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DATE: March 26, 2009
TO: LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: Bill Nicholson, ^{BH} Executive Officer
RE: Fee Waiver for Special District Reorganization Involving the County Boundary Change Area Between Fresno and Merced County's (Agenda Item VIII.C.)

At the October 23, 2008 LAFCO meeting, the Commission approved the annexation submitted by the Merced County Mosquito Abatement District for the 6.5 square mile territory formerly located within Fresno County. The Mosquito Abatement District paid the application processing fees for that annexation. We had anticipated using this fee to cover processing costs for all the other special district reorganization actions required in this territory. However, due to difficulties getting applications initiated through Fresno County, we finally agreed to process the Mosquito Abatement application independently.

At this time, we have applications submitted for one comprehensive reorganization that will involve the following districts:

- Fresno County Library
- Fresno County Service Area No. 35
- Fresno County Red Scale Protective District
- Fresno County Fire Protection District
- Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement District

However, we have not received the \$2,700 application fee, and understand that neither Fresno County nor Fresno LAFCO intends on submitting the processing fees for this reorganization. The only three remaining alternatives to allow processing of the application are as follows: 1) to have Merced LAFCO waive the application fees for this multi-agency proposal; 2) to seek the fees from Merced County; or 3) to collectively seek the fees from the individual districts involved. Since the Merced County Mosquito Abatement District desired to annex this territory they were motivated to pay the application fee. Since all other district boundaries will be detached or dissolved, there is not the same level of motivation.

Commission Action

Consider waiving the LAFCO application processing fee, or provide staff direction to seek payment from Merced County or the individual special districts involved.