



San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
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AGENDA REPORT
 Consent | Information

February 2, 2026

TO: Chair Whitburn and Commissioners

FROM: Priscilla Mumpower, Assistant Executive Officer
 Joelle Burila, Analyst I

SUBJECT: Report on Applicant Proposals

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a status report on active applicant proposals and requests currently on file as well as anticipated filings based on ongoing discussions with proponents. The item is informational and concurrently satisfies LAFCO’s reporting requirement involving petition-initiated proposals.

BACKGROUND

Procedures and Timelines

Most jurisdictional changes begin with petitions filed by landowners or voters, though local agencies may also initiate through resolutions. LAFCO can independently initiate changes to form, consolidate, or dissolve special districts following approved municipal service reviews. Jurisdictional changes typically require four to six months before hearing, while out-of-agency service requests process in about two months.

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DISCUSSION

This item updates San Diego LAFCO on active proposals and previews pending submissions anticipated in the near term. The report also satisfies the Commission's statutory obligation to provide agenda notice for petition-initiated jurisdictional changes. Commissioners may consider pulling the item for discussion and/or clarifications.

Twenty (20) active proposals are currently on file. Eighteen (18) are under review pending Commission consideration, while two (2) await recordation following conditional approval.¹ Staff have identified six (6) pending proposals with prospective applicants. A complete listing of all active and pending proposals is provided in Attachment One.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information only.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

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 staff,



Joelle Burila
Analyst I

Attachment:

- 1) Active and Pending Proposals as of January 30, 2026

¹ Six additional proposals remain on file with the Commission; however, discussions have been inactive for approximately a decade. The Commission anticipates formally abandoning these proposals pending adoption of related authorizing policies. All proposal files are available for public review upon request at the San Diego LAFCO office.

| | File Number | Proposal Name Affected Agencies | Project Manager | Proposal Summary |
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| ACTIVE PROPOSAL APPLICATIONS PENDING COMMISSION ACTION | | | | |
| 1 | CO21-09 | “Otay Lakes Road Change of Organization” - City of Chula Vista: Annexation | Michaela Peters | Application submitted in October 2022 by landowner petition to annex approximately 1,870 acres of unincorporated territory to the City of Chula Vista. (The petitioners originally filed an application in October 2021 seeking approval to annex into the San Diego County Sanitation District. This previous application has since been withdrawn.) The affected territory comprises 6 parcels within the Baldwin and Moller communities and is presently undeveloped. The proposal is intended to facilitate the development of a 1,938 residential subdivision with various ancillary uses as part of the “Otay Ranch Resort Village 13” project. The submitted proposal application is incomplete and pending receipt of additional documentation and information from the applicant – including an agreement with LAFCO to proceed with a targeted/informing municipal service review. Discussions remain active. |
| 2 | CO22-08 OAS22-08 | “Martinez - North Avenue Reorganization” - City of Escondido: Annexation - County Service Area No. 135: Detachment - Deer Springs Fire Protection District: Detachment | Joelle Burila | Application submitted in April 2022 by landowner petition and involves an outside-of-agency service agreement for wastewater services to a single-family residence totaling 0.25 acres to remedy a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on May 3, 2022 with a conditional approval to annex into the City of Escondido. The application is incomplete pending receipt of additional documentation and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 3 | RO22-11 | “Tummala - Rincon MWD Reorganization” - Rincon del Diablo MWD: Annexation - Metropolitan Water District: Annexation - San Diego CWA: Annexation | Michaela Peters | Application submitted in October 2022 by landowner petition involving annexation of approximately 20 acres of unincorporated territory to make available public water services. The affected territory is currently vacant and undeveloped. The proposal's purpose is to position the landowner to proceed in the future with a development plan with the County of San Diego. The application is incomplete pending receipt of additional documentation and related information. |

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| 4 | CO23-11 | “Nencini Associates Change of Organization” - San Diego County SD: Annexation | Joelle Burila | Application submitted in July 2023 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 20.6 acres to the San Diego County Sanitation District (SD) for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater service. The affected territory is partially developed with one single-family residence, with plans to develop an additional 7 single-family residences through subdivision. Conditional approval for future annexation to the City of Chula Vista is recommended. The application is incomplete pending receipt of additional documentation and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 5 | CO23-15 | “Maclachlan - Old Highway 80 Change of Organization” - San Diego County SD: Annexation | Michaela Peters | Application submitted in December 2023 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 0.60 acres to the San Diego County Sanitation District for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater service. The affected territory is currently undeveloped with plans to develop a commercial building and parking lot. The application is incomplete pending receipt of CEQA documentation and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 6 | RO24-07 | “Lake Wohlford Resort Reorganization” - Valley Center MWD: Annexation | Meghan Traynor | Fee submitted in March 2024 for an anticipated reorganization application involving the annexation of approximately 127 acres to the Valley Center Municipal Water District for the purpose of receiving potable water service. The affected territory is presently developed with 137 mobile homes and one restaurant currently served by an onsite water system. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |

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| 7 | RO24-08 OAS24-08 “Shen – Pinecrest Ave Out-of-Agency Service Agreement” - City of Escondido: Annexation - County Service Area No. 135: Detachment | Meghan Traynor | Application submitted in August 2024 by landowner petition involving an out-of-agency service agreement to establish wastewater services to a single-family residence totaling 1.09 acres to remedy to a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on September 6, 2024. The proposal was approved as a consent (information only) item as part of the Commission’s October 7, 2024. The administrative approval is conditioned on the landowner submitting a complete change of organization application to LAFCO for formal annexation into the City of Escondido within one calendar year unless a time extension is authorized. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 8 | RO24-12 OAS24-12 “Delgado-Andrade – 24th Street Outside-of-Agency Service Agreement” - City of National City: Annexation - City of National City: Sphere Action (+) - County Service Area No. 135: Detachment - Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District: Detachment - South Bay Irrigation District: Detachment | Joelle Burila | Application submitted in August 2024 by landowner petition involving an out-of-agency service request for wastewater services to a developed single-family residence on less than an acre to remedy a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on October 23, 2024 and the proposal was approved as a consent item as part of the Commission’s November 4, 2024 meeting. The administrative approval is conditioned on the landowner submitting a complete change of organization application to LAFCO for formal annexation into the City of National City within one calendar year unless a time extension is authorized. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 9 | SRO24-15 “La Jolla Incorporation” - La Jolla: Incorporation - City of San Diego: Detachment - City of San Diego: Sphere Action (-) | Priscilla Mumpower | Notice of Intent to Circulate Petition was submitted May 2024 in anticipation of a special reorganization application filing. The proposal involves the detachment of approximately 8,371 acres from the City of San Diego and the incorporation of the community of La Jolla, along with conforming sphere of influence amendments. LAFCO staff has confirmed the proponents have collected enough valid petitions equal to no less than 25% of all registered voters within the proposed municipal boundary, which covers the entirety of the 92037 zip code with an estimated population of 47,000. LAFCO staff will now proceed in initiating the administrative review on the proposal and headlined by selecting an outside consultant to prepare a comprehensive fiscal analysis evaluating the ability of La Jolla to fund a sufficient level of municipal services while assessing monetary impacts to the City of San Diego. A Request for Proposals was distributed on January 21, 2026, with a proposal submittal deadline of March 10, 2026. |

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| 10 | CO25-01 OAS25-01 | "Hallam – Lovely Lane Out-of-Agency Service Agreement" - Buena Sanitation District: Annexation | Meghan Traynor | Application submitted in January 2025 by landowner petition involving an out-of-agency service agreement to establish wastewater services to a single-family residence totaling 0.67 acres to remedy a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on January 22, 2025 and the proposal was approved as a consent item as part of the Commission’s February 3, 2025 meeting. The administrative approval is conditioned on the landowner submitting a complete change of organization application to annex to the Buena Sanitation District within one calendar year unless a time extension is authorized. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 11 | OAS25-02 | "Garza – Touchstone Communities Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services" - City of Escondido: OAS | Michaela Peters | Application submitted in January 2025 by the City of Escondido for an out-of-agency service agreement involving a 10.35-acre unincorporated parcel currently developed with one single-family residence. The proposal is intended to facilitate the development of a 42-unit single-family residential subdivision by "Touchstone Communities" and abate an impending public health and safety threat given the size of the proposed development. The application is incomplete pending receipt of CEQA documentation and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 12 | OAS25-03 RO25-03 | "Lopez – Bear Valley Parkway Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services" - City of Escondido: Annexation - County Service Area No. 135: Detachment | Joelle Burila | Application submitted in January 2025 by the City of Escondido on behalf of the landowner requesting an out-of-agency service agreement to establish wastewater services to remedy a failing septic system. The affected territory spans 1.37 acres and is developed with a single-family residence and ADU. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on February 7, 2025 and the proposal was approved as a consent item as part of the Commission’s March 3, 2025 meeting. The administrative approval is conditioned on the landowner submitting a complete change of organization application to LAFCO for formal annexation into the City of Escondido within one calendar year unless a time extension is authorized. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |

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| 13 | OAS25-09 | "Mayer – Santa Fe Avenue Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services" - Buena Sanitation District: OAS | Joelle Burila | Application submitted in March 2025 by the Buena Sanitation District on behalf of the landowner requesting out-of-agency wastewater services to facilitate the development of a 46-unit townhouse development on approximately 2.91-acres. The affected territory includes three APNs located in the City of San Marcos. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 14 | CO25-11 OAS25-11 | "Halstead – Olivewood Lane Change of Organization" - San Diego County Sanitation District: OAS | Joelle Burila | Application submitted in April 2025 by the San Diego County Sanitation District on behalf of the landowner requesting out-of-agency wastewater services to accommodate an existing single-family residence to remedy a failing septic system. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on April 23, 2025. The administrative approval is conditioned on the landowner submitting a complete change of organization application to LAFCO for formal annexation into the San Diego County Sanitation District within one calendar year unless a time extension is authorized. The Commission conditionally approved the out-of-agency wastewater service agreement on June 2, 2025. The Commission is scheduled to consider the change of organization proposal as a consent item at its February 2, 2026 meeting. |
| 15 | CO25-12 | "Kukkal – Valley Court Change of Organization" - Whispering Palms CSD: Annexation | Meghan Traynor | Application submitted in May 2025 by landowner petition involving annexation of approximately 2.07 acres to the Whispering Palms Community Services District for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater services. The affected territory is currently undeveloped with plans to develop one single-family residence, one ADU and one pool house. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |

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| 16 | OAS25-13 CO25-13 | “Goodwin – Pine Valley Improvement Club Out-of-Agency Wastewater Services” - San Diego County Sanitation District: Annexation | Meghan Traynor | Application submitted in July 2025 on behalf of the Pine Valley Improvement Club requesting out-of-agency wastewater services to accommodate an existing commercial building to remedy a public health risk posed by the proximity of the existing septic system to a non-conforming well on-site. The Executive Officer administratively approved the service request on July 22, 2025. The proposal was approved as a consent (information only) item as part of the Commission’s August 4, 2025 meeting. The administrative approval is conditioned on the landowner submitting a complete change of organization application to LAFCO for formal annexation into the San Diego County Sanitation District within one calendar year unless a time extension is authorized. The application is incomplete pending receipt of a complete application and related information. Discussions remain active. |
| 17 | CO25-15 | “Jaiswal – Rio Vista Road Change of Organization” - Rancho Santa Fe CSD: Annexation | Meghan Traynor | Application submitted in October 2025 by a landowner petition involving annexation of approximately 2.6 acres of unincorporated territory in the San Dieguito community to the Rancho Santa Fe Community Services District for the primary purpose of establishing wastewater service. The affected territory consists of four parcels: three are developed with single-family residences, while one remains undeveloped with no current plans for development on any of the parcels. The proposal is currently under administrative review and considered incomplete at this time. Discussions remain active. |
| 18 | RO26-01 | “Turner – Oak Creek Drive Reorganization” - Lakeside WD: Annexation - Lakeside WD: Sphere Action (+) - Padre Dam MWD: Detachment - Padre Dam MWD: Sphere Action (-) | Meghan Traynor | Application submitted in January 2026 by the Lakeside Water District on behalf of the landowner involving the annexation of approximately 2.3 acres of unincorporated territory in the Lakeside community to the Lakeside Water District for the primary purpose of establishing potable water service. The affected territory consists of two parcels: both are undeveloped, with plans for the construction of a single-family residence on one of the parcels. The proposal is currently under administrative review and considered incomplete at this time. Discussions remain active. |

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| ACTIVE PROPOSALS POST COMMISSION ACTION | | | | |
| 19 | CO22-20 | “Camino De La Fuente - Wick Change of Organization” - San Diego County SD: Annexation | Michaela Peters | Application submitted in November 2022 by landowner petition and involves annexation of approximately 35.3 acres of unincorporated and undeveloped territory to the San Diego County Sanitation District to make available public water and wastewater services. The proposal’s purpose is to position the landowner to proceed in the future with a development plan to grade the land for future industrial and outdoor storage uses. The proposal was approved by the Commission on October 2 nd , 2023. The applicant requested a formal extension to September 18 th , 2025 in order to satisfy the necessary terms and conditions outlined in the adopted resolution. The applicant filed an additional extension to October 2 nd , 2026. |
| 20 | RO19-26 | “Valiano - Eden Valley Reorganization” - San Marcos FPD: Annexation - Rancho Santa Fe FPD: Detachment - Rancho Santa Fe FPD: Sphere Action (-) - Rancho Santa Fe FPD: Extraterritorial Fire | Michaela Peters | Application submitted in January 2025 by landowner petition and the City of Escondido involving a reorganization as part of the “Valiano” planned development in Harmony Grove. The reorganization involves the concurrent annexation of 10.8 unincorporated acres to San Marcos FPD with detachment from Rancho Santa Fe FPD and related sphere amendments. The proposal was approved by the Commission on October 6, 2025 and now pending completion of terms and conditions as set forth by the Commission. |

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| <p>PENDING PROPOSAL APPLICATION SUBMITTALS (No project manager; inquiries should be directed to Keene Simonds)</p> | | | | |
| | Pending | “Harvest Hills Reorganization” - City of Escondido: Annexation | | This anticipated reorganization proposal is currently undergoing development and environmental review by the City of Escondido. Submittal to LAFCO anticipated for late 2020-2021 if approved by Escondido. The anticipated proposal involves annexation of approximately 1,098 acres to the City for the primary purpose of developing a 550-lot residential subdivision. All the affected territory presently lies outside the adopted Escondido sphere. Due to the scope of the proposal area a comprehensive update of the City’s sphere is warranted along with preparing the supporting municipal service review document. These and other service-related issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint review with other local stakeholders. Project was originally titled as “Safari Highlands”. |
| | Pending | “Rancho Lomas Verde Reorganization” - City of Vista: Annexation | | This anticipated reorganization proposal is undergoing development and environmental review by the City of Vista. The proposal involves annexation of approximately 300 acres to the City of Vista and concurrent detachments from CSA 135 and the Vista FPD to facilitate a 153-lot residential development. Close to three-fourths of the project area lies outside the adopted Vista sphere. Due to the scope of the proposal area a comprehensive update of the City’s sphere is warranted along with preparing the supporting municipal service review document. These and other service-related issues have been communicated to the City and are currently under joint review with other local stakeholders. |
| | Pending | “Sager Ranch Reorganization” - City of Escondido: Annexation | | This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of approximately 1,800 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido and concurrent detachments from CSA 135 and the Valley Center FPD. The reorganization would facilitate the proposed development of approximately 200 acres to include 203 residential units and a 225-room resort. Portions of the project area lie outside the current City sphere. Fire protection service remains a key discussion point and the source of ongoing discussions with the proponents. |

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| Pending | “Harmony Grove Village South” (TM-626) - Rincon del Diablo MWD: Annexation | | This anticipated reorganization involves the unincorporated Harmony Grove Village South project and specific to accommodating sewer services (among a variety of options) for the planned development of approximately 111 acres to include 453 residential units. On January 27, 2020 the San Diego Superior Court overturned the County’s development approvals for the project. Appeals are pending with no update as of this report. |
| Pending | “Escondido Village – Unison Communities” - City of Escondido: Annexation | | This anticipated reorganization involves annexation of approximately 17 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido. The reorganization would facilitate connectivity to public wastewater service and in doing so accommodate the proposed development of approximately 200 residential units on the affected territory. The entire project lies within the City of Escondido sphere of influence. Complete application is pending. |
| Pending | “Pasqual Heights – Touchstone Communities” - City of Escondido: Annexation | | This anticipated out-of-agency service agreement involves approximately 10.4 unincorporated acres to the City of Escondido. The OAS would facilitate connectivity to public wastewater service and in doing so accommodate the proposed development of a 42-Single- Family unit subdivision within the affected territory. The entire project lies within the City of Escondido sphere of influence although not contiguous to the established service area boundary. Complete application and letter of request via the City is pending. |

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