NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sphere of Influence Update for the Morro Hills Community Services District

(Notice Mailed to all Landowners within a Proposed Special Study Area)

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") will hold a public meeting on **Monday, December 2, 2024 at 8:15 a.m.** at the County of San Diego Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 302, San Diego, California. Public attendance by videoconference via live streaming will also be provided. At the public meeting, LAFCO will consider an action to update the sphere of influence for the <u>Morro Hills Community Services District</u> along with updates for two other local agencies in the Oceanside region.

Spheres are planning tools used by LAFCO as part of its growth management duties to designate the area it independently believes represents the appropriate and probable future service areas and jurisdictional boundaries of the affected agencies. All jurisdictional changes, such as annexations and detachments, as well as outside service extensions must be consistent with the spheres of the affected local agencies with limited exceptions.

A map of the existing sphere designation for Morro Hills Community Services District is shown on the opposite page of this notice along with a proposed special study area recommended by LAFCO staff. The proposed special study area totals 326 acres and represents the notional expansion of the District to capture adjacent lands that presumably use and benefit from the District's public roadway system. The potential establishment of the special study area – notably – would not result in any physical changes to the District or impact (governance, fiscal, or otherwise) the affected landowners. The purpose of establishing the special study area – instead – is to encourage discussions between the District and the affected landowners with respect to assessing any mutual interests in pursuing a future annexation. Most notably, LAFCO staff believes a potential annexation would presumably benefit the affected landowners given their use of the existing road network and ability therein to participate in District decision-making (improvements, traffic calming, etc.).

Additional information on the proposed sphere update and staff recommendation to establish a special study area as described is available online at www.sdlafco.org by viewing the recently completed municipal service review on the Oceanside region. All interested parties are welcome to submit written comments on the proposed update to michaela.peters@sdcounty.ca.gov no later than Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Written comments received by this date will be forwarded to the Commission with the associated agenda report ahead of the December 2nd hearing. Comments are also welcomed at the public hearing. Please contact the LAFCO office at 619-321-3380 or by email at lafcomments@sdcounty.ca.gov with any questions.

