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Report to the Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission

From: Jan Lopez, Executive Officer

Meeting Date: October 2, 2014
Agenda Item #: 8.c.1).
Subject: Tucker Oaks Water District
Request for Amendment to Sphere of Influence Update (Action)

Background and Discussion

On June 5, 2014, the Commission considered and approved a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence for this special district. As you may recall, this District services a small housing subdivision formed in 1983. The Board of Directors all volunteer for management of this district, hiring contractors for specific types of repairs and replacement of equipment.

This study provided the directors with a much clearer picture of how the District needs to operate, and thus after approval of the study, the Board invited Shasta County Fire and other County regulatory departments to inspect and examine their infrastructure and facilities.

As a result, new information has come to light and the District, using this study as a tool for making improvements to their systems, is requesting that the text in Section 6.d. titled Adequacy of Public Services on page 8 and Section 6.e. be changed to reflect the deficiencies just recently identified.

In order to bring their system into compliance it will be important for us to identify the facts presented in the letter we received on September 10, 2014. Also, an individual who owns the wells from which they receive their water is citing his lack of conducting regular maintenance of the water facilities based on our statement that services are "adequate."

On one hand, services are adequate in that they do provide water to the existing residences. On the other hand, the system does not produce adequate flow for fire hydrant use, there is no backup system in place in case of pump failure, and replacement of aging equipment.

Conclusions and Recommendations

It is recommended that the Commission approve this amendment formally, as it will change the tone and tenor of the study in a manner that will permits the District to see assistance in finding remedies for these discrepancies

Attachments

September 10, 2014 Letter from Tucker Oaks Water District

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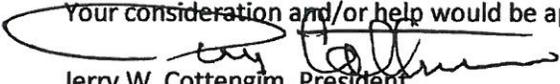
Jan:

After reviewing the Final Municipal Services Review & Sphere of Influence Update of our Tucker Oaks Water District Adopted June 5, 2014, we would like to request a modification of Section 6, d, titled Adequacy of Public Services on page 8. And per Item 6, e "The Board of Directors are working to update management systems for these services and is working diligently to resolve identified infrastructure needs and deficiencies."

Please be advised that the Tucker Oaks Water District system is not adequate to meet Shasta County Fire Standards of 750 GPM flow rate. Also no adequate back up system is in place in the event of a water pump failure.

If the system is updated to the original engineering, which would include installation of another pump and updating the electronic controllers, it would then be adequate for the current sphere of influence boundaries, with cost of extensions of services tied to development permits for future growth. Our Water Provider (The original developer) KOA Atlas, President Mr. Hoffman has not been willing to comply with the needs of the water District.

Your consideration and/or help would be appreciated.


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