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AGENDA ITEM #5B

DATE: December 14, 2022

TO: LAFCO Commissioners

FROM:  Dave Braun, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: LAFCO Work Program 2022-2023 – Municipal Service Review Updates

PROPOSAL

Staff is proposing to the Commission a work program for recommended Municipal Service Review updates.

BACKGROUND

The Spheres of Influence for all special districts and cities are required to be reviewed, if necessary, every five years (Government Code §56425). If it is deemed by the local LAFCO that an update to the Sphere of Influence is required, a Municipal Service Review (MSR) must be prepared, reviewed, and adopted by the Commission prior to any significant revision to a Sphere of Influence for a city or special district.

Generally, municipal service reviews consist of a comparison of the adequacy of services being offered by agencies, and a recommendation as to which agencies, or reorganization of which agencies, could best provide the required municipal services. The scope and depth of these reviews are suggested by State Guidelines.

The work program for FY 2022-2023, which is attached, indicates that at least one MSR has now been conducted on all the special districts in the County, with the exception of five County Service Areas (CSA): three of these (CSA 7, 9, and 13) only provide for road maintenance and two (CSA 5 and 14) provide other services but are quite small in area.

During 2022 MSRs were completed on the Madera and Chowchilla Cemetery Districts, the Madera County Mosquito and Vector Control District, the Chowchilla Memorial Healthcare District, and the Bass Lake/North Fork Area. The approval of the Bass Lake/North Fork MSR signified the completion of the first round of MSRs for all the special districts in the County, with the exception of the few small CSAs noted above. The second round of MSRs began

with the completion of the MSR for the Cemetery Districts and the Chowchilla Memorial Healthcare District and Madera County Mosquito and Vector Control District MSR.

The Commission adopted a policy in December 2018 regarding future MSRs that the Commission would determine which Districts/Cities to evaluate based on either the length of time since the last review and/or changes/issues that have arisen within a given District/City that would warrant an MSR.

Based on this policy, staff recommends that an MSR be conducted on the nine water/irrigation districts in the County. A comprehensive MSR of all the water districts was last conducted in 2008. Recently there have been many water related issues in Madera County and the State of California has passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) which placed a heightened awareness on the preservation of groundwater resources. Therefore, it seems appropriate to conduct an MSR on these districts.

LAFCO has budgeted \$35,000 in the 2022-2023 FY budget for consultant services for the preparation of Municipal Service Reviews. Staff believes that the budgeted amount should cover the cost of the recommended MSR.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission direct staff to conduct a Municipal Service Review on the nine water/irrigation Districts in Madera County:

- Madera Irrigation District
- Chowchilla Water District
- Gravelly Ford Water District
- Aliso Water District
- Root Creek Water District
- Clayton Water District
- Triangle T Water District
- New Stone Water District
- Madera Water District

Attachment:
Exhibit A - Proposed Work Program

Municipal Services Review - Work Program FY 2022-23

City or District Name	Type	Functions	District Formation	SOI Reviewed or Updated	Next Scheduled Review
City of Madera	City	City	n/a	2018	2023
City of Chowchilla	City	City	n/a	2012	2017
Madera Irrigation District	Irrigation District	Water	1920	2020	2025
Gravelly Ford Water District	California Water District	Water	1962	2019	2024
Chowchilla Water District	California Water District	Water	1949	2008	2013
Aliso Water District	California Water District	Water	1978	2008	2013
Root Creek Water District (Rio Mesa)	California Water District	Water	1996	2018	2023
Clayton Water District	California Water District	Water	1980	2019	2024
New Stone Water District	California Water District	Water	1983	2008	2013
Madera Water District	California Water District	Water	1987	2008	2013
Triangle T Water District	California Water District	Water	2017	2017	2022
Sierra Foothill Utility District (Rio Mesa)	Public Utility District	Parks and Recreation	1998	2010	2015
Madera County Mosquito Abatement and Vector Control District	Special District	Mosquito and Vector Abatement	1947	2022	2027
Chowchilla Memorial Healthcare District	Special District	Healthcare	1957	2022	2027
Madera Cemetery District	Cemetery District	Cemetery	1944	2022	2027
Chowchilla Cemetery District	Cemetery District	Cemetery	1944	2022	2027
CSA-01 Indian lakes Estates (Coarsegold)	CSA	Roads & Water	1966	2017	2022
CSA-02 Bass Lake	CSA	Roads, Sewer, & Water	1975	2022	2027
CSA-03 Parksdale Madera	CSA	Sewer, Roads, Lighting, & Water	1972	2018	2023
CSA-05 Eastside Acres/Village Estates	CSA	Roads & Sewer	1962		
CSA-06 Still Meadow Ranch (Oakhurst)	CSA	Roads	1980	2012	2017
CSA-07 Thornberry Knowles (Oakhurst/Coarsegold)	CSA	Roads	1980		
CSA-08 Pierce Lakes Estates (Oakhurst)	CSA	Roads	1984	2012	2017
CSA-09 Hawkins Valley (Oakhurst/Coarsegold)	CSA	Roads	1981		
CSA-10 Spinelli Road (Coarsegold)	CSA	Roads	1982	2017	2022
CSA-12 West Oak Boulder Creek (Oakhurst)	CSA	Roads	1983	2012	2017
CSA-13 Fresno River Estates/Griffin (Ahwahnee)	CSA	Roads	1989		
CSA-14-Chukchansi	CSA	Sewer, Lighting, & Water	1983		
CSA-15 Teatord (Bass Lake/North Fork)	CSA	Roads	1984	2022	2027
CSA-16 Sumner Hill (Rio Mesa)	CSA	Roads, Sewer, & Water	1984	2010	2015
CSA-18 Ponderosa Knolls (Oakhurst)	CSA	Roads	1987	2012	2017
CSA-19 Rolling Hills (Rio Mesa)	CSA	Roads, Sewer, & Water	1984	2010	2015
CSA-20 Yosemite Pines Estates (Oakhurst)	CSA	Roads	1984	2012	2017
CSA-21 Cascadell Woods (North Fork)	CSA	Roads & Park	1984	2009	2014
CSA-22 Table Mountain (Rio Mesa)	CSA	All services allowed by statute	1992	2010	2015
Coarsegold Resource Conservation District	Conservation District	Resource Conservation	1966	2016	2021
Columbia Resource Conservation District	Conservation District	Resource Conservation	1958	2016	2021
Madera-Chowchilla Resource Conservation District	Conservation District	Resource Conservation	2019	2016	2021