

Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission
2516 Goodwater Avenue, Suite A
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December 30, 2014

Subject: December 18, 2014 LAFCO Municipal Services Review hearing for County Service Area #6 - Jones Valley Water

To: Shasta LAFCO Chairman, Commissioners, Alternates, and Executive Officer, Jan Lopez:

Those of us contributing public comments and participating in the MSR hearing for CSA #6 were appalled at observing Commissioner Baugh's public badgering and bullying demeanor toward the LAFCO Chairman and especially Executive Officer Lopez. In 30 years of governmental public service I have never seen such total disregard for professional standards.

Over the years I have had occasions to interact with Shasta LAFCO. Beginning with Executive Officer Julie Howard, continuing with Amy Mickelson, and currently with Executive Officer Lopez and her staff, I have found Ms. Lopez to be the most attentive to my communications and LAFCO responsibilities. I have phoned on weekends and after normal working hours to leave a recorded message and was surprised when she answered my call. This dedication to her job should be appreciated. Attempts appearing to humiliate are unprofessional and disgraceful in any public gathering, regardless of one's opinion.

Regarding the removal of public contributions and comments from the MSR for CSA #6: Commissioners only need to review the Governor's Office of Planning and Research MSR Guidelines along with published LAFCO MSR Guidelines to view LAFCO's responsibilities for encouraging and including public input into the MSR reports. At the December 18, 2014 hearing, actions taken on Commissioner Baugh's suggestion to remove public comments from the CSA #6 MSR final report established a departure from, and ignored all public participation directives.

While I supported the Commission's approval of the CSA #6 MSR report at the December 18th hearing as a base-line document, the removal of issues needing Shasta County's attention as we move forward has now given me cause to request a RECONSIDERATION of the approval of the MSR for CSA #6. Currently, the approved CSA #6 MSR only includes information from Shasta County that describes a water delivery system void of problems. The district's extreme and costly water loss is but one example of the problems that will require customer rate increases if not resolved as we move forward.

As a basis for the RECONSIDERATION request I submit the following:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
LAFCO Municipal Service Review Guidelines

The request for reconsideration must be filed within 30 days of the Commission's



action. The reconsideration action should be scheduled for the next Commission hearing for which adequate notice can be given. Oral and written testimony may be received at the reconsideration hearing. The Commission may continue the hearing from time to time but not longer than 70 days from the date of the first hearing (GC §56895).

One last item for Commissioner Baugh as the Shasta LAFCO MSRs begin to serve the public:

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56325.1. While serving on the commission, all commission members shall exercise their independent judgment on behalf of the interests of residents, property owners, and the public as a whole in furthering the purposes of this division. Any member appointed on behalf of local governments shall represent the interests of the public as a whole and not solely the interests of the appointing authority. This section does not require the abstention of any member on any matter, nor does it create a right of action in any person.

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