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AGENDA REPORT
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TO: Commissioners

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**SUBJECT: Quarterly Progress Report |
 Municipal Service Review on Wholesale Water Agencies: San Diego County
 Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will receive a verbal presentation as part of a planned quarterly report advising on the progress in preparing the scheduled municipal service review (MSR) on wholesale water agencies operating in San Diego County. This includes a comprehensive review of the San Diego County Water Authority and a proportional review of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The presentation follows an earlier request by the Commission and covers activities since the initiation of the MSR in August and its priority placement in the adopted workplan. The quarterly report is for information with the opportunity to provide general feedback.

BACKGROUND

**Adopted Workplan &
 MSR on Wholesale Water Agencies**

San Diego LAFCO’s current fiscal year workplan includes 30 projects and is divided into two distinct categories – statutory and administrative – along with priority assignments set by the

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Commission. A scheduled MSR covering wholesale water agencies tops the priority list and covers LAFCO’s statutory responsibility to perform an independent review of the San Diego County Water Authority and – albeit proportionally to its role in San Diego County – the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Specific statutory factors required under the MSR statute (Government Code 56430) include the following:

- Growth and Population Projections
- Present and Planned Service Capacities
- Adequacy of Services Relative to Community Needs
- Financial Standing
- Opportunities for Shared Facilities
- Accountability of Governmental Structure and Alternatives

DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to receive a verbal presentation as part of a planned quarterly report on advancing the scheduled MSR on wholesale water agencies operating in San Diego County – and specifically County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The presentation will be made by lead consultants Chris Cate and Adam Wilson. It follows Commission action in August 2023 to direct staff to regularly provide updates on the MSR and in doing so provide opportunities in real-time for Commissioners and the public to provide feedback on current and pending activities.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to San Diego LAFCO for information.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

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PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda for information as part of the business calendar. The following procedures are recommended:

- 1) Receive verbal presentation from staff unless waived.
- 2) Invite comments from interested audience members if any.
- 3) Discuss and provided general feedback as needed.

On behalf of the Consultant Team,



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Attachments: none

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