

San Diego County **Local Agency Formation Commission**

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Special Districts Advisory Committee TO:

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SUBJECT: Current Workplan Update on High Priorities

Municipal Service Reviews on Wholesale Water Agencies, Healthcare Districts

in San Diego County, and San Diego Association of Governments

SUMMARY

The Committee will receive an update on the current adopted workplan focusing on San Diego LAFCO's highest placed priorities. This includes separate municipal service reviews on wholesale water service providers, healthcare districts in San Diego County, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). The MSR on wholesale water agencies will include a comprehensive review of the San Diego County Water Authority and a proportional review of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The MSR on healthcare districts will cover the four districts in San Diego County – Fallbrook, Palomar, Grossmont, and Tri-City – and will be divided into two parts. The third MSR – topping the list – will study SANDAG and in particular its regional housing, transportation, and climate adaptation service functions. The update is provided for information with an opportunity for Committee members to provide feedback to staff on interests and/or priorities on behalf of special districts in San Diego County.

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BACKGROUND

Adopted Workplan & MSRs on Wholesale Water Agencies, Healthcare Districts, and SANDAG

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 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. The scheduled MSR on the four healthcare districts in San Diego County comes in second and will highlight: Fallbrook; Palomar; Grossmont; and Tri-City. The third MSR on the workplan will focus on SANDAG – a regional planning agency – and in particular its regional housing, transportation, and climate adaptation service functions. 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 the Committee to receive an update on the current adopted workplan and specific to San Diego LAFCO's highest placed priorities involving separate municipal service reviews on wholesale water service providers, four healthcare districts, and SANDAG. It follows Commission action in August 2023 to direct staff to regularly provide updates on the MSRs and in doing so provide opportunities in real-time for Commissioners, Committees, and the public to provide feedback on current and pending activities. The presentation will be provided by lead consultant Chris Cate and LAFCO staff analyst Joelle Burila.

ANALYSIS

None.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented to the Committee for information.

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ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

None.

PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION

This item has been placed on the Committee'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 staff,

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Attachments: none

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