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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Amendment to Adopted Fee Schedule (Consent)**
The Commission will consider amendments to its adopted fee schedule to reflect new filing charges for the California Department of Fish and Game and the County of Napa Assessor's Office for lead agencies under the California Environmental Quality Act. The Commission will also consider an amendment to redirect an existing applicant fee involving the editing of the County/LAFCO Geographic Information System.

California Government Code §56383 authorizes the Commission to establish a schedule of fees for the costs of carrying out its prescribed regulatory and planning responsibilities. In January, staff was notified by the County of Napa Assessor's Office that certain filing fees have been increased for lead agencies under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a result of Senate Bill 1535. The County Assessor's Office has also increased its own filing fee to record a notice of determination. A summary of these new filing fees are summarized below:

Filing	Old Fee	New Fee
Negative Declaration	$1,250	$1,800
Environmental Impact Report	$850	$2,500
County of Napa Clerk Processing Fee	$35	$50

In addition to amending the adopted fee schedule to address the new filing fees for lead agencies under CEQA, staff recommends that the Commission redirect an existing applicant fee involving the County/LAFCO Geographic Information System (GIS). Currently, applicants processing an annexation with LAFCO are required to pay $125 to the County to edit the GIS data files that LAFCO originally constructed for cities and special districts through an outside consultant in 2001. This arrangement was established because LAFCO staff was not trained in editing GIS data files. However, staff has subsequently completed a number of training courses and is now capable of assuming these responsibilities. In assuming this additional work, the adopted fee schedule should be amended to redirect the $125 fee for performing GIS edits to LAFCO.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission take the following action:

1) Approve the attached draft amendment to its adopted fee schedule along with any other related and desired changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Officer

Attachment:

1) Draft Amendment to the Adopted Fee Schedule