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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2015
TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Progress Report – South Monterey County Fire Protection District’s Revised Annexation Proposal (*LAFCO File No. 13-15*) – Information Only

This memorandum provides an update on the South Monterey County Fire Protection District’s annexation proposal, which was initially considered at the June 22, 2015 LAFCO meeting. The fire district is in the process of reducing the area of its proposal, in response to community concerns. LAFCO staff anticipates that the revised proposal will be finalized and ready for consideration by the Commission at the September 21 regular meeting.

Background: At the June 22, 2015 meeting, the Commission received an Executive Officer’s report and public correspondence regarding the South Monterey County Fire Protection District’s proposed annexation. At the time, the annexation proposal area included approximately 840 square miles of lands. The Executive Officer’s report recommended that the item be opened for public testimony and continued to the August meeting to allow for further discussion between the fire district and interested parties. The Commission opened the June 22 public hearing and received testimony from the fire district and from eight members of the public. Following discussion of the proposal, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the item for an indefinite period of time (rather than to August), in order to allow adequate time to identify potential alternatives that may be satisfactory to all interested parties. As part of the June 22 motion, the Commission requested that LAFCO staff provide a status report prior to bringing the item back for a Commission action.

Update / Revised Annexation Proposal: Subsequent to the June 22 meeting, the fire district has substantially reduced the area of its annexation proposal. The revised proposal area consists of San Lucas, San Ardo, Bryson/Hesperia, and lands near Bradley, Indian Valley, Peachtree Canyon, Long Valley, Priest Valley, Parkfield, Cholame, and other areas east of San Lucas and San Ardo are no longer included in the fire district’s annexation proposal.

The attached draft/conceptual map shows a rough outline of the revised proposal's approximate boundaries. The fire district is currently refining this map to include the most logical and appropriate combination of specific parcels in the final version of the revised proposal. LAFCO staff anticipates that the revised proposal will be finalized and ready for consideration by the Commission at the September 21 regular meeting.

Ongoing Public Outreach: On July 7, Cal Fire Chief John Owens, on behalf of the fire district, presented and discussed a draft map of the revised proposal at a Parkfield Community Club evening meeting. LAFCO staff also participated in the July 7 meeting. The revised proposal was generally favorably received by the approximately 30 community members who attended the meeting.

The fire district's board of directors discussed and formally agreed on the rough outlines of its reduced annexation proposal at the district's regular July 16 meeting. Several community members attended the meeting and were supportive of the reduced proposal. No one spoke in opposition.

As was suggested by several community members at the time of the June 22 LAFCO public hearing, the reduced proposal will be presented as an information item at a regular meeting of the County of Monterey Planning Department's South County Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC). Although the County's LUAC has no purview over the annexation proposal, the meeting will provide a forum for further awareness and discussion of the reduced proposal. The LUAC is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in Bradley.

LAFCO staff has provided information and updates about the fire district's reduced annexation proposal to known interested parties via an email distribution list, and has discussed the revised proposal one-on-one with several residents. All feedback received by LAFCO staff, to date, has been supportive of the revised proposal.

Attachment: Draft map of South Monterey County Fire Protection District's revised annexation proposal (to be refined prior to consideration by the Commission)

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