

Attachment 3



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Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County
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To the LAFCO Board,

The RCD of Monterey County would like to request that LAFCO reconsider its practice of separating parcels from the RCD when they are annexed to or included in an incorporated city. We also request that the land in the Uni-Kool annexation to Salinas not be separated from the RCD.

After concurrence on the bulleted items below, the RCDMRC Board of Directors voted at its regular meeting on March 18, 2010 to direct this appeal to be submitted to LAFCO:

- there are no property tax ramifications of remaining in or separating from the RCD, since the RCD has no tax-base funding
- urbanized or urbanizing lands, whether within or outside of an incorporated area have runoff management and resource impacts on or from upstream and downstream agricultural lands
- RCDs routinely provide support to urban areas in the form of education, conservation and environmental resource assistance as supported by contract agreements or public and private grant funds

Discontinuing LAFCO's practice of separating annexed lands from the RCD creates no additional tax burden or allocation issue and may actually slightly reduce LAFCO staff workloads. Changing this practice only leaves those lands with continued access to RCD services which are needed in both urban and rural settings. This is especially true in the context of Monterey County where ag and urban land uses are closely co-located and so apparently affect each other. In the case of the Uni-Kool parcel annexation, this is particularly true as it is surrounded by agricultural lands and drains to lands beyond city boundaries.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Robins", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Paul Robins
Executive Director