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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Current and Future Proposals

The Commission will receive a report summarizing current and future proposals. The report is being presented for information. No new

proposals have been submitted since the April 2, 2012 meeting.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 delegates Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) with regulatory and planning duties to coordinate the logical formation and development of local governmental agencies. This includes approving or disapproving proposals involving the formation, expansion, merger, and dissolution of cities and special districts.

A. Information

There are currently two active proposals on file with LAFCO of Napa County ("Commission"). A summary of these active proposals follows.

Formation of the Villa Berryessa Water District

This application has been submitted by Miller-Sorg Group, Inc. The applicant proposes the formation of a new special district under the California Water District Act. The purpose in forming the new special district is to provide public water and sewer services to a planned 100-lot subdivision located along the western shoreline of Lake Berryessa. A tentative subdivision map for the underlying project has already been approved by the County. The County has conditioned recording the final map on the applicants receiving written approval from the United States Bureau of Reclamation to construct an access road and intake across federal lands to receive water supplies from Lake Berryessa. Based on their own review of the project, the Bureau is requesting a governmental agency accept responsibility for the construction and perpetual operation of the water and sewer systems serving the subdivision.

Status: Staff is currently awaiting a response to an earlier request for additional information from the applicant.

Councilmember, City of Napa

Silverado Trail/Zinfandel Lane Annexation to the City of St. Helena

The City of St. Helena proposes the annexation of approximately 100 acres of unincorporated territory located northwest of the intersection of Silverado Trail and Zinfandel Lane. The affected territory consists of one entire parcel and a portion of a second parcel, which are both owned and used by St. Helena to discharge treated wastewater from an adjacent treatment plant through a spray irrigation system. Both subject parcels are located outside the City's sphere of influence. Rather than request concurrent amendment, St. Helena is proposing only the annexation of a portion of the second parcel to ensure the affected territory is non-contiguous to its incorporated boundary and therefore eligible for annexation under Government Code Section 56742. This statute permits a city to annex non-contiguous land it owns and uses for municipal purposes without consistency with its sphere of influence. However, if sold, the statute requires the land be automatically detached. The two subject parcels are identified by the County Assessor as 030-240-017 (portion) and 030-250-018.

Status: Staff has completed its review of the proposal. St. Helena has filed a request with the Commission to delay consideration of the proposal in order to explore a separate agreement with the County to extend the current Williamson Act contract associated with the affected territory.

There are four potential new proposals that may be submitted to the Commission in the near future. A summary of these anticipated proposals follows.

Wilkins Avenue Annexation to the City of Napa

A representative for the landowner of a 0.77 acre unincorporated property has inquired about re-initiating annexation. This property was conditionally approved for annexation by the Commission on February 2, 2009. Staff on several occasions attempted to contact the landowner to request the outstanding conditions be fulfilled. The conditions, however, were never satisfied and annexation proceedings were formally abandoned on April 5, 2010. Staff is working with the landowner's representative and the City to discuss resuming annexation proceedings. This includes preparing a new application in consultation with the City.

Easum Drive Annexation to the City of Napa

An interested landowner within a completely surrounded unincorporated island located near Easum Drive in the City of Napa has inquired about annexation. The landowner owns and operates a bed and breakfast and is interested in annexation in response to an informational mailer issued by LAFCO last year outlining the cost benefits to annexation. Subsequent follow up indicates one of the other two landowners within the island is also agreeable to annexation if there is no financial obligation. Staff is working with the City on their interest/willingness to reduce or waive their fees associated with adopting a resolution of application.

Imola Avenue/Tejas Drive Annexation to the City of Napa

An interested landowner within a substantially surrounded unincorporated island located near the intersection of Imola Avenue and Tejas Avenue in the City of Napa has inquired about annexation. The interested landowner owns an approximate 1.5 acre undeveloped lot and is interested in ultimately pursuing a development project, although no specific plans exist at this time. Staff recently mailed out a survey to the 19 adjacent properties within the affected island to gauge interest in potentially expanding the annexation proposal to either further reduce or outright eliminate the entire island area. The majority of responses from landowners and residents to the east of Tejas Avenue indicate general opposition to annexation. Landowners and residents to the west of Tejas Avenue responded more affirmatively to a potential annexation proposal involving their properties. Staff subsequently met with the interested landowner again to discuss options regarding potential annexation of variously sized portions of the island.

Formation of a Community Services District at Capell Valley

An interested landowner has inquired about the formation of a new special district for purposes of assuming water responsibilities from an existing private water company. The affected area includes the 58-space mobile home park adjacent to Moskowite Corners as well as two adjacent parcels that are zoned for affordable housing by the County. Staff has been working with the landowner in evaluating governance options as well as other related considerations under LAFCO law. This includes presenting at a community meeting earlier this year. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 residents and provided staff the opportunity to explain options and processes available to residents with respect to forming a special district as well as to answer questions. Commissioner Dodd was also in attendance.

B. Commission Review

This item has been agendized as part of the consent calendar for information only. Accordingly, if interested, the Commission is invited to pull this item for additional discussion with the concurrence of the Chair.

Attachments: none