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To: [Sellen, Erica A](#)
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Subject: [External] Written Comment for Agenda Item 7a – February 2 Commission Meeting
Date: Friday, January 30, 2026 3:02:18 PM

Dear Ms. Sellen,

Please accept this written comment for inclusion in the public record for Agenda Item 7a on the Commission's February 2 meeting agenda.

I respectfully recommend that the Commission continue this item for additional analysis. The proposed expansion of LAFCO initiating authority under Government Code Sections 56375 and 56133 represents a significant structural change to existing statutory responsibilities. Advancing such amendments before confirming consistent application of current requirements introduces avoidable administrative and coordination risks for affected service providers.

At present, several foundational procedural obligations are not being applied uniformly. These include:

- Interagency consultation requirements under Policy L-107, which establish the expectation that affected agencies be notified and engaged prior to initiating jurisdictional changes.
- Municipal Service Review (MSR) preparation, circulation, and determination standards under Government Code Section 56430, which are intended to provide a comprehensive, data-driven basis for evaluating service conditions and governance options.
- Evaluation factors under Government Code Section 56668, which guide the Commission's assessment of service capacity, financial feasibility, and local impacts.

Before expanding LAFCO's authority to initiate actions independently, it is essential to ensure that these existing statutory and policy requirements are being implemented consistently and with adequate documentation. Proceeding without validating compliance, consultation practices, and MSR-related determinations risks compounding existing procedural gaps and may create uncertainty for local agencies that rely on predictable, transparent processes.

A short continuance would allow staff to provide the Commission with a more complete analysis of how current requirements are being met, what documentation standards are in place, and how proposed statutory changes would interact with existing policies. This additional clarity would support a more informed and durable decision.

Thank you for including this comment in the record. Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted, ,
Kurt Worden,
President, Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District.

From: [Luisa McCarthy](#)
To: [Sellen, Erica A](#)
Cc: [Alisha Morrison](#); [Micaela Polanco](#)
Subject: [External] In Opposition of Item 7a Proposed legislative Amendment to LAFCO
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 6:23:04 AM

To Whom It May Concern;

I strongly oppose this proposed legislative amendment to LAFCO law implementing the UC report recommendations to expand LAFCO's effectiveness. What can students from UC Berkeley know about land use when they have yet to buy property of their own as students in affected unincorporated communities?

First and foremost as the largest land owner of an unincorporated land known as Lincoln Acres, no one should interfere with the process as to how LAFCO functions when they don't have full understanding or are directly affected by decisions made by LAFCO. There are items that may seem to some people logical and perhaps even practical when the people who make decisions are not the ones directly affected by the changes made without allowing the people who will be directly affected for generations to be part of the process. It is only when the people unite and participate exercising our right for democracy is when the decision makers learn why it's important to the people.

I respectfully ask that you not consider this study to become future practice. This is not in the best interest of the most vulnerable communities.

This excuse to consolidate small water systems cannot have anything to do with annexing property in any way shape or form, or later become part of a package deal. That is an underhanded way to force annexation.

We the people have a right to be part of what directly could affect us in the land that we own and have owned for decades.

Respectfully,
Luisa McCarthy

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From: [Micaela Polanco](#)
To: [Sellen, Erica A](#)
Subject: [External] Oposición if draft item 7a
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 7:00:27 AM

To Whom It May Concern;

I am the owner of La Vista Memorial Park located in Lincoln Acres an unincorporated land in San Diego County. And also own several acres of land, homes, apartments in Lincoln Acres. I am strongly opposing this draft proposal as it is written.

I can appreciate the proactiveness of examining the relationship between State regulators and LAFCO's in advancing certain State objectives to economize and improve public water systems and in trying to help vulnerable communities, however I strongly oppose the draft proposal as is to expand the powers of LAFCO or any City or State without taking these vulnerable communities into consideration.

No community should have to be forced into annexation without the affected community having a voice and a vote. That is true democracy.

The three legislative changes being proposed do not take the voters of such communities into consideration.

1).To authorize LAFCOs to initiate boundary changes and extra territorial services in response to documented public health and safety threats involving water or wastewater is a great idea as long as their is a contract between the involved city and county and not force the property owners to annex their property to the city.

2)
To require noticed hearings for municipal service reviews and written responses from subject agencies is also a great idea as long as they involve the affected

communities. The affected communities need to have a voice and vote on these important issues.

and 3) to extend information-sharing requirements on community water system is crucial to all communities being affected by annexations not just trailer parks.

Please re consider your draft to make the above changes.

Thank you,

Micaela Polanco, MBA
President

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