DATE: June 5, 2012

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District 5

SUBJECT: Report of Delegate to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report relating to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting of April 4, 2012 (Kniss)

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Commission approved the inclusion of the unincorporated island of Cambrian #36 and the Central Park neighborhood within the City of Campbell’s Urban Service Area and Sphere of Influence, conditioned on its annexation by Campbell in 2012.

The Commission approved the proposed Service Review Work Plan and directed staff to prepare a draft RFP for consultants to conduct the Special Districts Service Review and distribute to affected agencies for their review and comment.

At the February 2012 LAFCO meeting, LAFCO had directed staff to prioritize the service review for the South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District. Staff proposed that the Special
Districts Service Review be conducted in two phases. The first phase will include seven districts and will begin in July 2012 and be completed by February 2013. Those districts are South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District, Saratoga Cemetery District, Rancho Rinconada Recreation and Park District, County Lighting Services Area, County Library Services Area, Santa Clara County Vector Control District, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

The second phase of the service review will include the remaining 9 districts (all of the districts that provide sewer services and the two open space districts) and will begin in December 2012 and be completed by August 2013. Those districts are: Burbank Sanitary District, County Sanitation District No. 2-3, Cupertino Sanitary District, West Valley Sanitation District, West Bay Sanitary District, Lake Canyon Community Services District, Lion’s Gate Community Services District, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

The Commission held a public hearing and adopted the FY 2013 LAFCO Budget. The net Budget is 563,000, a 5% reduction from last year. The LAFCO budget is split 50% by County, 25% by San Jose and 25% by remaining cities. $25,000 is recovered from application fees. It is projected that there will be a savings of about $173,047 at the end of this Fiscal Year. This savings amount will largely be due to having a larger fund balance than anticipated from the previous fiscal year. The estimated savings of $173,047 at the end of the current fiscal year 2012 will be carried over to reduce the proposed FY 2013 costs for the cities and the County.

The Commission received a report on agency responses to its 2011 Countywide Water Service Review Report. All of the agencies except the City of Morgan Hill have responded.

The Commission authorized issuance of an RFP and delegated to staff the hiring of a contractor for up to $17,000 to redesign LAFCO web site. LAFCO’s current web site is 12 years old. The redesigned LAFCO web site will feature a profile page for each special district containing information such as the date of district formation, district area, enabling legislation, authorized services, current services, selection of board members, number of board members, board members terms of office, district funding sources, annual revenues, special taxes and assessments, district reserves, staffing and employees, meeting schedule, meeting location, office location, contact information. In addition, links to a map of the district boundaries, to the service reports discussing the district and to a status of districts’ implementation of the recommendations in the service review report will be included on the web site.
The Commission accepted the Executive Director’s Report, which highlighted: the El Camino Hospital District Review, the LAFCO Strategic Planning Workshop: and an update on Special District Representation on LAFCO.

The next meeting will be held on May 30, 2012 at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 70 West Hedding St, San Jose.