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TO: Members, Formation Commission

FROM: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Update on Status of Municipal Service and Sphere of Influence Reviews

LAFCo staff is currently preparing municipal service reviews and sphere updates for the Cities of San Mateo, Foster City, Burlingame and Town of Hillsborough, Highlands Recreation District and County-governed Crystal Springs County Sanitation District and Burlingame Hills Sewer Maintenance District. These central county cities and districts share commonalities through sewage treatment plants and/or fire and emergency response service sharing. Each city's service review and sphere update is a standalone document and includes service review and sphere update for County-governed districts serving unincorporated territory in the city's sphere. Each city service review also includes discussion of governance alternatives for consolidation of sewer service. For these reasons, while they are separate documents, they merit consideration by the Commission at the same meeting cycle. While reports for San Mateo, Foster City and related districts are nearing completion, additional time is needed to complete reports for Hillsborough, Burlingame and the Burlingame Hills Sewer Maintenance District. Staff anticipates that reports will be ready for consideration at the November meeting.

The following provides a complete update on completed and pending municipal service and sphere of influence reviews for San Mateo County's 20 cities, 22 independent special districts and 10 County-governed districts.¹ With the exception of the Coastside municipal service review prepared by consultants, service review reviews have been prepared by LAFCo staff in collaboration with the agencies under study. Agencies are listed regionally, reflecting historic sphere review cycle and to best reflect common service areas and spheres of influence.

San Mateo LAFCo Municipal Service Reviews Completed (40):

Regional Independent Special Districts:

San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District, 2nd review completed
 Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
 San Mateo County Harbor District
 San Mateo County Resource Conservation District
 Sequoia Health Care District
 Peninsula Health Care District

¹ Requirement for service review and sphere update for county-governed districts depends on the enabling legislation of the district.

Completed out of order by request:

Half Moon Bay Fire Protection District (I) ²
Point Montara Fire Protection District (I)
Town of Colma
Colma Highway Lighting District (CG)
Colma Fire Protection District (I)
Broadmoor Police Protection District (I)

South County

Los Trancos County Water District
Skyline County Water District
Town of Atherton, Atherton Channel Drainage District
Town of Portola Valley
Town of Woodside
Ladera Recreation District (I)
Menlo Park Fire Protection District (I)
Woodside Fire Protection District (I)

Coastside

City of Half Moon Bay
Coastside County Water (I)
Granada Sanitary District (I)
Montara Water & Sanitary District (I)
CSA 6 (Princeton by the Sea) (street lighting, water for landscaping, flood control) (CG)
CSA 10 (Montara) (Inactive) (CG)
CSA 12 (Montara/Moss Beach) (Inactive) (CG)

Rural Coast

CSA 11 (water) (Pescadero) (CG)
CSA 7 (water) (Sam McDonald) (CG)

South County

City of Menlo Park
West Bay Sanitary District (I)
East Palo Alto Sanitary District (I)
City of East Palo Alto
City of Redwood City
County Service Area No. 8 (CG)
City of San Carlos
Devonshire County Sanitation District (CG)

² I = Independent Special District with locally elected governing board, CG = County-governed special district with Board of Supervisors as governing body, Subsidiary district = district of limited powers in which City council is the ex officio board of directors of the district.

Scenic Heights County Sanitation District (CG)
City of Belmont, Belmont Fire Protection District (Subsidiary)
Mid-Peninsula Water District (I)

Agencies with Service Reviews Remaining to be Completed (20)

CENTRAL COUNTY – Target Completion: November/January

City of San Mateo
County Service Area No. 1 (CG)
Crystal Springs Co. Sanitation District (CG)
Highlands Recreation District (CG)
City of Foster City
Estero Municipal Improvement Dist. (Subsidiary of Foster City)
Town of Hillsborough
City of Burlingame
Burlingame Hills Sewer Maintenance District

NORTH COUNTY – March/May

City of Millbrae
City of San Bruno
City of South San Francisco
Westborough Water District (I)
City of Brisbane
Guadalupe Municipal Improvement District (Subsidiary of City of Brisbane)
Bayshore Sanitary District (I) (portions of Daly City & Brisbane)
City of Daly City
No. San Mateo Co. Sanitation (Subsidiary of City of Daly City)
City of Pacifica
North Coast County Water District (I)

Service reviews consolidate cities with County-governed districts in the City's sphere. The time required to complete reviews has varied depending upon several factors including type of agency under study, unique circumstances such as contractual relationships or operational situations, as well as other LAFCo workload demands.

Of the reviews completed, some positive outcomes include: the Point Montara and Coastsides Fire Protection District service review resulted in consolidation of the Districts, the Skyline County Water District resulted in the District initiating transfer of service to CalWater and dissolution of the District, the Redwood City Municipal Service Review brought to light the potential to transfer Cordilleras Mutual Water Company to the City of Redwood City and most recently the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control service review and sphere update highlighted several improvements in budget practice and resource sharing, many of which were implemented by the District. Staff will be prepared to answer questions concerning ongoing municipal service reviews at your September 19 meeting.