



**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
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**Agenda Item No. 10b (Information)**

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**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: Request to Defer Scheduled Sphere of Influence Review and Update for County Service Area No. 3**

The Commission has received a written request from the County of Napa to defer the currently scheduled sphere of influence review and update on County Service Area No. 3 to January 2011. The request is being presented to the Commission for informational purposes only.

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Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) are responsible under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 for coordinating the orderly formation and development of governmental agencies and services. This includes establishing and updating spheres of influence for each city and special district to designate the territory LAFCO believes represents the affected agency's probable future boundary and service area. All boundary changes and outside service extensions must be consistent with the spheres of influence of the affected agencies with limited exceptions.

As of January 1, 2008, LAFCOs are now required to review and update spheres of influence every five years as needed. State law also requires LAFCOs to inform their sphere of influence determinations by conducting municipal service reviews to comprehensively evaluate the level and range of governmental services provided within their jurisdictions. Municipal service reviews vary in scope and can focus on a particular agency, service, or geographic region. The collective purpose in preparing these studies is to make LAFCOs more proactive and effective in fulfilling their mandate to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of the public.

**A. Information**

LAFCO of Napa County's ("Commission") current study schedule calendars municipal service reviews and sphere of influence updates through 2013/2014. The underlying focus of the study schedule is to expand on the baseline information collected during the inaugural round of municipal service reviews and sphere of influence updates completed in 2007/08. This includes measuring key trends relating to the adequacy, capacity, and cost of essential governmental services in support of existing and planned development.

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The County of Napa has submitted a written request asking the Commission to defer its currently scheduled sphere of influence review and update for County Service Area No. 3 to January 2011. The County is seeking the deference to provide additional time to review and consider making possible requests for Commission consideration as it relates to redesignating the sphere of influence. This request appears reasonable and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Commission's study schedule in terms of completing other scheduled reviews and updates.

## **B. Commission Review**

The Commission is invited to review and discuss the request from the County and direct staff to follow up with any additional information as needed.

### Attachment:

- ~~1) Current Adopted Study Schedule~~
- ~~2) Written Request from County~~