

## Agenda Item No. 9

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**From:** Lichti, Betsy@Waterboards <Betsy.Lichti@waterboards.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:34 PM  
**To:** Fey, David  
**Subject:** RE: Progress Report on the Lanare Community Service District

David – on page 3 of the report, it mentions the need for the LCSD Board to hire a competent and responsible general manager. What would that individual be managing, and how would LCSD pay them? LCSD has no control of their water system, and we are not giving it back to them just because they may seat a full board.

Also, with regard to the Effect of Water System Consolidation Bill....we will not be using this bill to force any consolidation between Lanare and Riverdale PUD. Lanare has a new well solution that is being funded by the SWRCB. The final paragraph is also misleading, in that we will likely be pursuing other options for ownership of the Lanare water system if the LCSD board is unable to demonstrate TMF. Dissolution of the CSD and formation of a CSA, which is County owned and operated, would be a more likely solution, or we will find a privately owned corporation interested in ownership of the Lanare water system.

Wish I could attend the board meeting, but I am out of town on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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**From:** Fey, David [<mailto:dfey@co.fresno.ca.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** Progress Report on the Lanare Community Service District

Good afternoon,

I have posted a progress report on the Lanare Community Service District to the LAFCo website at [www.fresnolafco.org](http://www.fresnolafco.org), "Hearings and Workshops," August 12 as Item 9.

This is a presentation with no requested action by the Commission. I understand that since this report was distributed to the Commission there has been some progress on finding a board member to constitute a quorum, which is good.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Sue Ruiz <SueR@selfhelpenterprises.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Fey, David  
**Cc:** Paul Boyer  
**Subject:** RE: Progress Report on the Lanare Community Service District

Hello Dave

Thank you for notifying SHE of the Lanare CSD Lafco Update as per the email below.

I have read the report. As a result, SHE would like to communicate to the Fresno Lafco, and others, of the ability for SHE to assist the LCSD in the following ways, contingent upon funding to do so:

**Build Board Capacity:** In the event a full Service District Board becomes active, SHE currently has funding and staff to assist the Board in the process of securing a General Manager and developing other TMF capacity. Partnering with RCAC, SHE is currently in the beginning stages of developing a Board Leadership/Capacity Building workshop that will take place over a period of months beginning early 2016 and can, potentially, provide ongoing support for Board development in Lanare. If a Board becomes active, the LCSD will be invited and encouraged to participate in this workshop.

**Water System:** Pending funding to do so, SHE can assist an active LCSD in developing capacity to run their Water System including the pursuit of funding sources specific to the improvement of their PWS.

**Waste Water System:** SHE currently has funding available to assist an active LCSD to pursue the feasibility of installing and maintaining a public waste water system to replace the current dilapidating individual septic tanks.

Unfortunately, SHE does not have funding to provide staff to pursue the appointment of Board members from the community. However, if and when the time comes that the CSD becomes active, SHE is ready and more than willing to assist.

Thank you. We look forward to supporting the people of Lanare.

Sue

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**From:** Veronica Garibay <vgaribay@leadershipcounsel.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 7:44 PM  
**To:** Fey, David; Phoebe Seaton; Leticia Corona  
**Subject:** Lanare

Hi David,

Thanks for sending the report over. We look forward to working with Lanare residents and all stakeholders to identify best solutions for the community. As you know, we think a sphere of influence update is critical and necessary to include those homes already served by the District.

I would like to clarify a statement in the report. I'm not sure if you are referring to Leadership Counsel in your reference to non profit activists motivating and soliciting candidates but want to be clear that Leadership Counsel does not solicit candidates for the LCSD board. Rather, we work with Community United in Lanare to educate the community on the role and processes related to services provided by their special district.

Thanks so much. See you on tomorrow!

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