



# San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

### Municipal Service Review on the Escondido Region

Affected Agency:  
City of Escondido

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) invites all interested parties to review and provide written comments on a draft report and associated addendum prepared as part of a phased scheduled municipal service review on the Escondido region. These documents represent the second of a two-part municipal service review and specific to covering the City of Escondido. The municipal service review report has been prepared by Escondido via Concordia Homes with input from LAFCO staff. The addendum has been prepared by LAFCO staff to expand and bridge the analysis gap between the two documents on topics of elevated interest to the Commission – and specifically with respect to core City functions (water, wastewater, and fire protection) and finances. The draft addendum has been prepared consistent with statute and direction to LAFCO to regularly assess the availability and adequacy of local governmental services relative to current and future community needs. This includes preparing written determinations addressing specific factors and include growth and population projections, infrastructure needs and deficiencies, financial standing, and opportunities for government restructure. LAFCO will draw on the final municipal service review in guiding subsequent sphere of influence updates and inform future boundary changes in the region.

The draft report on the municipal service review is available online at [www.sdlafco.org](http://www.sdlafco.org) and headlined by an Executive Summary and its outlining of key conclusions relative to LAFCO's growth management interests in the Escondido Region. Several recommendations are also outlined and include:

- As a long-term principle, San Diego LAFCO should prioritize and direct growth in the region to the City of Escondido and its appropriate role to serve as an urban center.
- San Diego LAFCO should immediately proceed with preparing a governance study to independently assess reorganization options to consolidate – politically or functionally – the City of Escondido and Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District.
- San Diego LAFCO should proceed to establish one or more special study areas for the City of Escondido sphere of influence. This includes a special study area for the Harvest Hills project site.

Written comments received on the draft by **Friday, October 21, 2022**, will be incorporated into preparing a final document for action at a scheduled public hearing on Monday, November 7, 2022. Comments and questions on the draft municipal service review should be directed to Priscilla Mumpower by e-mail at [priscilla.mumpower@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:priscilla.mumpower@sdcountry.ca.gov) or by telephone at 619-321-3380.

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