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December 1, 2014

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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

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FROM: Executive Officer

Bill Horn
County Board of
Supervisors

SUBJECT: Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Workshop

Dianne Jacob
County Board of
Supervisors

A LAFCO workshop covering water supply (potable and recycled water), and wastewater services will be held on December 1, 2014. The purpose of the workshop is twofold. First, it is hoped the workshop will provide up-to-date information about the most pressing water issue facing the region—the historic multi-year drought. Secondly, it is time to begin setting Commission priorities and strategies for 2015 and beyond as LAFCO is nearing completion of the current round of service reviews and sphere studies. Water and wastewater experts have accordingly been invited to discuss the drought, as well as innovative programs underway that have improved services and conserved resources. A second workshop devoted to fire protection will be held in 2015 to discuss similar topics.

Bud Pocklington
South Bay
Irrigation District

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City of San Diego

Jim Janney
Mayor
City of Imperial Beach

In the past 25 years, the Commission's efforts and priorities have focused primarily on solving some vexing service issues, such as reviewing water availability and streamlining local government structure through the consolidation and reorganization of all local agencies, namely water, wastewater, and fire agencies. Since 1988 alone, the San Diego LAFCO has consolidated, dissolved, or merged 93 special districts—a statistic that has set statewide records. Within the past five years alone, the San Diego LAFCO has dissolved five fire protection districts and placed over a million acres of unserved territory within the boundaries of a recently activated county fire protection agency. Two additional fire protection districts are proposed for dissolution in 2015 in accordance with LAFCO's long-range fire protection plan, and another two fire districts, plus one water district are also proposed for dissolution in 2015 – a level of jurisdictional activity that is unprecedented. While the reorganization of local agencies will continue to be a LAFCO priority in the future, it is expected that this level of jurisdictional activity will taper off in the upcoming years. Therefore, the time has come to begin identifying and setting new LAFCO priorities and strategies to help identify ways to improve public services in the region. One of the strategies under consideration is to evaluate how well local agencies coordinate with each other and how agencies can pool certain key services and facilities to get the most out of limited resources. The December 1st LAFCO workshop will help the Commission to better understand current trends and issues, as well as future strategies that LAFCO can use to encourage efficient service delivery.

Sam Abed
Mayor
City of Escondido

Alternate Members

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County Board of
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Vista Irrigation District

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Michael D. Ott

Counsel

Michael G. Colantuono

Presenters invited to the December 1st workshop include: Harry Ehrlich, Local Government Consultant (San Diego LAFCO); Ken Weinberg, Director of Water

Resources (San Diego County Water Authority); Kimberly Thorner, General Manager (Olivenhain Municipal Water District); Allen Carlisle, General Manager (Padre Dam Municipal Water District); and Gary Arant, General Manager (Valley Center Municipal Water District). Please refer to the attached workshop program for further information.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Commission hold the December 1, 2014 Workshop and provide comments and direction to LAFCO staff as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL D. OTT
Executive Officer

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Attachment

Workshop Program

SAN DIEGO LAFCO WORKSHOP PROGRAM
Water, Recycled Water and Wastewater Issues
December 1, 2014

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The purpose of the LAFCO workshop on water supply (potable and recycled water), and wastewater services is twofold. First, it is hoped the workshop will provide current information about the most pressing water issue to face the region this century – the historic multi-year drought. Secondly, it is time to begin setting priorities and strategies for 2015 and beyond as LAFCO is nearing completion of the current round of service reviews and sphere studies. Water and wastewater experts have accordingly been invited to discuss the drought, as well as innovative programs underway to improve services and conserve resources. A second workshop devoted to fire protection will be held in 2015 to discuss similar topics. Workshop presenters include:

HARRY EHRLICH – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTANT, SAN DIEGO LAFCO

- OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP FORMAT
- LAFCO WATER POLICIES
- CORTESE-KNOX-HERTZBERG ACT REQUIREMENTS
- ROLES OF LOCAL AGENCIES

KEN WEINBERG – DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES, SAN DIEGO CWA

- STATUS OF WESTERN REGION DROUGHT
- OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY
- IMPACTS OF VOTER APPROVED WATER BOND TO SAN DIEGO
- MAJOR SUPPLY & RELIABILITY PROGRAMS
- WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

KIMBERLY A. THORNER, ESQ. – GENERAL MANAGER, OLIVENHAIN MWD

- NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY RECYCLED WATER PROJECT
- EXPERIENCE OF 7 AGENCIES COOPERATING TOGETHER
- OBTAINING STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS – BENEFITS

ALLEN CARLISLE – GENERAL MANAGER, PADRE DAM MWD

- SOUTH COUNTY WATER PURIFICATION PROJECT
- EXPERIENCE OF 4 AGENCIES COOPERATING TOGETHER
- COLLABORATION OF MULTI-PURPOSE AGENCIES ON STUDY

GARY ARANT – GENERAL MANAGER, VALLEY CENTER MWD

- LOCAL AGENCY PERSPECTIVE ON SHARED FACILITIES & SERVICES
- LESSONS LEARNED REGARDING SHARED SERVICES
- EXPERIENCE OF WATER, WASTEWATER & RECYCLED WATER PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
- LOCAL HISTORY DEVELOPING RECYCLED WATER PROJECTS