

# September 13, 2017

To: LAFCo Commissioners

From: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer

Subject: LAFCo File No. 17-12—Proposed Water Extension by the City of Redwood City to Proposed Single-family Home on Jefferson Avenue (APN 068-185-220) (Unincorporated San Mateo County) Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133 (less than one acre)

## <u>Summary</u>

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56133, Commission approval is required for extension of water or sewer service by local agencies to territory outside an agency's boundaries. This section requires that the public agency apply to LAFCo by resolution on behalf of the landowner. In this case, the City of Redwood City has applied for extension of water service to a proposed single-family home on Jefferson Avenue in Unincorporated Emerald Lake Hills. A water connection is required by the County of San Mateo as a condition of a building permit. The project area is within the sphere of influence of the City of Redwood City and the City's water service area. Commission approval is recommended.

## Staff Report

This proposal was submitted by resolution of the City of Redwood City on behalf of the property owner as a condition of approval for a building permit by the San Mateo County Planning and Building Department. The subject area is within the sphere of influence of the City of Redwood City and the City's water service area as designated by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). However, it is not contiguous to the City boundary and annexation is not feasible at this time. Please see the attached map illustrating the parcel's relationship to the City boundary.

Section 56133 permits extension of water service in anticipation of future annexation. In implementing Section 56133, LAFCo's policy on extension of service outside city or district boundaries recognizes that there may be unique local conditions among individual service providers and unincorporated communities. In urban areas requiring the full range of urban services, LAFCo policies favor annexation, especially of lands proposed for subdivision. The policy states the intention of the Commission to continue to encourage annexation of such areas and consider extension of services outside jurisdictional boundaries only where annexation is not feasible. In instances where an outside service agreement is a condition of

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approval of a subdivision proposed for territory in an unincorporated area, LAFCo shall encourage the County to consult with the City whose sphere contains the subject territory in reviewing the development project.

In the case of the Unincorporated Emerald Lake Hills area, all water service is provided by the City of Redwood City as it is the wholesale purchaser of water from SFPUC for City territory as well as a broader area outside City boundaries. The City indicates the new connection will not have a significant impact on the City's total water allotment. The water extension would serve infill development from an existing water main and is consistent with County General Plan policies that encourage connection to municipal water and sewer in urban areas. The area is in the City's sphere of influence making it eligible for future annexation; however, the parcel in question is not contiguous to the City boundary and therefore not eligible for annexation. Emerald Lake Hills is a substantially developed residential neighborhood in the sphere of influence of the City of Redwood City. Future annexation of Emerald Lake Hills would require a General Plan amendment and prezoning by the City, and considerable collaboration between the City, County, property owners, and residents. Annexation of the parcel as part of a larger annexation is more likely if the parcel is already receiving City water service.

San Mateo County Environmental Health reports that the City of Redwood City is the water provider, the County-governed Emerald Lake Hills Sewer Maintenance District provides sewer service in the area, and the proposal has no adverse environmental health significance. There are no registered voters in the subject territory. The property owner is responsible for connecting to the water main in Jefferson Avenue.

# **California Environmental Quality Act**

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303, Class 3, relating to new construction of up to three single-family homes.

## **Recommendation**

By motion, approve LAFCo File No. 17-12—Proposed Water Extension by the City of Redwood City to Proposed Single-family Home on Jefferson Avenue (APN 068-185-220) (Unincorporated San Mateo County) and direct the Executive Officer to send a letter of approval to the City and the property owner.

Respectfully submitted,

Mardens Regatos

Martha M. Poyatos Executive Officer

Distribution: Javier Sierra, Water Department, City of Redwood City Building Department, County of San Mateo Jack McCarthy, Applicant

# APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION OR REORGANIZATION TO THE SAN MATEO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

## A. <u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>

1. Briefly describe the nature of the proposed change of organization or reorganization.

<u>Extension of water service by the City of Redwood City to a proposed single-family home on</u> <u>APN 068-185-220 on Jefferson, (unincorporated San Mateo County) pursuant to Government</u> <u>Code Section 56133</u>

2. An application for a change of organization or reorganization may be submitted by individuals in the form of a petition <u>or</u> by an affected public agency in the form of a certified resolution. This application is submitted by (check one):

\_\_\_\_Landowners or registered voters, by petition \_\_\_\_\_X An affected public agency, by resolution

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- What are the reasons for the proposal?
  To provide water service to newly constructed single-family residence
- Does this application have 100% consent of landowners in the affected area?
  <u>x</u> Yes No
- 5. Estimated acreage: <u>8042 sq. ft.</u>

## B. <u>SERVICES</u>

1. List the name or names of all existing cities and special districts whose service area or service responsibility would be altered by the proposed change of organization or reorganization.

N/A, proposal requests extension of service and does not propose boundary change

- 9. Does any portion of the subject territory contain any of the following --agricultural preserves, sewer or other service moratorium or wetlands subject to the State Lands Commission jurisdiction? <u>NO</u>
- 10. If no specific development projects are associated with this proposal, will the proposal increase the potential for development of the property? If so, how? <u>As noted above, water service is necessary to serve proposed single-family home.</u>

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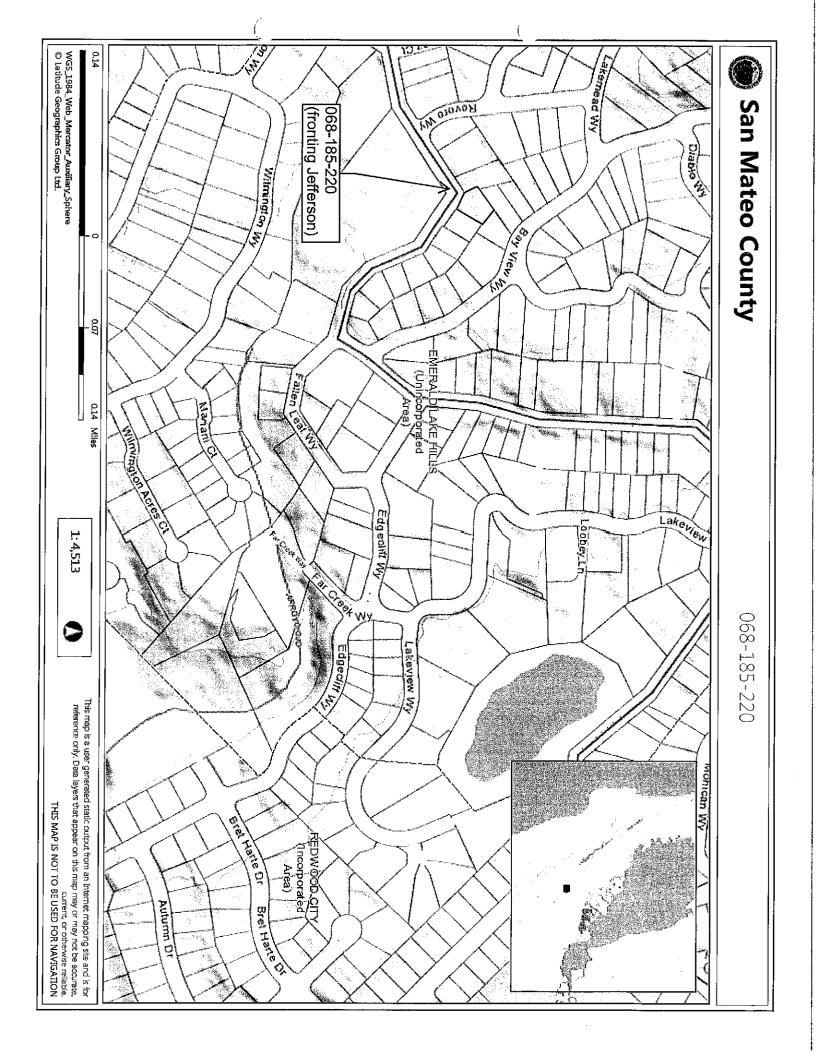
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LAFCo will consider the person signing this application as the proponent of the proposed action(s). Notice and other communications regarding this application (including fee payment) will be directed to the proponent at:

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| NAME: Jack McCarthy<br>ADDRESS: 6257 Blauer | Lane, San Jose, CA 95135       | PHONE: 408.859.2180    |  |
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| ATTN:                                       | By: Jack McCarthy<br>Type name | Signature of Proponent |  |

Must be accompanied by LAFCo fees, submit City resolution when adopted



## **RESOLUTION NO. 15616**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56133

WHEREAS, the property located at 4036 Jefferson Avenue (APN 068-185-220),

(the "Property"), Unincorporated San Mateo County, California is outside the City's jurisdictional boundaries, but inside City's sphere of influence and water service area; and

WHEREAS, The Property is an undeveloped parcel; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is also processing an application for a building permit to construct a new single family residence at 4036 Jefferson Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo's approval of the building permit is conditioned upon the Property owner obtaining a new water connection and service for the proposed residence from the City of Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, the Property owner has requested that the City of Redwood City provide water for the proposed residence; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a 6 inch water main along the frontage of the Property; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt from State CEQA Guidelines. (Section 15303(d) of Guidelines).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, AS FOLLOWS: 1. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and subject to the conditions listed below, directed to submit an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) requesting approval of an extension of the water service outside the City's jurisdictional boundaries and within the City's sphere of influence and water service area to the Property located at 4036 Jefferson Avenue, Unincorporated San Mateo County, California (APN 068-185-220) pursuant to California Government Code Section 56133 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

2. Conditions for application and water service:

- a) LAFCo approval of the application for the proposed water service connections;
- b) Property owner's payment of LAFCo fees;
- c) After approval of the construction drawings by the San Mateo County Building Department and upon application for new water service, property owner's payment of all applicable Redwood City fees, including connection fees associated with providing proposed water services;
- d) Property owner's payment of the city's water service annexation fees;
- e) Property owner's installation, or payment for the city to install, a new water service line;
- f) Property owner shall pay the fees for any construction permit in connection with all above improvements, and shall pay associated costs for plan review and inspections.
- g) The owner of the property shall adhere to all the review comments and conditions of service stated by the city; and

3. The Local Agency Formation Commission of San Mateo County is hereby requested to take proceedings in the manner provided by California Government Code Section 56133.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting thereof held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017 by the following votes:

Council members:

Aguirre, Bain, Borgens, Howard, Masur and Mayor Seybert

NOES: None ABSENT: Gee ABSTAINED: None RECUSED: None

John D. Seybert Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:

Pamela Aguilar *C* City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing

resolution this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

## **CITY OF REDWOOD CITY**

Pamela Aguilar, CMC, City Clerk of the City of Redwood City does hereby certify that the above and forgoing is a full true and correct copy of <u>Reselution 156(6</u> In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said City this <u>day of Sept.</u> 20

John D. Seybert Mayor of the City of Redwood City

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