

FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 7

DATE: June 3, 2015

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: David E. Fey, AICP, Executive Officer 

SUBJECT: Consider Continuation: Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update Prepared for the Raisin City Water District

RECOMMENDATION: Continue hearing to October 14, 2015

Background

On June 3, 2014, Fresno LAFCo staff began the Municipal Service Review process by sending notice to the Raisin City Water District ("District") of its scheduled MSR Update. The District was provided with a copy of the 2007 MSR and was asked to provide necessary information in order for LAFCo to update the agency's MSR. Per LAFCo policy 107-04, the District is a 'level 3' local agency that provides non-municipal services. MSRs for these agencies may be less detailed than Level 2 MSRs and may only include those factors in GC §56430 that apply to the special districts.

Discussion

On April 20, 2015, Fresno LAFCo concluded its assessment of the District and published the Draft MSR (DMSR) on the LAFCo website for a 21-day public review beginning on April 21, 2015 through May 11, 2015. The DMSR recommended dissolution of the District based on determinations of several issues with the District's operation. Since the DMSR's publication, members of the District Board, District legal counsel, and members of the public have submitted formal response letters to Fresno LAFCo regarding the DMSR.

The District and its legal counsel have informed staff that the operational issues identified in the DMSR are being addressed through current corrective measures but additional time is requested to fully address the issues raised in the DMSR prior to its consideration by the Commission.

Staff recommends that the Commission continue the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update for the District to October 14, 2015, in order to provide time for the District to work with LAFCo staff on a revision of the DMSR.