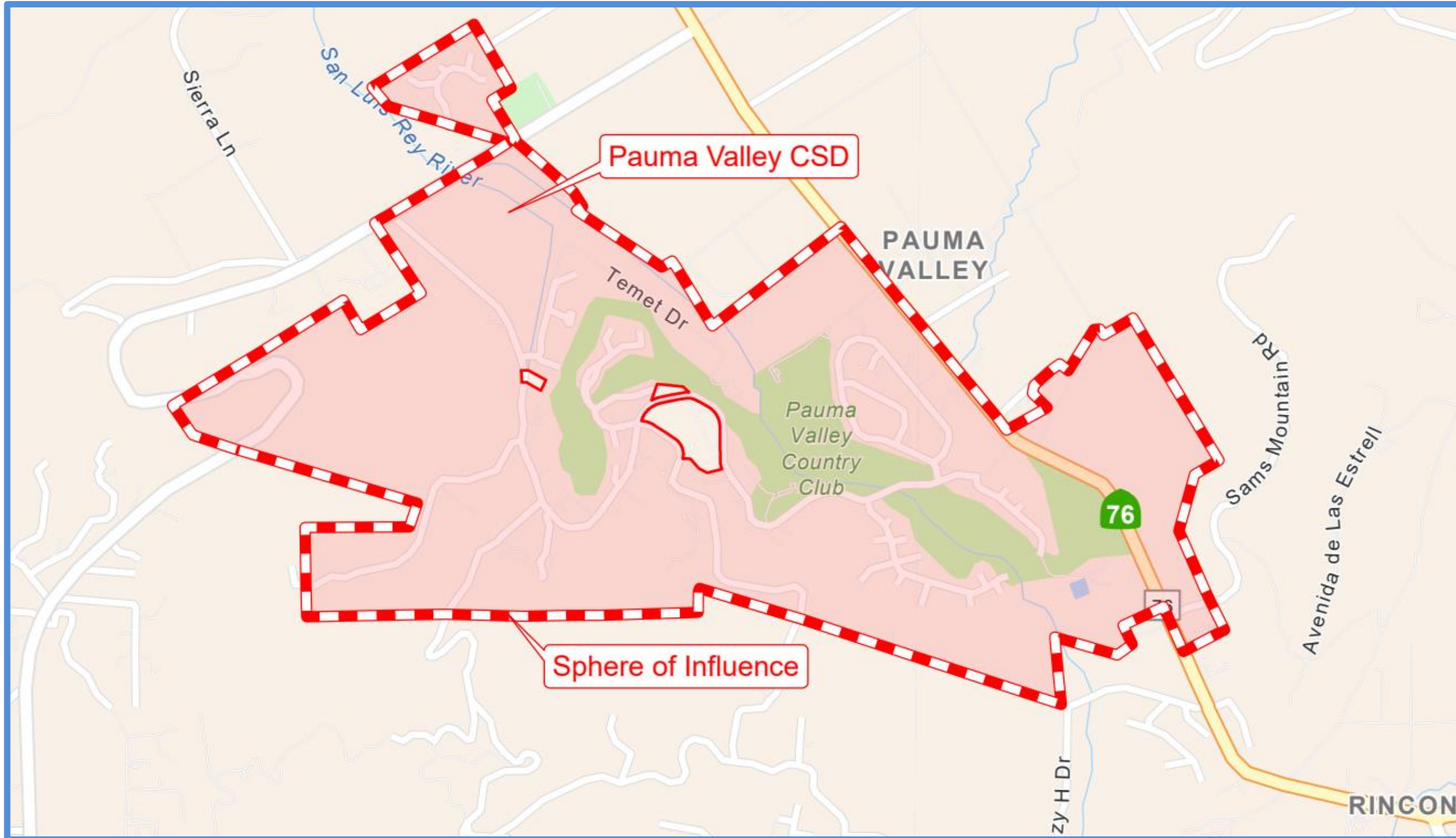
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Staff Recommendation



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Consider the waiver request and potential alternatives – including a partial fee reduction and / or an extended payment plan – and take action as deemed appropriate.

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Agenda Item No. 7e
Proposed Partnership to Fund an
Agricultural Liaison Position



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SALC Agricultural Conservation Capacity Grant

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California
Department of Conservation



**RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

Greater San Diego County





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Tier One Grant Activities

- San Diego LAFCO: Developing list of ag liaison job responsibilities, hiring liaison
- RCD of Greater San Diego: Drafting conservation easement templates and policies

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Tier Two Grant Activities

- San Diego LAFCO: Facilitating meetings between agricultural liaison and stakeholders, including cities
- Agricultural Liaison at RCD of Greater SD: Outreach to farmers, providing technical assistance, engaging in cross-jurisdictional resource coordination, developing capacity of the RCD to monitor easements in future years

Staff Recommendation



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Adopt the resolution approving San Diego LAFCO to serve as co-applicant with the RCD of Greater San Diego on a SALC capacity grant and enter into a MOU with the RCD of Greater San Diego should this grant be awarded.

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Report on the 2025 CALAFCO Staff Workshop



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CALAFCO Staff Workshop 2025



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San Diego LAFCO's Approach to MSRs



General Session: *"Tips to Improve the MSR Process"*

- San Diego LAFCO's "Hybrid Approach" to MSRs:
- Combination of consultant-prepared technical analyses w/staff maintaining internal responsibility for overall project management



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Agricultural Land Conservation



Breakout Session: *“Balancing Growth and Green: LAFCO’s Role in the Future of Agriculture”*

- LAFCO’s statutory role in preserving agriculture & open space lands
 - Environmental Justice + planning tools to manage growth
 - 2 case studies (City of Ukiah annexation & SALC)

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