

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

AGENDA ITEM NOS. 6 & 7

DATE: November 10, 2021

TO: Fresno Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: David E. Fey, Executive Officer 

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SUBJECT: Sphere of Influence update for Sierra Resource Conservation District (USOI – 193, continued from October 13, 2021), and “Sierra Resource Conservation District Annexation.” A proposed annexation of approximately 235,776 acres to the Sierra Resource Conservation District for territory westward of the current district service area to align with State Route 99. (LAFCo File No. AD-19-3, continued from October 13, 2021)

Recommendation: Continue both items to the December 8, 2021 hearing.

These items have been continued three times to allow the affected special districts and Sierra RCD to work on a mutually acceptable resolution that addresses the affected agencies' concerns with LAFCo applications USOI-193 and AD-19-03.

As an indication of progress, on October 25, 2021, LAFCo was notified that a Letter of Agreement was signed by Kings River Conservation District and Sierra RCD that memorializes the agencies' historic cooperative relationship and mutual support for each other's missions. (**Attachment A**).

The Fresno Irrigation District Manager on behalf of the FID, Alta and Consolidated Irrigation Districts, informed LAFCo this week that the three Irrigation Districts were approaching an agreement with Sierra RCD but felt that the terms wouldn't be ready by the November hearing. He has therefore asked for the items to be continued to the December meeting.

The affected special districts believe that an additional continuation of the hearings would allow them to reach an agreement that would allow them to withdraw their opposition to the SOI and annexation applications.

Sierra RCD general manager Steve Haze concurred with this assessment and does not object to the continuation.