
**FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM No. 9 AND 10

DATE: June 5, 2013

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: David E. Fey, AICP, LAFCo Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 9. **Consider and Adopt:** Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update prepared for the Fresno County Fire Protection District.

10. **Consider Amendment:** Consider amending the Commission's Policies, Standards, and Procedures Section 102-04 (Fire Transition Policy) concerning "transition agreements" between fire protection districts and cities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Continue items 9 and 10 to the August 7, 2013 hearing.

BACKGROUND:

9. Fresno County Fire Protection District MSR and SOI Update

At the May 1, 2013 hearing, the Commission received the draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update from the Consultant for the Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD). The Commission also received staff comments and testimony from the Fire Protection District and several cities.

Since that meeting, staff has received a significant amount of additional data, much from the FCFPD in response to questions that were posed by the Commission's MSR consultant Bob Braitman. The consultant and staff are still in the process of evaluating that information and are providing the information to the cities for their review as well. At this time, staff does not think this matter will be ready for the Commission's action by the June 5th meeting.

10. Policies, Standards, and Procedures Section 102-04 (Fire Transition Policy)

Also at its May 1, 2013, meeting, the Commission considered amendments to LAFCo's fire transition policy. A consensus was to maintain a transition policy and direct staff to conduct additional research and modification of the policy options. The Commission directed staff to examine the financial implications that fire transition agreements would have on the small cities and return with a draft policy at the next public meeting. Landowner-initiated annexations would also need to be addressed.

Staff is continuing to work as directed, but in order to prepare a thorough response to the Commission's comments and review the several comment letters received since the May meeting, staff recommends that this matter be continued to the August 7th meeting.

SUMMARY:

Given the relationship between the District's MSR and the fire transition policy, staff recommends continuing the public hearing on the FCFPD's MSR and SOI and continuing the Commission's consideration of the fire transition policy to the August 7, 2013 meeting to allow staff additional time to collect and assess information, explore policy options and provide time for the report and staff recommendation to be reviewed by the affected agencies prior to the meeting.

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