

Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Subdivision of the State of California

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Agenda Item 8a (Discussion)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

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MEETING DATE: October 7, 2019

SUBJECT: Consultant Update on Countywide Water and Wastewater Municipal

Service Review

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2018, the Commission entered into a contract with Policy Consulting Associates (PCA) for professional services to prepare the scheduled Countywide Water and Wastewater Municipal Service Review (MSR). As part of the contract, Richard Berkson Associates will prepare the financial portion of the MSR. Further, West Yost Associates has been retained to provide engineering-related services, including fact checking and peer review.

PCA developed a project-specific website to provide opportunities for ongoing interaction with the subject agencies and members of the general public. The website is available to the public online at https://sites.google.com/pcateam.com/napamsr/home.

SUMMARY

This report is for discussion purposes. As part of this item, the Commission will receive a verbal update on the Countywide Water and Wastewater MSR from Ms. Jennifer Stephenson, representing PCA. The update will involve an overview of potential determinations and recommendations that may be included in the MSR with respect to governance structure options and service provision. The Commission is invited to discuss, provide feedback to staff and PCA, and/or request additional information.

It is important to note the draft MSR was originally expected to be circulated to the public in November 2019 and discussed at the Commission's meeting on December 2, 2019. However, due to challenges related to information gathering for some of the subject agencies paired with a delay in the initiation of the multi-jurisdictional Drought Contingency Plan, it is now anticipated a draft MSR will be circulated to the public in January 2020 and presented at the Commission's meeting on February 3, 2020. Toward this end, it is recommended the Commission consider scheduling a special meeting in March 2020 to discuss the draft MSR in detail and receive public comments.

ATTACHMENTS

None