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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

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SUBJECT: Current and Future Proposals

The Commission will receive a report summarizing current and future proposals. The report is being presented for information. One new proposal has been submitted since the June 3, 2013 meeting.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 delegates Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) with regulatory and planning duties to coordinate the logical formation and development of local governmental agencies. This includes approving or disapproving proposals involving the formation, expansion, merger, and dissolution of cities and special districts.

A. Information

There are currently four active proposals on file with LAFCO of Napa County (“Commission”). A summary of these active proposals follows.

Proposed Annexation of 3174 Valley Green Lane to Napa Sanitation District

An interested landowner of a 2.2 acre incorporated property located at 3174 Valley Green Lane has filed an annexation application to connect to Napa Sanitation District. This property was conditionally approved for an outside sewer service connection on June 21, 2013. The intent of annexation is to memorialize an outside service agreement the Commission will separately consider as part of today’s public hearing.



Status: Staff will review the proposal and consider action as soon the Commission’s October 7, 2013 meeting.

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Proposed Annexation of 820 Levitin Way to the City of Napa

The City of Napa filed a proposal with the Commission on December 12, 2012 to annex six unincorporated lots totaling 18.6 acres. The affected territory is assigned a common situs address of 820 Levitin Way and owned and used by the City to remove reusable materials from curbside collected refuse. The affected territory is located outside the sphere of influence and non-contiguous to existing City limits. Approval is being sought under Government Code Section 56742; a statute permitting LAFCOs to approve annexations of non-contiguous territory to a city without requiring consistency with the sphere of influence so long as the subject lands are owned and used by the annexing agency for municipal purposes. The underlying purpose of the proposal is to eliminate an approximate \$50,000 annual property tax obligation.



Status: Staff continues to review the proposal. This includes the possible merits of reorganizing the proposal to include concurrent detachment from County Service Area No. 3. A property tax agreement between the City and County is also required before consideration by the Commission.

Formation of the Villa Berryessa Water District

This proposal has been filed by Miller-Sorg Group, Inc with the Commission on May 7, 2008. The applicant proposes the formation of a new special district under the California Water District Act. The purpose in forming the new special district is to provide public water and sewer services to a planned 100-lot subdivision located along the western shoreline of Lake Berryessa. A tentative subdivision map for the underlying project has already been approved by the County. The County has conditioned recording the final map on the applicants receiving written approval from the United States Bureau of Reclamation to construct an access road and intake across federal lands to receive water supplies from Lake Berryessa. Based on their own review of the project, the Bureau is requesting a governmental agency accept responsibility for the construction and perpetual operation of the water and sewer systems serving the subdivision.



Status: Staff is currently awaiting a response to an earlier request for additional information from the applicant. It appears the prolonged delay is attributed to the ongoing settlement of a family estate following the death of the initial trustee.

Silverado Trail/Zinfandel Lane Annexation to the City of St. Helena

The City of St. Helena filed a proposal with the Commission on November 19, 2008 to annex approximately 100 acres of unincorporated territory located northwest of the intersection of Silverado Trail and Zinfandel Lane. The subject territory consists of one entire parcel and a portion of a second parcel, which are both owned and used by St. Helena to discharge treated wastewater from an adjacent treatment plant through a spray irrigation system. Both subject parcels are located outside the City's sphere of influence. Rather than request concurrent amendment, St. Helena is proposing only the annexation of a portion of the second parcel to ensure the subject territory is non-contiguous to its incorporated boundary and therefore eligible for annexation under Government Code Section 56742. This statute permits a city to annex non-contiguous land it owns and uses for municipal purposes without consistency with its sphere of influence. However, if sold, the statute requires the land be automatically detached. The two subject parcels are identified by the County Assessor as 030-240-017 (portion) and 030-250-018.



Status: St. Helena has filed a request with the Commission to delay consideration of the proposal in order to explore a separate agreement with the County to extend the current Williamson Act contract associated with the subject territory. The negotiation remains pending completion.

There are four potential new proposals that may be submitted to the Commission in the near future based on extensive discussions with proponents. A summary of these anticipated proposals follows.

Formation of a Community Services District at Capell Valley

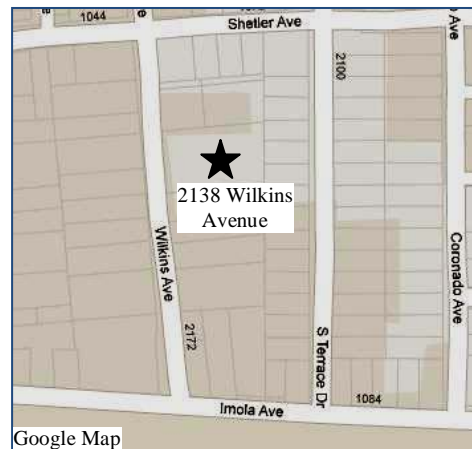
An interested landowner has inquired about the formation of a new special district for purposes of assuming water responsibilities from an existing private water company. The subject area includes the 58-space mobile home park adjacent to Moskowitz Corners as well as two adjacent parcels that are zoned for affordable housing by the County. Staff has been working with the landowner in evaluating governance options as well as other related considerations under LAFCO law. This includes presenting at a



community meeting earlier this year. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 residents and provided staff the opportunity to explain options and processes available to residents with respect to forming a special district as well as to answer questions. Commissioner Dodd was also in attendance. The landowner subsequently requested a fee waiver for the cost of submitting an application to form a new special district at the Commission's June 4th meeting. The Commission denied the request without prejudice and noted the opportunity exists for the landowner to return at a future date with additional information to justify a fee waiver request as well as the underlying action: forming a new special district.

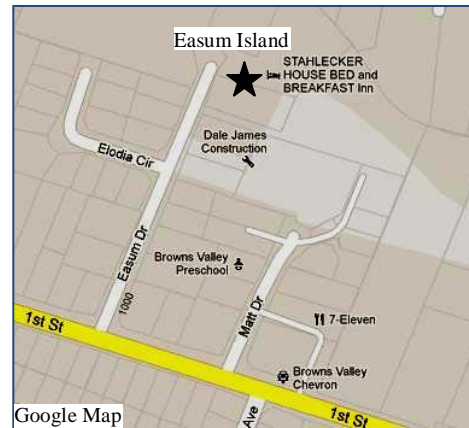
Sibsey Annexation to the City of Napa

A representative for an interested landowner of a 0.77 acre unincorporated property located at 2138 Wilkins Avenue has inquired about re-initiating annexation to the City of Napa. This property was conditionally approved for annexation by the Commission on February 2, 2009. The conditions, however, were never satisfied and annexation proceedings were formally abandoned on April 5, 2010. Staff is working with the landowner's representative and the City to discuss resuming annexation proceedings. This includes preparing a new application in consultation with the City.



Stahlecker Annexation to the City of Napa

An interested landowner within a completely surrounded unincorporated island located near Easum Drive in the City of Napa has inquired about annexation. The landowner owns and operates a bed and breakfast and is interested in annexation in response to an informational mailer issued by LAFCO outlining the cost benefits to annexation. Subsequent follow up indicates one of the other two landowners within the island is also agreeable to annexation if there is no financial obligation. Staff is working with the City on its interest/willingness to reduce or waive fees associated with adopting a resolution of application in order to initiate “island proceedings”.



Airport Industrial Area Annexation to County Service Area No. 3

LAFCO staff recently completed a sphere of influence review and update for County Service Area (CSA) No. 3. This included amending CSA No. 3’s sphere to add approximately 125 acres of unincorporated territory located immediately north of the City of American Canyon in the Airport Industrial Area. The County of Napa is expected to submit an application to annex the 125 acres to CSA No. 3 by the end of the fiscal year. The subject territory is completely uninhabited and includes seven entire parcels along with a portion of an eighth parcel. This eighth parcel, notably, comprises a railroad track owned and operated by Southern Pacific. The subject territory also includes segments of Airport Drive, Devlin Road, and South Kelly Road. Annexation would help facilitate the orderly extension of street and fire protection services to the subject territory under the land use authority of the County.



B. Commission Review

This item has been agendaized as part of the consent calendar for information only. Accordingly, if interested, the Commission is invited to pull this item for additional discussion with the concurrence of the Chair.

Attachments: none