January 14, 2015

To:

**LAFCo Commissioners** 

From:

Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer M. Royatos

Subject:

Applications Received and Not Certified as Complete and Ready for Hearing –

LAFCo File No. 14-14-Annexation of APN 079-103-010 on Vista Verde Way to

West Bay Sanitary District (Information Only)

Government Code Section 56857, regarding applications for annexation to a District if the application is not initiated by the District, stipulates that the Executive Officer shall place the proposal on an agenda for information purposes only and shall transmit a copy of the proposal to any District to which annexation is proposed. This section sets forth that if within 60 days from the LAFCo hearing a subject District submits a resolution opposing the annexation based on either fiscal or service capacity concerns, LAFCo must terminate the application.

Section 56857 is a provision that addresses cases where an applicant applies directly to LAFCo without having consulted with the District. It should be noted that the bulk of District annexations processed by San Mateo LAFCo are to the West Bay Sanitary District (WBSD). Property owners wishing to annex to the District first contact WBSD and WBSD refers applicants to LAFCo. When LAFCo receives a new application, the application is then referred to WBSD for comment. In situations where San Mateo LAFCo receives inquiries about annexation to a district where the property has not been in contact with the District, staff determines whether the property is eligible for annexation and if so, refers the property owner to the subject District to assure the District is consulted prior to a LAFCo application.

In regard to this specific application, annexation requires environmental review prior to certifying that the application is complete. It is estimated that the environmental review will take two months.