

# Memorandum

**To:** LAFCO Commission  
**From:** Laura Snideman, Executive Officer  
**Date:** August 4, 2014  
**Re:** Water Information Follow-up – Agenda Item 9 (a)

## Water Information Follow-up

During the Commission’s June 2 meeting, several questions related to water service were asked in conjunction with the item authorizing a new water connection to a commercial site outside of the City of Napa’s sphere of influence. Below is some follow-up information.

- There are approximately 358 properties outside of the City limits that could be eligible for new City of Napa water service accounts using the criteria that a parcel would need to be immediately adjacent to an existing water line. See parcels colored in green on the attached map.
- The number of potential accounts specifically for commercial use has not been determined. The City of Napa provides four types of connections: domestic, irrigation, interruptible agriculture and dedicated fire service. Both residential and commercial accounts fall under “domestic.” If one excludes winery-related uses from a definition of “commercial,” then it is likely very few of the potential new accounts could be for other non-winery types of new commercial development given the current zoning in the County.
- The City of Napa currently has a total of just under 25,500 accounts/connections. Of that number, approximately 2,300, or 9%, are outside of the City limit. These numbers do not include construction hydrant meters that are signed out to facilitate bulk hauling from City of Napa sources to locations inside and outside of the City. Almost all of the accounts outside of the City limit pre-date Government Code Section 56133 which now requires LAFCO authorization for such service. The majority of these accounts are in Silverado and Rutherford or are interruptible agriculture accounts. The State hospital, Veteran’s Home, and Congress Valley are also served.
- LAFCO completed a comprehensive water municipal service review in 2004 that studied all five cities and eight special districts. In addition to these primary water providers, the State of California Drinking Water Branch lists over 150 systems in Napa County. Almost half of these include a winery or vineyard reference in their name.

