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**AGENDA
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
6:00 P.M.
Joint Chambers—Basement Level
1010 10th Street, Modesto, California 95354**

The Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission welcomes you to its meetings. As a courtesy, please silence your cell phones during the meeting. If you want to submit documents at this meeting, please bring 15 copies for distribution. Agendas and staff reports are available on our website at least 72 hours before each meeting. Materials related to an item on this Agenda, submitted to the Commission or prepared after distribution of the agenda packet, will be available for public inspection in the LAFCO Office at 1010 10th Street, 3rd Floor, Modesto, during normal business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- B. Introduction of Commissioners and Staff.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

This is the period in which persons may speak on items that are not listed on the regular agenda. All persons wishing to speak during this public comment portion of the meeting are asked to fill out a "Speaker's Card" and provide it to the Commission Clerk. Each speaker will be limited to a three-minute presentation. No action will be taken by the Commission as a result of any item presented during the public comment period.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the August 27, 2014 Meeting.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence addressed to the Commission, individual Commissioners or staff will be accepted and/or considered unless it has been signed by the author, or sufficiently identifies the person or persons responsible for its creation and submittal.

- A. Specific Correspondence.
- B. Informational Correspondence.
 - 1. Farmland Working Group Newsletter, Summer/Fall 2014.
 - 2. California Special Districts Association (CSDA's) – 2014 Special District Leadership Academy Conference Brochure (November 16-19, 2014 in Anaheim).

3. California Special District Magazine, Publication by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), Vol. 9, Issue 5, September – October 2014.
4. Invitation from San Bernardino LAFCO to Attend the 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference, October 14-17, 2014, in Ontario.

C. "In the News".

5. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

6. CONSENT ITEM

The following consent item is expected to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Commission at one time without discussion, unless a request has been received prior to the discussion of the matter.

- *A. **MSR No. 14-06 & SOI No. 2014-06 – MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR THE HILLS FERRY, KNIGHTS FERRY, AND PATTERSON CEMETERY DISTRICTS.** The Commission will consider the adoption of a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update for the Hills Ferry, Knights Ferry and Patterson Cemetery Districts. This item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Regulations §15306 and §15061(b)(3). (Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution Nos. 2014-12, 2014-13, and 2014- 14.)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Any member of the public may address the Commission with respect to a scheduled public hearing item. Comments should be limited to no more than three (3) minutes, unless additional time is permitted by the Chair. All persons wishing to speak during this public hearing portion of the meeting are asked to fill out a "Speaker's Card" and provide it to the Commission Clerk prior to speaking.

- A. **TERMINATION OF PROCEEDINGS – LAFCO APPLICATION No. 2011-06 & SPHERE OF INFLUENCE MODIFICATION No. 2011-05: WESTSIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE AREA CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION TO THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT.** Pursuant to Government Code Section 56857(c), the Commission will consider adoption of a resolution to formally terminate proceedings related to a request by the City of Patterson to expand the Sphere of Influence and simultaneously annex 84,707 acres known as the Westside Electrical Service Area to the Turlock Irrigation District. This item is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15270. (Staff Recommendation: Adoption of Resolution No. 2014-15.)

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Update on LAFCO Request for Proposals (RFP) Process for Audit Services. (Staff Recommendation: Accept the Update.)
- B. Consider Policy Statement Regarding LAFCO Staff Availability. (Staff Recommendation: Accept the Policy Statement.)
- C. Acceptance of the Proposed LAFCO Meeting Calendar for 2015. (Staff Recommendation: Accept the Calendar.)

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commission Members may provide comments regarding LAFCO matters.

10. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The Commission Chair may announce additional matters regarding LAFCO matters.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Commission will receive a verbal report from the Executive Officer regarding current staff activities.

A. On the Horizon.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Set the next meeting date of the Commission for October 22, 2014.

B. Adjourn.

LAFCO Disclosure Requirements

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions: If you wish to participate in a LAFCO proceeding, you are prohibited from making a campaign contribution of more than \$250 to any commissioner or alternate. This prohibition begins on the date you begin to actively support or oppose an application before LAFCO and continues until three months after a final decision is rendered by LAFCO. No commissioner or alternate may solicit or accept a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from you or your agent during this period if the commissioner or alternate knows, or has reason to know, that you will participate in the proceedings. If you or your agent have made a contribution of more than \$250 to any commissioner or alternate during the twelve (12) months preceding the decision, that commissioner or alternate must disqualify himself or herself from the decision. However, disqualification is not required if the commissioner or alternate returns the campaign contribution within thirty (30) days of learning both about the contribution and the fact that you are a participant in the proceedings.

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Disclosure of Political Expenditures and Contributions Regarding LAFCO Proceedings: If the proponents or opponents of a LAFCO proposal spend \$1,000 with respect to that proposal, they must report their contributions of \$100 or more and all of their expenditures under the rules of the Political Reform Act for local initiative measures to the LAFCO Office.

LAFCO Action in Court: All persons are invited to testify and submit written comments to the Commission. If you challenge a LAFCO action in court, you may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing or submitted as written comments prior to the close of the public hearing. All written materials received by staff 24 hours before the hearing will be distributed to the Commission.

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