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TO: Commissioners

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Protest Results for the "County Service Area No. 135 Islands Reorganization" **SUBJECT:** 

Concurrent Latent Power Area Expansion for County Service Area No. 135 and

Annexations to Fire Protection Districts (RO16-20 et al.)

#### **SUMMARY**

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive the results of the protest hearing conducted for the "County Service Area No. 135 Islands Reorganization." The noticed hearing was held by the Executive Officer on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and did not produce any written objections from landowners or registered voters within the affected territory. The Commission's approval to establish formal fire protection and emergency medical service responsibilities within the affected territory and divided among five local public agencies will be ordered once all terms are satisfied.

# **BACKGROUND**

## **Proposal Request**

The County of San Diego through County Service Area (CSA) No. 135 has filed a proposal with San Diego LAFCO proposing reorganization and multiple jurisdictional changes therein involving three distinct unincorporated areas totaling 20,861 acres. All of the affected territory presently lies outside any authorized fire protection service provider. The proposal seeks to establish and divide fire protection and related emergency medical services within

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the affected territory between five subject agencies and based on delivery efficiencies. Approximately 4/5 of the affected territory is proposed for a latent power expansion to CSA No. 135 with the remaining 1/5 proposed for annexation to Bonita-Sunnyside Fire Protection District (FPD), Lakeside FPD, San Miguel Consolidated FPD, and Ramona Municipal Water District, respectively.

#### **Commission Action**

On February 4, 2019, San Diego LAFCO held a noticed public hearing to consider the proposal filed by the County of San Diego. The Commission proceeded to approve the reorganization without modifications and standard terms. The Commission also delegated protest hearings to the Executive Officer as allowed under policy.

### **DISCUSSION**

This information item is for San Diego LAFCO to receive the results of the protest hearing delegated to the Executive Officer involving the Commission's earlier approval of the CSA No. 135 Islands Reorganization as required under policy. The protest hearing was held on March 13, 2019 and produced no written submittals from affected landowners or registered voters objecting to the reorganization. A confirming resolution ordering the reorganization has been executed by the Executive Officer, and the proceedings will become final once the applicants satisfy all remaining terms necessary to record a certificate of completion.

## **ANALYSIS**

The CSA No. 135 Islands Reorganization has cleared its last substantive threshold. All remaining actions necessary to record the boundary changes are ministerial.<sup>1</sup>

## RECOMMENDATION

Receive the item for information purposes only.

#### ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

This item is being presented for information only; no action.

San Diego LAFCO policy directs the Executive Officer to proceed and issue an ordering resolution at the conclusion of the protest hearing process so long as the results do not require the proposal to be terminated or confirmed by an election. The Executive Officer is also responsible for informing the Commission of the protest results resulting in an action being ordered at the next regular meeting. [Policy on Conducting Protest Hearings Section 4(h)].

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# **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.

Respectfully,

Keene Simonds Executive Officer

#### Attachment:

1) Map of the Affected Territory

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