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**Designate Monterey LAFCO to Process Annexations to the
Aromas Water District within Monterey County**

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission designate Monterey LAFCO to process annexations to the Aromas Water District within Monterey County

DISCUSSION

Annexations to the Aromas Water District in Monterey County

Some special districts transect county boundaries, with portions of the district being located in two counties. Such is the case with the Aromas Water District.

The statute allows the San Benito LAFCO to authorize the Monterey LAFCO to process annexations to the Aromas Water District of property that is located in Monterey County and to serve as the conducting authority for such annexations.

This has been done in the past and it is recommended that a general rule be adopted designating the Monterey LAFCO to process annexations to the Aromas Water District of territory within Monterey County.

Statutory Framework

Government Code Section 56066 defines the "principal county" as the county having the greater portion of the assessed value, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll, of all taxable property within a special district for which a change of organization is proposed. San Benito County is the principal county for the Aromas Water District.

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Section 56124 states if a proposed change of organization applies to two affected counties exclusive jurisdiction may be vested in the commission other than the principal county if the following occur:

- The commission of the principal county designates the affected county which shall assume exclusive jurisdiction
- The commission of the affected county so designated agrees to assume exclusive jurisdiction.

With an earlier annexation to the Aromas Water District, the Commission authorized the Monterey LAFCO to serve as the conducting authority to process the annexations. It is recommended that this delegation be a standard procedure for similar annexations.

We have discussed this matter with Aromas Water District and Monterey LAFCO staffs and they are in concurrence with this recommendation.

Please contact the LAFCO office should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Braitman", followed by a horizontal line.

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer

cc: Vicki Morris, General Manager, Aromas Water District
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