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Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 1, 2024

Agenda No. Item 4.2

Agenda Item Title: File No. 2023-03: Valley of the Moon Water District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study, adoption of determinations and amendment of the District's sphere of influence

Proposal: None

Environmental Determination: Exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guideline Sections 15306 and 15061 (b)(3)

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ANALYSIS

Overview

Using consulting services, staff has prepared a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Valley of the Moon Water District.

The Municipal Service Review portion of the study evaluates the District across a set of factors required by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The study finds that the District is in sound condition across these factors.

The Sphere of Influence portion of the Study addresses five additional factors, and concludes that the sphere of influence should be made amended to include parcels on and nearby Dunbar Road in the Trinity Oaks area, and for a single parcel on Flicker Hill Road in Glen Ellen. These parcels have experienced groundwater supply issues, and the study finds that the District has adequate water supply capacity to meet demands if the parcels are annexed to the District.

The study has been reviewed by District staff, and LAFCO has noticed a public hearing for the June 5, 2024 meeting for the Commission to consider adopting the determinations of the report.

Staff is requesting that the Commission review the study and consider a resolution that would adopt the determinations in the Study and amend the District's sphere of influence as recommended.

Background

In 2023, the Commission authorized staff to select Mulberg and Associates as a consultant to prepare a Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Valley of the Moon Water District. Property owners on and nearby Dunbar Road in the Trinity Oaks area requested that the study be conducted in order to potentially amend the sphere of influence of the District. The property owners have deposited funds with LAFCO to cover the costs of conducting the study.

Mulberg and Associates has prepared a Public Review Draft of the study (Attachment 1). The study includes a set of determinations, which in turn forms the basis for a draft resolution (Attachment 2), for the Commission to consider adopting at the June 5, 2024 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission consider adopting the determinations set forth in the Public Review Draft of the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Valley of the Moon Water District, and further that it approve an amendment to the District's sphere of influence as recommended in the report.

Staff has prepared a draft resolution (Attachment 2) for the Commission's consideration.

If the Commission has comments or recommended changes to the Study that require amendments to determinations, staff recommends that those changes be made and the adoption of a resolution be considered at a later date. Changes made to the body of the study (not involving the determinations) can be made administratively.

Attachments:

1. Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Valley of the Moon Water District; public review draft.
2. Draft resolution adopting determinations of study and amending the sphere of influence of the District.