



**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
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**Agenda Item No. 7c**

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**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** *Comprehensive Study of the Napa County Resource Conservation District (Action)*

The Commission will receive two reports as part of its municipal service review and sphere of influence review for the Napa County Resource Conservation District. The Commission will consider resolutions adopting the determinations and statements included in both reports pursuant to California Government Codes §56340 and §56425.

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In 2001, California Government Code was amended as part of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to require Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to review and update, as necessary, each local agency's sphere of influence every five years. This legislation also requires that LAFCOs conduct municipal service reviews in conjunction with the sphere reviews of local agencies to determine the adequacy of the governmental services that are being provided in the region. The collective purpose of these reviews is to inform and guide LAFCOs in their legislative mandate to plan and coordinate the orderly development of local agencies in a manner that provides for the present and future needs of the community.

**Discussion**

In May 2006, LAFCO of Napa County initiated its *Comprehensive Study of the Napa County Resource Conservation District*. The initial phase of the study was prepared by P&D Consultants and consisted of a municipal service review report evaluating the development, organization, and services of the District. Following a public review period, a final report was presented to the Commission at its December 4, 2006 meeting to receive and file.

Drawing from the report by P&D Consultants, staff has prepared the final two phases of the study, which include the development of written determinations and the sphere review of the District. Both phases are provided as separate attachments and include statements that address the service and planning factors the Commission is required to consider as part of its service review and sphere review mandates under California Government Codes §56430 and §56425, respectively. Draft resolutions adopting these

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statements are attached and offered for the Commission's consideration and approval. The adoption of these resolutions would complete the study and fulfill the Commission's service review and sphere review requirement for the District.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended for the Commission to take the following actions:

1. Receive and file the attached staff reports that have prepared as part of the *Comprehensive Study of the Napa Resource Conservation District*; and
2. Approve the form for the attached resolution with any desired changes that make statements with respect to the Napa County Resource Conservation District pursuant to California Government Code §56430, and
3. Approve the form for the attached resolution with any desire changes that make statements with respect to affirming the sphere of influence for the Napa County Resource Conservation District pursuant to California Government Code §56425; and
4. Direct staff to work with the Napa County Resource Conservation District and other affected agencies to determine if the extension of the District's sphere is warranted to promote and enhance regional conservation services.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Attachments:

- 1) *Comprehensive Study of the Napa County Resource Conservation District* - Supplement Report: Final Written Determinations
- 2) *Comprehensive Study of the Napa County Resource Conservation District* - Sphere of Influence Review: Final Report
- 3) *Comprehensive Study of the Napa County Resource Conservation District* – Draft Resolution (MSR)
- 4) *Comprehensive Study of the Napa County Resource Conservation District* – Draft Resolution (SOI)