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Mr. Chris Feddersohn, Board President
Timber Cove Water District
22098 Lyons Court
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Re: Municipal Service Review

Mr. Feddersohn-

The Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission will be conducting a Municipal Service Review (MSR) of the Timber Cove Water District in the latter part of 2019.

The Cortese Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act authorizes LAFCOs to periodically conduct a review of municipal services provided by local government agencies.

The State law directs LAFCOs to make determinations in the report in seven areas, including the adequacy of public services; financial ability of agencies to provide services; and accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.

If Timber Cove Water is considering expanding beyond its existing boundaries within a ten-year timeframe, LAFCO can consider expanding the Sphere of Influence of the District to allow annexations of territory in the future. Amending the Sphere of Influence can only be considered as part of the preparation of an MSR.

Because LAFCO staff are largely focused on fire and emergency service agency reorganizations throughout the County, we plan to use contracted resources to prepare the MSR for Timber Cove Water. Nevertheless, we will closely oversee the project, in part to ensure that the report addresses all pertinent information, and to ensure that we impinge on your staff resources as lightly as possible.

If you, the Board, or District staff have any questions about this matter, I would be happy to address them. We will contact District staff as soon as we have selected a consultant to prepare the MSR.

Sincerely-

Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer