

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**Tranquillity Resource Conservation District**  
**Sphere of Influence Update Determinations**  
**(LAFCo USOI No. 194)**

In determining the sphere of influence of each local agency, the commission shall consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following categories pursuant to Government Code Section 56425 (e). (LAFCO Policy Section 330)

- 1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agriculture and open space.**
  - The Fresno County General Plan designates majority of the land within the Tranquillity RCD for agricultural use. The City of Mendota's General Plan designates urban land uses for the portions of land within the District and Mendota SOI. Most of the land in the District is identified under active agricultural contracts. The District's service area includes portions of City of Mendota, the Mendota Wildlife Management Area, and the community of Tranquillity. There is no proposed change to the present or planned land uses in the affected area.
  
- 2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.**
  - The District is working with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, MAGSA, and the California Department of Conservation to establish its capacity to provide services to its constituents.
  
  - The District does not own or operate any public facilities, capital infrastructure, or equipment necessary to provide a direct service to its continuance.
  
  - On June 8, 2020, the District adopted its five-year Long-Range Plan for years 2020 through 2025. The District's long-range plan identifies six goals and 27 objectives that sets a vision for the District's annual work plan and budget. The District annually reviews its adopted long-range plan goals and makes necessary updates, if needed.
  
- 3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.**
  - The District operates in accordance with Public Resources Code Division 9, Resource Conservation District Law. The District does not own or operate any public facilities, capital infrastructure, or equipment necessary to provide a direct service to its continuance.
  
  - The District Manager informed LAFCo that state grant funding and contributions are expected to fund its service capacities and majority of its programs.
  
- 4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.**
  - There are no other relevant social or economic communities of interest in the District's service area or proposed SOI update.

5. For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.
  - The District does not provide public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection.
  - Table one of the Tranquillity RCD MSR update identifies and characterizes three locations that meet LAFCo's DUC definition: Tranquillity, Perrin Colony, and Raisin City.

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**Firebaugh Resource Conservation District**  
**Sphere of Influence Update Determinations**  
**(LAFCo USOI No. 201)**

In determining the sphere of influence of each local agency, the commission shall consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following categories pursuant to Government Code Section 56425 (e). (LAFCO Policy Section 330)

- 1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agriculture and open space.**
  - The Fresno County General Plan designates majority of the land within the Firebaugh RCD for agricultural use. Likewise, the Merced County General Plan designates the land within the District for agricultural use.
  - The General Plans for the cities of Firebaugh and Mendota designate urban land uses for the portions of land within the District.
  - Most of the land in the District is identified under active agricultural contracts. There is no proposed change to the present or planned land uses in the affected area.
  
- 2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.**
  - The District does not own or operate any public facilities, capital infrastructure, or equipment necessary to provide a direct service to its continuance.
  - The District Manager has volunteered his time to reactivate the District. The District Manager has been able to reinstate a new District board quorum, develop new partnerships, and has assisted the District to adopt its 2021 mission statement.
  - The District board is focused on securing grant funding to reinstate District programs that promote the conservation of soil and water resources, funds technical assistance, and provide education programs to local growers.
  - The District's mission statement reads as follows: *"Together, we engage in outreach, education, technical assistance, promotion of cost-share and grant opportunities to: Demonstrate water conservation best management practices, Promote and implement water quality improvement projects, Support storm water pollution prevention strategies."*
  - The District intends to facilitate a series of on-site training courses provided by the Irrigation Training and Research Center at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and/or by the Natural Resources Conservation Services, United States Department of Agriculture.
  - The District is working with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts to increase its effectiveness to provide better assistance to its constituents.

- 3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.**
  - The District operates in accordance with Public Resources Code Division 9, Resource Conservation District Law. The District does not own or operate any public facilities, capital infrastructure, or equipment necessary to provide a direct service to its continuance.
  - The District Manager informed LAFCo that state grant funding and contributions are expected to fund its service capacities and majority of its programs.
- 4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.**
  - There are no relevant social or economic communities of interest in the District's service area.
- 5. For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.**
  - The District does not provide public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection.

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**James Resource Conservation District**  
**Sphere of Influence Update Determinations**  
**(LAFCo USOI No. 202)**

In determining the sphere of influence of each local agency, the commission shall consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following categories pursuant to Government Code Section 56425 (e). (LAFCO Policy Section 330)

- 1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agriculture and open space.**
  - The Fresno County General Plan designates majority of the land within the James RCD for agricultural use. The City of San Joaquin's General Plan designates urban land uses for the incorporated land also within the James RCD.
  - The District's service area contains approximately 26,263 acres. Most of the land in the District is identified under active agricultural contracts; therefore, no substantial growth in population is anticipated in the District's boundaries. There is no proposed change to the present or planned land uses in the affected area.
  - The City of San Joaquin may experience limited growth over the next 20 to 25 years; however, the James RCD does not anticipate it will affect its service provisions
- 2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.**
  - The District does not own or operate any public facilities, capital infrastructure, or equipment necessary to provide a direct service to its continuance.
  - The District is committed to reinstate conservation programs such as: to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to growers, landowners, and land managers to voluntarily prevent soil erosion, irrigation management, and to protect agricultural water supplies within the District.
  - The District is working with James Irrigation District, California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, and California Department of Conservation to increase its effectiveness to provide better assistance to its constituents.
- 3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.**
  - The District operates in accordance with Public Resources Code Division 9, Resource Conservation District Law. Among many services, the District's principal act empowers RCDs to conduct surveys, investigations, research items relating to the conservation of resources, the preventative, the control measures, and works for improvement when needed, and to publish the results of such surveys and disseminate the information.
  - The James Irrigation District lends office space to the James RCD to provide a workplace for the District Manager and a conference room for the James RCD to convene its board meetings.

- The District is working to develop new partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies that may facilitate future grant funding opportunities for the District.
4. **The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.**
    - There are no relevant social or economic communities of interest in the District's service area.
  5. **For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.**
    - The District does not provide public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection.

**ATTACHMENT D**  
**Panoche Resource Conservation District**  
**Sphere of Influence Update Determinations**  
**(LAFCo USOI No. 203)**

In determining the sphere of influence of each local agency, the commission shall consider and prepare written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following categories pursuant to Government Code Section 56425 (e). (LAFCO Policy Section 330)

- 1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agriculture and open space.**
  - The Panoche RCD service area encompasses only unincorporated land in Fresno and Merced Counties. The Fresno County General Plan designates majority of the land within the District for agricultural use. Likewise, the Merced County General Plan designates the land within the District for agricultural use; and, Foothill Pasture for the portions of the District west of I-5.
  - Most of the land in the District is identified under active agricultural contracts. There are no proposed changes to the present or planned land uses in the affected area.
  
- 2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.**
  - According to the District, the District does not own or operate any public facilities, capital infrastructure, or equipment necessary to provide a direct service to its continuance. The District's 1998 and 2013 Audits state that the District owns various drainage outlets that may present a future opportunity for shared facilities with other agencies.
  - On January 12, 2021, the District board took action to authorize a 2021 service agreement between the District and Panoche Water District for minimal administrative and operation services to be provided by Panoche Water District.
  - District Manager is working with the board to research whether there is a local service need that the District (RCD) can assist with that does not duplicate services with PWD or Panoche Drainage District.
  
- 3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.**
  - The District operates in accordance with Public Resources Code Division 9, Resource Conservation District Law.
  - The District was formed in 1957 pursuant to Public Resources Code Division 9, Resource Conservation District Law to provide services related to soil and water conservation within the District. The District has not provided conservation services or programs in over a decade.
  - The District board plan to assess whether the District can maintain the status quo – inactive, establish a work plan, potentially pursue a government reorganization (consolidation with another RCD), or consider a possible dissolution of the District

- Without a reliable stream of revenue, the District will need to network and retain memberships with organizations that can assist the District track potential grant opportunities for RCDs.
4. **The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.**
    - There are no relevant social or economic communities of interest in the District's service area.
  5. **For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.**
    - The District does not provide public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection.