

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**  
SAN BENITO COUNTY

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**Report on Future Agenda Items**

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive this report and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

As we begin the new calendar a year, and with a change in Commission membership, I am reporting on the following items we plan to pursue during the coming months.

Directory of Local Agencies

We have compiled a Directory of Local Agencies that is intended to serve as a guide to the local agencies in the County. It lists the cities and special districts within the Commission's jurisdiction and presents basic information about each, such what services they provide, how they are governed and where they are located.

Still missing are acceptable display maps for each agency and, assisted on funding in the adopted budget for the current fiscal year, we are working with the County Surveyor staff to secure such maps

Commissioner Handbook

It continues to be our intent to create a document with various Commission policies and other relevant information. This is coming along more slowly than we anticipated but it continues to receive our attention. We hope to have a Commissioner Handbook available for approval by the Commission within the next six months.

### Spheres of Influence Updates

In the past year the Commission has conducted hearings, updated and brought current the spheres of influence for the following local agencies:

- Aromas Water District
- Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District
- San Benito County Water District.
- San Benito Healthcare District
- San Benito Resource Conservation District
- Sunnyslope County Water District

The following additional agencies are included in our program to update spheres; it is anticipated these can be achieved in 2015:

- City of Hollister

We have been working with the City staff and understand a sphere of influence request will be forthcoming in the near future.

- City of San Juan Bautista

The City is in the process of updating its General Plan; we have received a Notice of Preparation of the Draft EIR for the General Plan Update. We will recommend a sphere of influence update following adoption of the updated General Plan.

- County Service Areas

There are 31 active and seven “inactive” County Service Areas in San Benito County, which are special districts governed by the Board of Supervisors..

We are working with the County Public Works staff to gain a better understanding of what services each CSA provides and where they are located. We hope to have this information available and the spheres updated prior to the end of the year.

- San Juan Bautista Cemetery District

We hope to have this report completed in the next few months.

- Tres Pinos County Water District

We have met with Director Rod Hughes and General Manager Ray Creech and hope to receive a completed sphere of influence questionnaire from this District so we can recommend a sphere update.

Inventory of Mutual Water Companies

Section 14301.1 was added to the Corporations Code two years ago requiring each mutual water company that operates a public water system to submit to LAFCO a map depicting the approximate boundaries of the area the mutual water company serves.

We have worked with the California Association of Mutual Water Companies and the County Environmental Health Department to compile a directory of mutual water companies. There appear to be 15 mutuals in the County; we have received data from five of these private purveyors and expect to receive responses from the rest.

Additional Responsibilities

Other responsibilities, including processing boundary change applications as they are received, may present themselves of which we are not presently aware and it may become necessary to adjust the work plan based on unforeseen events, but all of the activities listed above seem to be timely and relevant.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer