
**FRESNO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCo)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM No. 12

DATE: March 5, 2008

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Rick Ballantyne, Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: 2008 LAFCo Staff Work Program: Presentation of Various Projects and Follow-Up Actions to be Undertaken in 2008 (Continued from February 6, 2008).

Background:

During this last calendar year, LAFCo staff completed the State mandated Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update Program for its 122 Special Districts and 15 Cities. The Program has proved very successful. The MSR and SOI Update Program resulted in numerous recommended follow-up actions to be incorporated within this year's *Work Program*. In addition, all LAFCo staff members were asked to identify other possible work items that should be addressed in order to improve upon LAFCo operations and to better serve Fresno County agencies and the general public.

Proposal:

The *Work Program* is a prioritized listing of projects that have been identified as necessary actions. It is important that the listing provide some flexibility as far as task completion, since it cannot be anticipated what the workload volume will be in regard to new applications that must be processed timely as per State law requirements (i.e. reorganizations, consolidations, Spheres of Influence Revisions, etc.) or other priority issues that the Commission directs staff to address.

Staff would solicit Commission and Counsel's comments related to any other items that you believe should be included within the *Work Program* and indicate any changes in priority listings that you believe are necessary. We would expect that this listing may be used as a "guide" for making future staff work assignments and measuring accomplishments during the year.

The listing has been divided into three "priority rankings" with No. 1 rankings given the highest priority, No. 2 rankings with medium priority, and No. 3 as given the lowest priority. The lowest priority rankings are deemed not to be time sensitive and may be accomplished in the following year. This schedule is also flexible in that other projects can be added where determined necessary by the Commission.

Recommended Actions:

Approve 2008 LAFCo Work Program.

2008 Fresno LAFCo Work Program

“Preliminary Priority Listing”

March 5, 2008

	Agency	Work Item	Description	Priority Level	Status	Date of Action	Action Taken
1	Selma, Kingsburg, Fowler, Parlier, Clovis, Fresno, and Sanger	Land Use Buffers	Request cities to consider use of buffers in their planning processes to be given consideration at the time of SOI revision or amendment.	High	Not Started		
2	Fresno	Island Annexation Program	Encourage City to proceed with its Island Annexation Program. Support efforts in appropriate ways.	High	In Progress		LAFCo has created Island Annexation Report on LAFCo Website.
3	Fresno and Bluffs Community Service District	City Annexation	Support City annexation efforts of this County Island served by Bluff's Community Service District as part of City's Island Annexation Program.	High	In Progress		
4	City of San Joaquin and Westside Moquito Abatement District	Annexation	Encourage Fresno Westside Mosquito Abatement District to pursue annexation of territory located within City of San Joaquin. Waived LAFCo fees.	High	In Progress		Letters sent to City Manager and District Manager indicating Commission action. Follow up meeting to take place.
5	Fowler, Kingsburg, Parlier, Sanger and Selma	Groundwater Preservation	Work with local agencies and the Consolidated Irrigation District to implement feasible strategies to eliminate groundwater overdraft in Southeast Fresno County Area.	High	In Progress		Faciliation Efforts are in Process.
6	Fresno County and North Central Fire Protection Districts	Annexation and Detachments	Facilitate detachment of six areas from Fresno County FPD and annexation of the areas to North Central FPD. Commission waived LAFCo fees.	High	To be considered by Commission on February 6, 2008.		
7	Fresno County Fire Protection District	Financial Stability	Work with Fresno County FPD to continue reviewing options for the District to achieve financial stability.	High	Not Started		
8	LAFCo	SOI Update Program	Prepare Checklist for SOI Update Applications.	High	Not Started		

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9	LAFCo	Apricultural Preservation Policies	Work with Cities and County of Fresno in reviewing options for agricultural land preservation. Continue to serve on Model Farmland Conservation Advisory Committee of Valley Blueprint.	High	LAFCo is participating in COG Blueprint process and working with other LAFCoS		
10	LAFCo	Agricultural Preservation Policies	Work with other LAFCoS in reviewing Agricultural Preservation Policies. Conduct Workshop and Invite LAFCo EOs to share information.	High			
11	LAFCo	LAFCo Independence	Continue efforts towards supporting LAFCo Independence.	High	LAFCo Counsel will be presenting recommendations to Commission on March 5, 2008.		
12	LAFCo	Access Database	Staff will develop an "Access" database	High	Not Started		
13	LAFCo	LAFCo Website	Improve Website	High	On-Going		
14	LAFCo	Archiving	Archive older LAFCo Files	High	Not Started		
15	LAFCo	State Conference	Preliminary planning for 2009 CALAFCo State Conference	High	Participating on State Planning Committee for 2008 Universal City Conference (Los Angeles LAFCo).		
16	Navelencia and Sierra Resource Conservation Districts	Consolidation	LAFCo adopted a single SOI for both Districts and directed Districts to submit a consolidation application. Commission waived LAFCo fees.	High	Consolidation application tentatively scheduled for hearing on March 5, 2008.		

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17	Clovis, Fresno, Fresno Irrigation District, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District	Groundwater Preservation	Work with local agencies to implement feasible strategies to mitigate groundwater overdraft as required by CEQA, and to eliminate groundwater overdraft in Fresno/Clovis Metropolitan Area.	Medium	On-Going		
18	Fresno LAFCo	Land Use Buffers	LAFCo staff to participate via Fresno COG in the Valley Blueprint planning efforts in creating land use buffers. Consider Blueprint recommended actions when available.	Medium	LAFCo is participating in COG Blueprint process.		
19	Fresno and Malaga County Water District	Service Transfer	LAFCo staff to confer with Fresno and Malaga CWD regarding transfer of solid waste service obligations to City for that portion of the Malaga CWD located in City.	Medium	Not Started		
20	Kingsburg and Orange Cove	SOI Review	Staff to confer with City, Tulare County, and Tulare LAFCo regarding removing Cities' SOI from Tulare County. Also to develop ways to maintain City's influence on development in adjacent Tulare County area.	Medium	Not Started		
21	Washington Colony Cemetery District	Consider Annexation and Detachment	District should consider annexing remaining portion of the Caruthers USD area not currently served and a large area north of its current boundaries, but within its SOI. District should consider removing substantial area within its current SOI, but not within its boundary.	Medium	A request to waive LAFCo fees will be considered on February 6, 2008.		
22	Silver Creek Drainage District	District Reactivation	Report back to the Commission in December regarding efforts of District staff to reactive the District.	Medium	Not Started		

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23	Firebaugh, James, Panoche, Poso, Tranquillity, and Westside Resource Conservation Districts	Consolidation	Adopted a single SOI for all six Districts, directed staff to work with the Districts in seeking consolidation, and waive associated LAFCo fees.	Medium	Discussions with LAFCo have taken place.		2/14/08 - Darrel spoke with Jeff Bryant of Firebaugh RCD. Jeff states Firebaugh, Poso, and Panoche have discussed consolidation of their three districts with their respective boards. No action has been taken. He will contact districts again on status.
24	LAFCo	LAFCo Library	Update library and file MSR documents	Medium	Not Started		

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25	Clovis and Fresno County	Management Options	Encourage County and Clovis to participate in discussions investigating management options for WWD No. 42 and CSA 10, 10A, 44D, and 47, including possible management by Clovis, Fresno, and/or other appropriate agencies.	Low	Not Started		
26	Clovis	County Island Annexation	Staff to write letter to Clovis recommending annexation of Tarpey Village Area by Clovis.	Low	Letter sent to Kathy Millison, Clovis City Manager		
27	Firebaugh	SOI Revision	Staff to confer with Firebaugh and Madera County regarding portion of Firebaugh SOI believed to be located within Madera County. If SOI necessary, revise SOI and waive associated LAFCo fees.	Low	Not Started		
28	Calwa Recreation and Park District	District Dissolution	Staff to confer with City of Fresno and Calwa Recreation and Park District regarding dissolution of this agency and transfer of assets and service obligations to City of Fresno.	Low	Not Started		
29	Fresno, Pinedale PUD and Pinedale CWD	District Dissolutions	Staff to confer with City of Fresno, Pinedale PUD, and Pinedale CWD regarding the best mechanism for providing services to the area including consideration of dissolution of those agencies and transfer of assets and service obligations to City of Fresno.	Low	Not Started		
30	Fresno and Fresno County	Service Transfer	Encourage Fresno to participate in joint investigation to determine best mechanism to provide services to CSA Nos. 2, 7, 14, 18, 19, and 39 - areas in the vicinity of the City. Consideration to include management by Fresno, Clovis, and/or other appropriate agencies.	Low	Not Started		

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31	Lanare Community Service District, Sierra Cedars CSD, Fresno County, Malaga CWD, Pinedale CWD	Groundwater Preservation	Encouraged the identified Districts, County Service Area No's. 5, 10, 14, 23, 39, 43, 44, and 47, and Waterworks District No. 41W and 42 to mitigate groundwater overdraft as required by CEQA, eliminate overdraft as feasible, and work to implement strategies which would result in a net increase in groundwater.	Low	Not Started		
32	Sierra Cedars CSD, Fresno County	Consolidation	Work with Sierra Cedars CSD, Waterworks District No's. 41S and 41W, and CSA 31 to investigate whether consolidation into CSA 31 would be beneficial. Staff to confer with the Districts.	Low	Not Started		
33	Fresno, Malaga CWD, and Fresno County	Management Options	Work with City of Fresno, Malaga CWD, and Fresno County to investigate management options for CSA No. 33, including management by Malaga CWD, Fresno, and/or other appropriate agencies.	Low	Not Started		
34	Fresno County and Waterworks District No. 18	Consolidation	Work with Fresno County and Waterworks District No. 18 concerning potential consolidation of WWD 18 with WWD 38 and CSA No's. 34 and 44.	Low	Not Started		
35	Freewater CWD, Zalda Reclamation District No. 801, Oro Loma Water District	Update MSRs	Staff to obtain updated information from the Districts so that their respective MSRs can be revised as appropriate.	Low	Not Started		

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36	City of Fresno and Malaga CWD	City/District Boundaries	Confer with Malaga CWD and City of Fresno with respect to mutual areas of concern regarding City and District boundaries--including SOI boundaries.	Low	Not Started		
37	Kingsburg, Selma, and Sierra Kings Hospital Districts	Consolidation	Assist/participate in discussions with the Districts related to possible consolidation or other change of organization or reorganization in order to better serve the region.	Low	Discussion with Districts indicates they are not interested in consolidating at this time.		
38	Orange Cove Irrigation District, Hills Valley ID, and Tri-Valley Water District	Consolidation	Work with Orange Cove and Hills Valley Irrigation Districts and the Tri-Valley Water District in reviewing possible consolidation. Commission waived LAFCo fees.	Low	Not Started		
39	Tranquillity Irrigation District and Fresno Slough Water District	Annexation / Detachment	Review possible advantages of Tranquillity Irrigation District's annexation of lands within Fresno Slough Water District boundaries or consolidation of the Districts.	Low	Not Started		
40	Fresno and Pinedale Public Utility District	Service Outside Boundary	Authorized staff to confer with Pinedale UPD and Fresno regarding the status of the PUD's continuing provision of service outside of its boundary.	Low	Not Started		
41	Broadview Water District	Dissolution	LAFCo recommended dissolution of the District upon finalization of business obligations.	Low	Not Started		
42	Garfield Water District, Fresno, Clovis, and Fresno County	Water Rights and Usage	Cities of Fresno and Clovis and the County of Fresno to work with the Garfield Water District to resolve water rights/water usage related issues.	Low	Not Started		

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43	International Water District, Clovis, and County of Fresno	Water Rights and Usage	City of Clovis and County of Fresno to work with International Water District to resolve water rights/ water usage related issues.	Low	Not Started		
44	International Water District	Research	Directed staff to conduct research to determine whether the District is necessary to provide water services to lands within the District's boundary.	Low	Not Started		
45	Mercy Springs Water District and Panoche Drainage District	Consolidation	Confer with the Districts concerning potential consolidation.	Low	Not Started		
46	Pleasant Valley Water District	Dissolution	Confer with the City of Coalinga and the Westlands Water District concerning possible dissolution or other reorganization	Low	Not Started		