INITIAL STUDY FOR THE REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE DISSOLUTION OF COUNTY SERVICE AREA 64 AND FORMATION OF THE SPRING VALLEY LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

1. Project Title: LAFCO 3233 - Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County

Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District

2. Lead Agency Name: Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County

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4. Project Location: The project study area is located in the north desert portion of the

County and is generally bordered by a combination of parcel lines and the Mojave River (existing Town of Apple Valley boundaries) on the north; a combination of parcel lines, Sitting Bull Road and Apple Valley Road (existing/within the Town of Apple Valley boundaries) on the east; Bear Valley Road (portion within the Town of Apple Valley and within the City of Victorville/existing City of Hesperia boundaries) on the south; and a combination of parcel lines, Ridgecrest Road and the ATSF Railroad right-of-way (generally existing/within the City of Victorville boundaries) on the west. County Service Area 64 (CSA 64) includes territory within the City of Victorville, the Town of Apple Valley, and the unincorporated community of Spring Valley Lake. A non-contiguous parcel, Assessor Parcel Number 0415-263-13 located within the City of Hesperia, is also being included as part of the project study area which includes two of CSA 64's water storage facilities. Figure 1 shows the current CSA 64 boundary and Sphere of Influence (SOI). Figure 2 shows the proposal as submitted by the applicant. The total area within the boundaries shown on Figure 2 is estimated to

encompass approximately 2,590 acres.

5. Applicant's Name: County of San Bernardino

Address: 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, 5th Floor

San Bernardino, CA 92415-0120

6. General Plan Designation: N/A

7. Zoning Classification: N/A

8. Project Description:

Introduction

For areas within the County that are unincorporated but have sufficient population to require urban level service, the County often creates a "County Service Area" to provide such services. County Service Area (CSA) 64 encompasses a mostly unincorporated area of the High Desert, which is generally considered the community of Spring Valley Lake. CSA 64 provides water and wastewater management as well a street sweeping services for Spring Valley Lake that include limited incorporated areas of the City of Victorville and the Town of Apple Valley for which the County Board of Supervisors serves as the governing board.

Figure 1 shows the boundary of the CSA 64 and its current Sphere of Influence. At the request of some of the Spring Valley Lake (SVL) residents, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution requesting that the Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County (LAFCO or Commission) consider the dissolution of CSA 64 and the creation of a new community services district, which is an independently governed entity with the district's governing board being elected from within the local service area. The objective supporting this request was for SVL residents to assume local control over certain services in their community as enumerated in the detailed project description provided below.

Project Description

LAFCO 3233 consists of a request from the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors to initiate proceedings to dissolve CSA 64 and form a new, local government agency to be named the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD). If approved as proposed, the new community services district will have the authority to provide the following services: water, wastewater collection, street sweeping and solid waste. The proposed district would assume the water, wastewater and street sweeping services from County Service Area 64, as well as assume responsibility for solid waste services currently being managed by the County's Solid Waste Division of its Public Works Department. The Board Resolution identified the following facts and findings:

- The request was initiated on behalf of certain residents of Spring Valley Lake (SVL).
- The objective is for SVL residents to carry out local control over certain services in their community as enumerated below.
- The SVL Community Services District would be governed by a five (5) member Board of Directors if approved by LAFCO and a subsequent election.
- The range of services for which authorization was requested include: water, sewer, street sweeping, park and recreation, and solid waste.
- The new CSD would assume the rights, responsibilities, properties, contracts, assets and liabilities, and functions of CSA 64.
- The new CSD would also assume the authorized charges, fees, assessments, and taxes currently in effect.
- The goal of the LAFCO 3233 would be to maintain the current level of service to the Spring Valley Lake community with local control.

Since the Resolution was adopted and through the processing of said proposal by LAFCO, the applicant has asked that the park and recreation services that it originally requested (as outlined in its Board Resolution) be removed from consideration and that the boundaries of the proposed

SVLCSD be reduced to that of the existing boundaries of CSA 64 (including the non-contiguous parcel, APN 0415-263-13) since there is no need to take over responsibility of the Mojave Narrows Regional Park.

LAFCO will also be considering the establishment of the sphere of influence boundary for the proposed SVLCSD. A sphere of influence is a plan for the probable physical boundary and service area of a local agency, as determined by the Commission.

The SVLCSD has identified two important goals if the formation is approved: (1) the formation will not change the existing community (physically) or the services currently provided to the SVL community, only the management and governance of the services themselves; (2) if approved, the proposed CSD will not cause or oversee any land use changes as the County will retain jurisdiction over land uses within the SVL unincorporated territory and the City of Victorville and Town of Apple Valley will also retain jurisdiction over land uses within the SVL incorporated territory.

Construction Scenario

As indicated in the preceding discussion of goals, LAFCO 3233 will not result in any direct or indirect physical modifications to the environment. Assuming the new CSD is formed, follow-on actions include an election to determine whether the new CSD should be formed and the election of the new five-member Board will occur. Once the new CSD assumes responsibility for the services identified above, it can make decisions regarding management and operation of its facilities, including the planning/purchasing of new facilities and equipment. Under this assumption the newly formed CSD would also assume responsibility for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for any future actions that would modify the physical environment within its jurisdiction. Since it is not possible for LAFCO to identify such actions at this time, LAFCO concludes that further consideration of any construction scenario would be speculative (Para. 15145, State CEQA Guidelines, 2019); therefore, this document does not consider any construction scenarios or activities for evaluation.

- 9. Surrounding land uses and setting: The Spring Valley Lake community is shown on Figure 1. It consists of an estimated 2,914 single-family residences and about 45 multi-family residential units. The 2017 estimated population was 7,356 persons based on U. S. Census Bureau population estimates. Land use designations within the project area are RS (single-family residential), RM (multi-family residential), CG (general commercial), OS (open space), and FW (flood area). Based on information in the Feasibility Study, Spring Valley Lake is essentially built-out, except for a few single-family residential lots and about 20 acres of land zoned for RM. Open space within the whole project area (CSA 64 and the CSA 64 SOI) includes Mojave Narrows Regional Park, the Mojave River floodplain, and Spring Valley Lake common space. As noted previously, the formation of the SVLCSD does not involve any changes in land use and no changes to the physical environment. The whole area encompassed by the existing CSA 64 boundary and SOI is estimated at 3,139 acres.
- 10. Other agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement.) The formation of the SVLCSD is the action before the Commission for decision. No other agency approvals have been identified as necessary to support implementation of the proposed project. The proposed Spring Valley Lake Community Services District boundary being considered by LAFCO is shown on Figure 2. The following three alternatives for the formation of the SVLCSD may be considered by LAFCO. These

alternatives reflect the applicant's proposal and modifications that the LAFCO staff is requesting that the Commission consider.

- 1. Existing CSA 64 boundary, including the non-contiguous parcel APN 0415-263-13, within the City of Hesperia (Proposal as Submitted by the Applicant);
- 2. Existing CSA 64 boundary, including the non-contiguous parcel APN 0415-263-13, within the City of Hesperia, but excluding the area within the Town of Apple Valley north of Sitting Bull Road (Option 2); or,
- 3. Existing CSA 64 boundary, including the non-contiguous parcel APN 0415-263-13, within the City of Hesperia, but excluding all incorporated areas within the City of Victorville and Town of Apple Valley jurisdictions (Option 3).
- 11. Have California Native American tribes traditionally and cultural affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1? If so, has consultation begun?

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21083.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission's Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

at least one impact that is a following pages.	a "Potentially Significant Impact" as i	ndicated by the checklist on the
Aesthetics	☐ Agriculture and Forestry Resources	☐ Air Quality
☐ Biological Resources	☐ Cultural Resources	☐ Energy
☐ Geology / Soils	☐ Greenhouse Gas Emissions	☐ Hazards & Hazardous Materials
☐ Hydrology & Water Quality	☐ Land Use / Planning	☐ Mineral Resources
☐ Noise	☐ Population / Housing	☐ Public Services
Recreation	☐ Transportation	☐ Tribal Cultural Resources
☑ Utilities / Service Systems	☐ Wildfire	Mandatory Findings of Significance

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving

DETERMINATION (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation, the following finding is made:

	The proposed project COULD NOT have a signif a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.	icant ef	fect on the environment, and
	Although the proposed project could have a sign there will not be a significant effect in this case been made by or agreed to by the project propor DECLARATION will be prepared.	ecause	revisions in the project have
	The proposed project MAY have a significant effective ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is require		ne environment, and an
	The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment been adequately analyzed in an earlier document standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation analysis as described on attached sheets. An EN is required, but it must analyze only the effects the	nment, t pursuation mea IVIRON	but at least one effect 1) has ant to applicable legal asures based on the earlier IMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
	Although the proposed project could have a significant effects (a) have earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursua have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation proposed project, nothing further is required.	e been a ant to a earlier E	analyzed adequately in an pplicable standards, and (b) EIR or NEGATIVE
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EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as onsite, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be crossreferenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
 - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
 - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
I. AESTHETICS: Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				\boxtimes
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				\boxtimes
c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning or other regulations governing scenic quality?				\boxtimes
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				\boxtimes

As indicated in the project description, all of the services proposed for the new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD) are currently being provided by existing agencies, such as CSA 64 (water, sewer collection, and street sweeping) and the County (solid waste). Regardless of which alternative may be approved by the Commission, this new Community Services District (CSD) will assume responsibility for providing these services. The new CSD will utilize the equipment and facilities of the existing service providers and in the case of solid waste will oversee the solid waste franchise contract. Until the new CSD is formed and a Board of Directors elected, the new CSD cannot assume control over these services, including alterations or expenditure for new facilities or equipment. Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes to the aesthetic environment can occur. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to have any adverse aesthetic impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could have a potential to adversely alter an existing aesthetic/visual setting of the environment. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future aesthetic impacts to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect a scenic vista will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to have a substantial adverse effect on any scenic resources, including any within the vicinity of a state scenic highway. First, there is no scenic highway in the vicinity of the CSA 64 service area and this approval

- will allow only the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services. Any future change in services or facilities that might affect a scenic vista will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to substantially degrade existing visual settings including quality public views or to be in conflict with any regulations governing scenic quality. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect a scenic vista will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to create any new sources of light or glare that could adversely impact view in the service area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future modifications to lighting or creation of new sources of glare that might affect a visual setting will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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II. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				\boxtimes
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				×
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes

As indicated in the project description, all of the services proposed for the new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD) are currently being provided by existing agencies, such as CSA 64 (water, sewer collection, and street sweeping) and the County (solid waste). Regardless of which alternative may be approved by the Commission, this new Community Services District (CSD) will assume responsibility for providing these services. The new CSD will utilize the equipment and facilities of the existing service providers and in the case of solid waste will oversee the solid waste franchise contract. Until the new CSD is formed and a Board of Directors elected, the new CSD cannot assume control over these services, including alterations or expenditure for new facilities or equipment. There are no agricultural activities or forestry/timber activities that currently occur within the service area(s). Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes to any agricultural or forestry/timber resources can occur. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to have any adverse agricultural or forestry

resources impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could have a potential to adversely alter any existing agricultural or forestry resources. Since there are no agricultural or forestry/timber resources within any of the proposed service area(s), LAFCO's action cannot affect such resources.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to have a substantial adverse effect on any agricultural land or farmland. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect a scenic vista will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to have a substantial adverse effect on any agriculturally zone land or Williamson Act contract. There is no agriculturally zone land in the vicinity of the CSA 64 service area and this approval will allow only the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to adversely impact forest land or timberland because none exists in the project area.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to cause the loss of forest land because there is no forested land within the project service areas.
- e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to cause any conversion of farmland or forest land/timberland because no such lands exist within the service area(s) or its vicinity.

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III. AIR QUALITY: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?				
c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				\boxtimes
d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?				\boxtimes

As indicated in the project description, all of the services proposed for the new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD) are currently being provided by existing agencies, such as CSA 64 (water, sewer collection, and street sweeping) and the County (solid waste). Regardless of which alternative may be approved by the Commission, this new Community Services District (CSD) will assume responsibility for providing these services. The new CSD will utilize the equipment and facilities of the existing service providers and in the case of solid waste will oversee the solid waste franchise contract. Until the new CSD is formed and a Board of Directors elected, the new CSD cannot assume control over these services, including alterations or expenditure for new facilities or equipment. Thus, following LAFCO's approval no new air emissions can occur within the service area(s). Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes to any existing emissions related to providing services can occur. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to have any adverse air quality impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could have a potential to adversely alter existing air quality. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future air quality impacts to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might generate new emissions and affect air quality will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to have a substantial cumulative adverse effect on air quality because no emissions will be generated. This approval will allow only the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future

change in services or facilities that might affect air quality will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might expose sensitive receptors to adverse pollutant concentrations will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to generate emissions that could adversely affect a substantial number of people. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future modifications that may generate new emissions will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				\boxtimes
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				\boxtimes
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				\boxtimes
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				×
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				\boxtimes

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- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any candidate, sensitive or special status species. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb habitat and adversely impact sensitive biological resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb sensitive habitat and adversely impact sensitive biological resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any wetland habitat. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb wetland habitat and adversely impact sensitive wetland biological resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to interfere with movement of native species, wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might adversely impact movement of native species, wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might conflict with local policies or ordinances will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to §15064.5?				\boxtimes
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				\boxtimes
c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				\boxtimes

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- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any historical resources. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb the ground and adversely impact historical resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any archaeological resources. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb archaeological resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any human remains. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing

services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb and adversely impact human remains will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
VI. ENERGY: Would the project:				
a) Result in a potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operations?				\boxtimes
b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?				\boxtimes

SUBSTANTIATION

As indicated in the project description, all of the services proposed for the new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD) are currently being provided by existing agencies, such as CSA 64 (water, sewer collection, and street sweeping) and the County (solid waste). Regardless of which alternative may be approved by the Commission, this new Community Services District (CSD) will assume responsibility for providing these services. The new CSD will utilize the equipment and facilities of the existing service providers and in the case of solid waste will oversee the solid waste franchise contract. Until the new CSD is formed and a Board of Directors elected, the new CSD cannot assume control over these services, including alterations or expenditure for new facilities or equipment. Thus, following LAFCO's approval no new energy consumption can occur within the service area(s). Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes to any existing energy demand related to providing services can occur. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to have any adverse energy impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could have a potential to adversely affect energy issues. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future energy impacts to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to result in potentially significant impacts due to wasteful, inefficient or unnecessary consumption of energy resources. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might consume energy in a wasteful or inefficient manner will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to conflict with any plans for renewable energy or energy efficiency because no additional energy will be consumed as a result of a LAFCO approval. This approval will allow only the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect energy consumption will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
VII. GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:				
a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
(i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.				\boxtimes
(ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?				\boxtimes
(iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				\boxtimes
(iv) Landslides?				\boxtimes
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				\boxtimes
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in onsite or offsite landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				\boxtimes
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?				\boxtimes
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				
f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				\boxtimes

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Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to have any or experience any adverse geotechnical impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could have a potential to adversely impact or be adversely impacted by site geology and soils. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future geology and soils impacts to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a(i) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from fault ground rupture. First no faults pass through the project service area, and second, no new facilities will be constructed that could be adversely impacted by such rupture. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and no new facilities could be exposed to fault rupture without further environmental review.
- a(ii) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from any seismic groundshaking. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might be exposed to groundshaking will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- a(iii) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to expose humans to new seismic related hazards. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might expose humans to new seismic related hazard will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- a(iv) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from landslides. No new facilities will be constructed that could be adversely impacted by such landslides because of the minimal potential for this hazard in the project area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and no new facilities could be exposed to landslides without further environmental review.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from soil erosion or loss of topsoil. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might be exposed to erosion or loss of topsoil will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to expose humans to geotechnical unstable conditions. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume

- responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might expose humans to geotechnically unstable conditions will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from expansive soil. First, expansive soils do not occur within the project area. Second, this approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might be exposed to expansive soil will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to expose humans to soils incapable of supporting subsurface septic systems. This is because the project does not involve the use of such systems, but instead collects wastewater and delivers it for treatment to a wastewater treatment plant.
- f. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to impact any paleontological resources. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might disturb paleontological resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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VIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				\boxtimes
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				×

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- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to generate GHG emissions. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might generate new GHG emissions and affect air quality will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to conflict with applicable GHG plans, policies or regulations have a substantial cumulative adverse effect on air quality because no emissions will be generated. This approval will allow only the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect GHG emissions will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS: Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				\boxtimes
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				\boxtimes
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				\boxtimes
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				×
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				×
g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?				\boxtimes

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considers any future hazards and hazardous materials impacts to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and no new facilities or activities will experience routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials without further environmental review.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to experience impact from foreseeable upset or accident conditions involving release of hazardous materials into the environment. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might be exposed to release of hazardous materials will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to emit hazardous emissions or handle acutely hazardous materials near a school. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might emit hazardous emissions or expose humans to acutely hazardous materials will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to be located on a contaminated site. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might be located on a contaminated site will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to expose humans to airport hazards, because there are no airports in the general area.
- f. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to physically interfere with an emergency response or evacuation plan. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might interfere with such plans will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- g. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of

Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, has no potential to expose humans to wildfire hazards. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might create exposure to wildfires will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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X. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:					
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?					\boxtimes
b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?					\boxtimes
the s	obstantially alter the existing drainage pattern of ite or area, including through the alteration of the se of a stream or river or through the addition of rvious surfaces, in a manner which would:				\boxtimes
(i)	result in substantial erosion or siltation onsite or offsite?				\boxtimes
(ii)	substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding onsite or offsite?				\boxtimes
(iii)	create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?; or,				\boxtimes
(iv)	impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes
d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?					\boxtimes
e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?					\boxtimes

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that could modify the environment. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future actions to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change operations for water and wastewater supply for the new CSD. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might cause water quality violations will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change rates of withdrawal from or recharge to the regional groundwater aquifer due to the new CSD. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might cause changes to groundwater resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- c(i) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not make any alterations to any surface flows within the service area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future changes to the physical environment that could modify surface flows will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- c(ii) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not make any alterations to any surface flows within the service area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future changes to the physical environment that could modify the rate or amount of surface flows in the future will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- c(iii) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not make any alterations to any surface flows within the service area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future changes to the physical environment that could generate additional surface flows in the future will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- c(iv) No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not make any alterations to any surface flows within the service area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future changes to the physical environment that could

- impede or redirect surface flows in the future will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change the location of any existing water or wastewater facilities. Much of CSA 64 is exposed to flood hazards from a failure of the Mojave Forks Dam, but the proposed action will not alter this fact in any manner. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might create greater exposure to flood hazards will become the responsibility of the new CSD utilizing facilities of the existing system.
- e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change operations for water supply or wastewater treatment for the new CSD. The project site is located in the Mojave River Basin, which has undergone a court adjudication. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing services, and any future change in services or facilities that might conflict with or obstruct a sustainable groundwater management plan should not occur because groundwater resources available to the new CSD are monitored and limited to established volumes. Any future changes to these assigned water resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD interacting with the Mojave Water Agency under well-established rules. No adverse impact (conflict or obstruction) from approving LA 3233 will affect any existing water resource management plan(s).

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XI. LAND USE AND PLANNING: Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				\boxtimes

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XII. MINERAL RESOURCES: Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				\boxtimes

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Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes can occur that would physically modify the environment. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to cause any adverse environmental impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could modify the environment. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future actions to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

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XIII. NOISE: Would the project result in:				
a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of a project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				\boxtimes
b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				\boxtimes
c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes

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- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing activities that could generate ground vibration or groundborne noise or result in changes in any land uses. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services and associated activities, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect future groundborne vibration/noise levels will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

c. No Impact – LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not expose any residents or employees to airport noise impacts because there are no airports in the project vicinity.

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XIV. POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				\boxtimes
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

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- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses. This is because the new CSD will not have any land use authority. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future housing will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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XV. PUBLIC SERVICES: Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
a) Fire protection?				\boxtimes
b) Police protection?				\boxtimes
c) Schools?				\boxtimes
d) Parks?				\boxtimes
e) Other public facilities?				\boxtimes

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- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future demand for police protection. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater

- services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future police protection demand will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future demand for school services. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future school capacity demand will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future demand for park or recreation resources. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future demand for parks or recreational facilities will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future demand for other public services. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future other public services police will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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XVI. RECREATION:				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes
b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				

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XVII. TRANSPORTATION: Would the project:				
a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?				\boxtimes
b) Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)?				\boxtimes
c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				\boxtimes
d) Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes

CEQA Section 15064.3, subdivision (b):

- (1) Land Use Projects. Vehicle miles traveled exceeding an applicable threshold of significance may indicate a significant impact. Generally, projects within one-half mile of either an existing major transit stop or a stop along an existing high-quality transit corridor should be presumed to cause a less than significant transportation impact. Projects that decrease vehicle miles traveled in the project area compared to existing conditions should be presumed to have a less than significant transportation impact.
- (2) Transportation Projects. Transportation projects that reduce, or have no impact on, vehicle miles traveled should be presumed to cause a less than significant transportation impact. For roadway capacity projects, agencies have discretion to determine the appropriate measure of transportation impact consistent with CEQA and other applicable requirements. To the extent that such impacts have already been adequately addressed at a programmatic level, such as in a regional transportation plan EIR, a lead agency may tier from that analysis as provided in Section 15152.
- (3) Qualitative Analysis. If existing models or methods are not available to estimate the vehicle miles traveled for the particular project being considered, a lead agency may analyze the project's vehicle miles traveled qualitatively. Such a qualitative analysis would evaluate factors such as the availability of transit, proximity to other destinations, etc. For many projects, a qualitative analysis of construction traffic may be appropriate.
- (4) Methodology. A lead agency has discretion to choose the most appropriate methodology to evaluate a project's vehicle miles traveled, including whether to express the change in absolute terms, per capita, per household or in any other measure. A lead agency may use models to estimate a project's vehicle miles traveled, and may revise those estimates to reflect professional judgment based on substantial evidence. Any assumptions used to estimate vehicle miles traveled and any revisions to model outputs should be documented and explained in the environmental document prepared for the project. The standard of adequacy in Section 15151 shall apply to the analysis described in this section.

As indicated in the project description, all of the services proposed for the new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD) are currently being provided by existing agencies, such as CSA 64 (water, sewer collection, and street sweeping) and the County (solid waste). Regardless of which alternative may be approved by the Commission, this new Community Services District (CSD) will assume responsibility for providing these services. The new CSD will utilize the equipment and facilities of the existing service providers and in the case of solid waste will oversee the solid waste franchise contract.

Until the new CSD is formed and a Board of Directors elected, the new CSD cannot assume control over these services, including alterations or expenditure for new facilities or equipment. Thus, following LAFCO's approval no new development can occur (except by the existing service provider) that could adversely impact any new facilities within the service area(s). Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes can occur that would physically modify the environment. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to cause any adverse environmental impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could modify the environment. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future actions to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

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- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future vehicle miles traveled. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future vehicle miles traveled will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could increase roadway hazards. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in roadways that could increase hazards services or facilities that might affect existing or future roadway hazards will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future adequacy of roadway emergency access. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect emergency access will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

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XVIII. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project cause a substantial change in the significance of tribal cultural resources, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to the California Native American tribe, and that is:				
a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				\boxtimes
b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				\boxtimes

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- a. With no potential to make any physical modifications in any natural or man-made environment as a result of approving LAFCO 3233, a letter summarizing this finding was submitted to the three tribes that requested consultation with LAFCO. None of the tribes requested further consultation and no historical resources will be adversely impacted by approval of the new SVLCSD by LAFCO.
- b. With no physical changes in the environment from approval of LAFCO 3233, no potential exists to adversely impact any resources of significance to any Native American tribes.

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XIX. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:				
a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment, or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?		\boxtimes		
b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years?				\boxtimes
c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				\boxtimes
d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?				\boxtimes
e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\boxtimes

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a. Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated – LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not cause any identifiable change in any water or wastewater system infrastructure within CSA 64 if it transitions to the SVLCSD. However, even though the proposed LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233 will not cause any direct effects on the CSA 64 water or wastewater

systems, there is a concern regarding the potential indirect impact of this project on the residual County water and wastewater agencies (County Service Areas) that remain under the jurisdiction of the County's Special Districts Department. Regarding wastewater issues the Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VVWRA) has indicated that it will continue to accept CSA 64 wastewater effluent until new arrangements can be established for participation in this Joint Powers Authority. Refer to Attachment 1 of this document for a copy of VVWRA's letter dated October 28, 2019.

Otherwise, it is rare that an economic or social effect must be considered in an environmental document. The State CEQA Guidelines contain the following information regarding economic and social effects: Section 15131 of the Guidelines states: *Economic or social information may be included in an EIR or may be presented in whatever form the agency desires.*

(a) Economic or social effects of a project shall not be treated as significant effects on the environment. An EIR may trace a chain of cause and effect from a proposed decision on a project through anticipated economic or social changes resulting from the project to physical changes caused by the economic or social changes. The economic or social changes need not be analyzed in any detail greater than necessary to trace the chain of cause and effect. The focus of the analysis shall be on the physical changes.

According to the analysis of data prepared by LAFCO Staff (refer to Attachment 2), CSA 64 represents approximately 35% of the Special Districts' budget allocated to the water and wastewater agencies that it manages; however, in the past (using the average of the previous five years), CSA 64 has generally funded an additional five percent of overall salaries and benefits for all CSA water and wastewater agencies. Removal of CSA 64's portion of salaries and benefits as well as the additional funding for salaries and benefits (approximately 5%) that support Special Districts' water and wastewater agencies may have an adverse effect on provision of services (maintenance of facilities, required upgrades to water and wastewater infrastructure, and continued compliance with existing or new regulatory requirements for water quality at water and wastewater facilities) to the remaining CSAs. This is considered a potentially significant indirect physical impact to the residual agencies managed by the Special District's Department. Therefore, the following mitigation measure is recommended for implementation by the Commission for this potential impact:

- UTIL-1 The County shall implement the necessary measures to ensure that future service to all remaining water and wastewater CSAs operated by the Special Districts Department is maintained at a comparable level of service and operation that fulfills regulatory requirements for the specific resource, i.e., water and/or wastewater, delivered by the CSA. This responsibility can be fulfilled by any one, two, or all of the following methods:
 - 1) increasing the rate charged for the service provided by the CSA consistent with meeting regulatory requirements;
 - 2) LAFCO may assign to the new SVLCSD an amount of funds required to be returned to the Special District's Department to offset losses from approving LAFCO 3233 that will maintain a comparable level of service and operation in the remaining water and wastewater CSAs; or
 - 3) the County can allocate sufficient funds to maintain a comparable level of service and operation at the remaining water and wastewater CSAs.

With Implementation of this mitigation measure the potentially significant indirect impact to residual water and wastewater agencies in Special Districts Department from approval of LAFCO 3233 can be reduced-controlled to a less than significant impact level.

- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in demand for water supply. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future water demand will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in demand for wastewater service. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future demand for wastewater treatment capacity will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d&e. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future adequacy solid waste capacity and or compliance with solid waste statutes and regulations. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect solid waste generation will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
XX. WILDFIRE: If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:				
a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				\boxtimes
b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of wildfire?				\boxtimes
c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?				\boxtimes
d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes?				\boxtimes

As indicated in the project description, all of the services proposed for the new Spring Valley Lake Community Services District (SVLCSD) are currently being provided by existing agencies, such as CSA 64 (water, sewer collection, and street sweeping) and the County (solid waste). Regardless of which alternative may be approved by the Commission, this new Community Services District (CSD) will assume responsibility for providing these services. The new CSD will utilize the equipment and facilities of the existing service providers and in the case of solid waste will oversee the solid waste franchise contract. Until the new CSD is formed and a Board of Directors elected, the new CSD cannot assume control over these services, including alterations or expenditure for new facilities or equipment. Thus, following LAFCO's approval no new development can occur (except by the existing service provider) that could adversely impact any new facilities within the service area(s). Therefore, until the new CSD exists, no physical changes can occur that would physically modify the environment. Thus, the Commission's approval of LAFCO 3233 has no potential to cause any adverse environmental impacts. Only after the new CSD exists and is capable of assuming CEQA lead agency responsibility can any actions be authorized that could modify the environment. Since it is not possible to know what such actions might be, LAFCO considers any future actions to be speculative and beyond its ability to forecast or identify at this time.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing or future emergency response will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of

Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future exposure to wildland fire hazard pollutants. This is because the CSA 64 project area is not located in a high wildland fire hazard area and no changes to existing land uses or infrastructure can result from approval of LA-3233.

- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could increase potential wildland fire hazards or that could modify the environment within the project area. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in area infrastructure related to wildland fire hazard will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- d. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect future exposure to post-fire hazards. This approval will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect post-fire hazards will become the responsibility of the new CSD.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact or Does Not Apply
XXI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:				
a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				\boxtimes
b) Does the project have the potential to achieve short- term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long- term environmental goals?				\boxtimes
c) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				\boxtimes
d) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?		\boxtimes		

The analysis in this Initial Study and the findings reached indicate that the proposed project can be implemented without causing any new project specific, indirect or cumulatively considerable unavoidable significant adverse environmental impacts. Mitigation is required to control one potential environmental impact of approving LAFCO 3233 to a less than significant impact level. The following findings are based on the detailed analysis of the Initial Study of all environmental topics and the implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the previous text and summarized following this section.

- a. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not change any existing land uses or result in changes in any land uses that could affect any biological or cultural resources as no physical changes in the environment will result from project approval. Commission approval of LAFCO 3233 will only allow the new CSD to assume responsibility for existing water and wastewater services, and any future change in services or facilities that might affect existing biological or cultural resources will become the responsibility of the new CSD.
- b. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not cause any physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the proposed project will not achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.

- c. No Impact LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not cause any physical changes to the environment. Therefore, the proposed project has no potential to causer cumulative adverse environmental impacts.
- Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233, d. Reorganization to Include Dissolution of County Service Area 64 and Formation of the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District together with Formation of Zone A for Solid Waste and Street Sweeping, and Establishment of the Sphere of Influence for the Spring Valley Lake Community Services District, will not cause any identifiable change in any water or wastewater system infrastructure within CSA 64 if it transitions to the SVLCSD. VVWRA has indicated (Attachment 1) that it will continue to accept flows from the new CSD until final arrangements can be made with this Joint powers Authority. However, even though the proposed LAFCO approval of LAFCO 3233 will not cause any direct effects on the CSA 64 water or wastewater systems, there is a concern regarding the potential indirect impact of this project on the residual County water and wastewater agencies (County Service Areas) that remain within the County's Special Districts Department. According to the analysis of data prepared by LAFCO Staff (refer to Attachment 2), CSA 64 represents approximately 35% of the Special Districts' budget allocated to the water and wastewater agencies that it manages; however, in the past (using the average of the previous five years), CSA 64 has generally funded an additional five percent of overall salaries and benefits for all CSA water and wastewater agencies. Removal of CSA 64's portion of salaries and benefits as well as the additional funding for salaries and benefits (approximately 5%) that support Special Districts' water and wastewater agencies may have an adverse effect on provision of services (maintenance of facilities, required upgrades to water and wastewater infrastructure, and continued compliance with existing or new regulatory requirements for water quality at water and wastewater facilities) to the remaining CSAs. This is considered a potentially significant indirect physical impact to the residual agencies managed by the Special District's Department. With implementation of mitigation measure UTIL-1 this potential impact can be reduced to a less than significant adverse impact.

Conclusion

This document evaluated all CEQA issues contained in the latest Initial Study Checklist form. The evaluation determined that either no impact or less than significant impacts would be associated with all environmental issues, except for water and wastewater utilities that remain with the County Special District's Department. The required mitigation has been proposed in this Initial Study to reduce impacts for this single environmental issue to a less than significant impact level.

Based on the evidence and findings in this Initial Study, the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the LAFCO 3233 Project. A Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigation Negative Declaration (NOI) will be issued for this project by LAFCO. The Initial Study and NOI will be circulated for 30 days of public comment. This is because the transfer of authority for production and delivery of potable water to the SVLCSD will have to be approved by the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water. At the end of the 30-day review period, a final MND package will be prepared and it will be reviewed by the Commission for possible adoption at a future meeting, the date for which has yet to be determined. If you or your agency comments on the MND/NOI for this Project, you will be notified about the meeting date in accordance with the requirements in Section 21092.5 of CEQA (statute).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21083.05, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 65088.4, Gov. Code; Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21083.05, 21083.05, 21093, 21094, 21095, and 21151, Public Resources Code; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino, (1988) 202 Cal. App. 3d 296; Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors, (1990) 222 Cal. App. 3d 1337; Eureka Citizens for Responsible Govt. v. City of Eureka (2007) 147 Cal. App. 4th 357; Protect the Historic Amador Waterways v. Amador Water

Agency (2004) 116 Cal.App.4th at 1109; San Franciscans Upholding the Downtown Plan v. City and County of San Francisco (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 656.

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Authority: Public Resources Code sections 21083 and 21083.09

Reference: Public Resources Code sections 21073, 21074, 21080.3.1, 21080.3.2, 21082.3/21084.2 and 21084.3

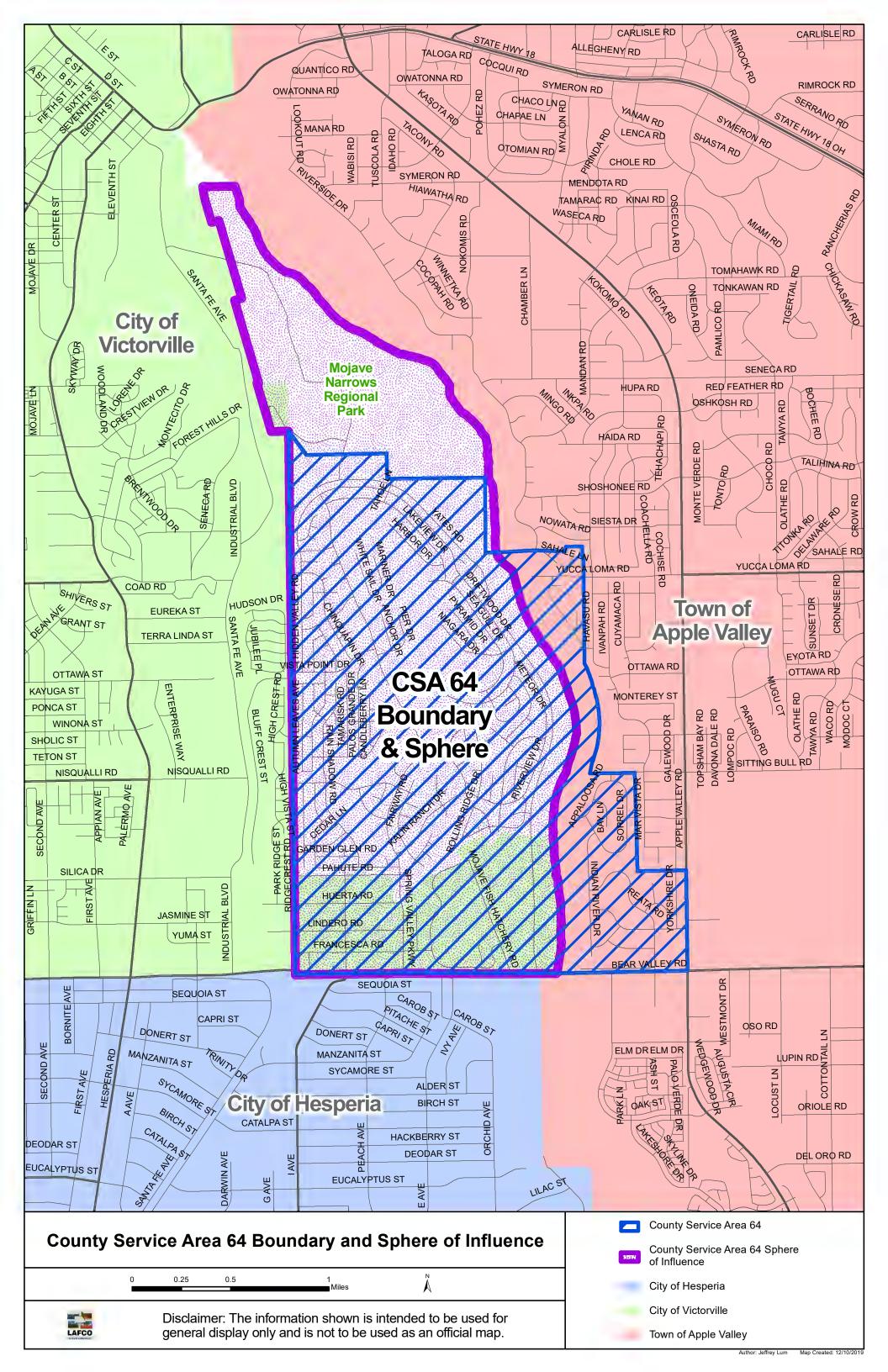
SUMMARY OF MITIGATION MEASURES

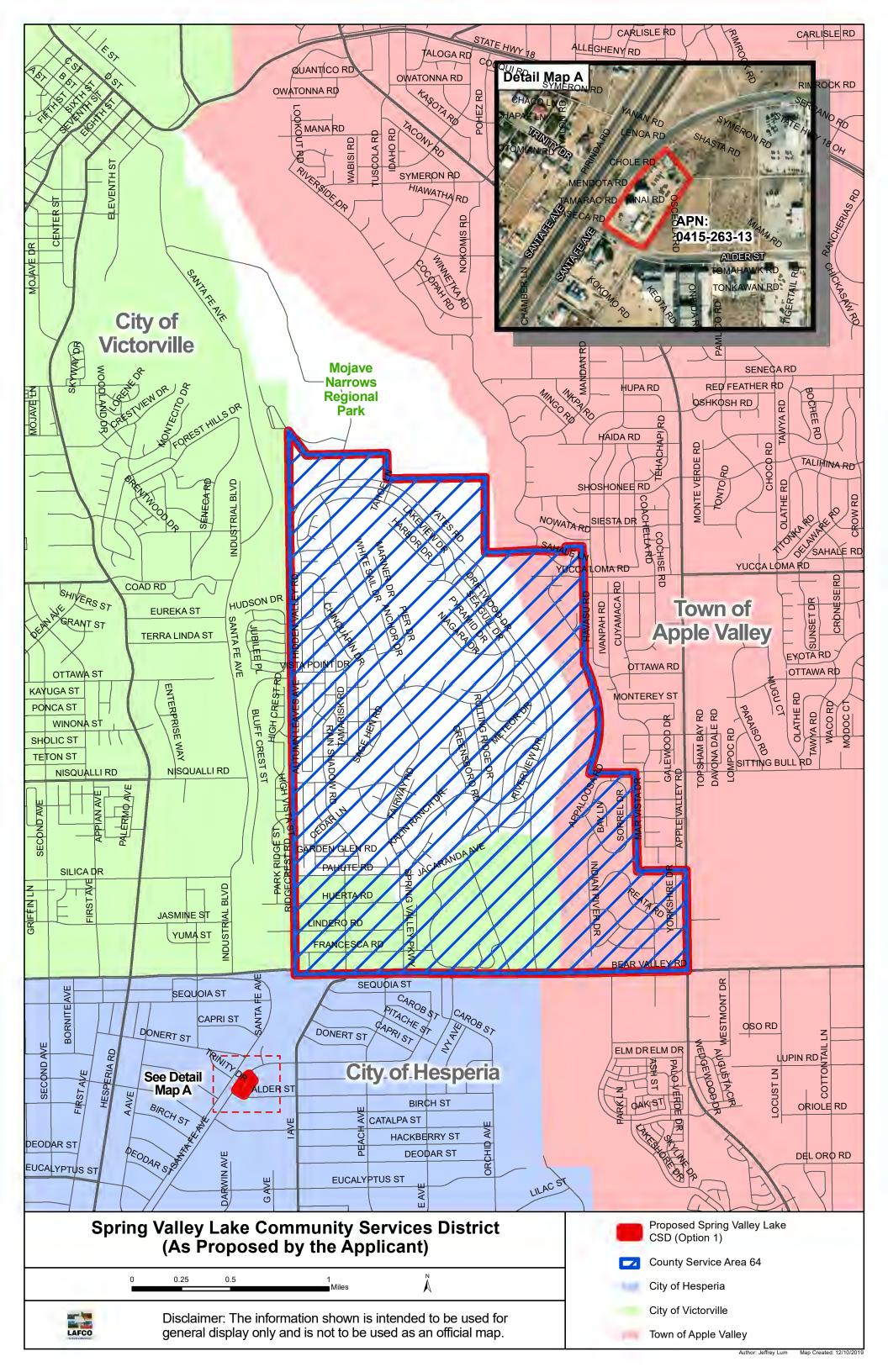
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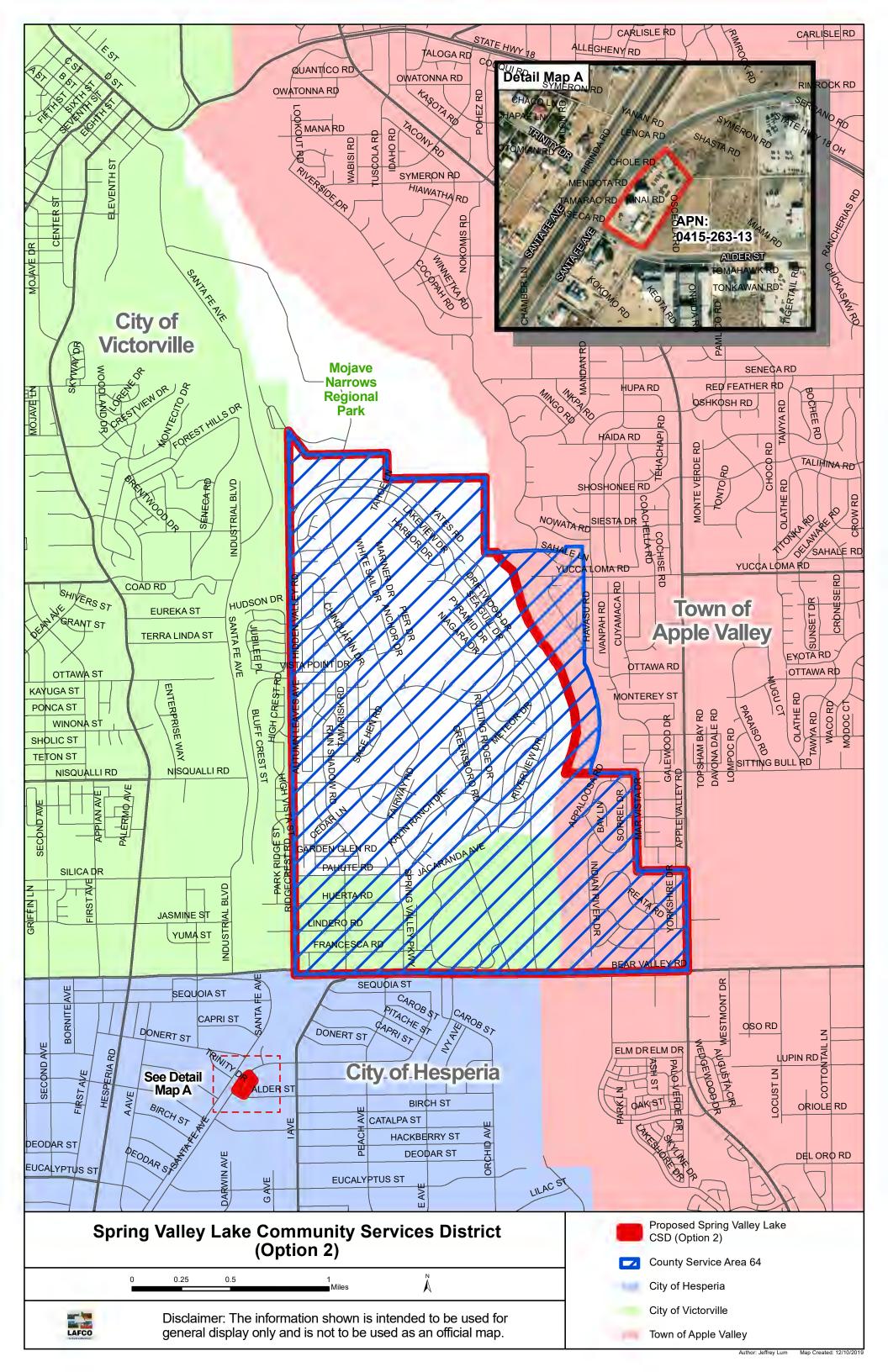
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 - increasing the rate(s) charged for the service provided by the CSAs consistent with meeting regulatory requirements;
 - LAFCO may assign to the new SVLCSD an amount of funds required to be returned to the Special District's Department to offset losses from approving LAFCO 3233 that will maintain a comparable level of service and operation in the remaining water and wastewater CSAs; or
 - 3) The County can allocate sufficient funds to maintain a comparable level of service and operation at the remaining water and wastewater CSAs.

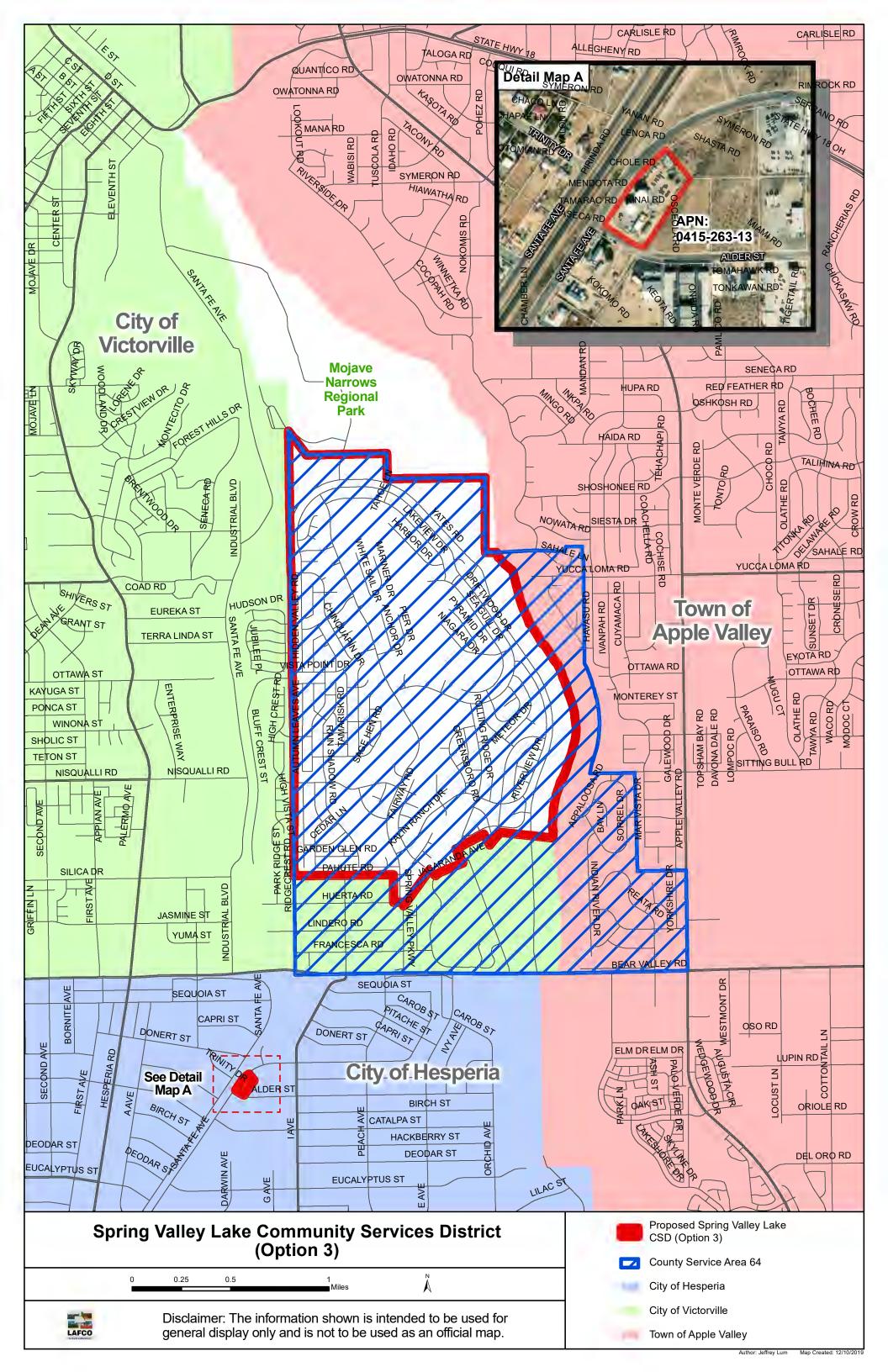
The implementation of this measure shall be demonstrated by a submittal from the Special District's Department or the County verifying that it has adjusted budgets or otherwise has sufficient funds to continue to provide comparable water and wastewater service to those water and wastewater agencies that remain under its jurisdiction. This verification shall be provided to LAFCO within one year of approval of LAFCO 3233, if approved.

FIGURES









ATTACHMENT 1



Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority

A Joint Powers Authority and Public Agency of the State of California

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October 28, 2019

Samuel Martinez, Executive Officer Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County 1170 West 3rd Street Unit 150 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

Subject: Formation of Spring Valley Lake Community Services District -

LAFCO 3233 and Continuation of Service

Dear Mr. Martinez:

We understand LAFCO 3233 is a proposal to dissolve County Service Area 64 (CSA 64) and form an independent special district to be named Spring Valley Lake Community Services District. As a part of this proposal, the new CSD would assume all functions and responsibilities of CSA 64.

As you know, Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority (VVWRA), a Joint Powers Agency ("JPA"), collects, treats, and disposes of CSA 64's effluent. That service is provided as a result of the County of San Bernardino's membership in the JPA. Local Agency Formation Commission for San Bernardino County has asked VVWRA whether the agency would be able to continue to provide the current services if Spring Valley Lake Community Services District assumed all functions and responsibilities of CSA 64. At the October 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board discussed this issue and the consensus of the Board was that VVWRA would be able to continue to provide its services at the current level as long as Spring Valley Lake Community Services District enters into a service agreement with VVWRA.

Should you have additional questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at bmacy@vvwra.com or 760-246-8638.

Sincerely,

Robert A. DeLoach Interim General Manager

Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority

ATTACHMENT 2

TOTALS BY AGENCY (FY 2013-14 through FY 2017-18) WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION C D Α **Total Rev** % of Total Sal & Ben % of Total (C - A) District $(D \times B)$ 42 Oro Grande 2,290,523 \$ 3.1% \$ 545,576 2.3% -0.8% \$ (191,151)\$ 26,287,555 35.5% 9,544,032 4.6% \$ 1,088,866 64 Spring Valley Lake 40.0% \$ 6.6% 1,578,531 0.1% \$ 53 B Fawnskin 4,857,433 \$ 6.6% 16,179 \$ 70 BL Bloomington 230,426 0.3% -0.1% \$ (29,648)44,467 0.2% 70 GH Glen Helen \$ 6,021,774 8.1% \$ 1,934,729 8.1% 0.0% \$ (2,123)\$ 70 S-3 Lytle Creek 3,169,881 4.3% 1,059,125 4.4% 0.2% \$ 39,560 \$ 0.4% 116,503 0.1% \$ 24,945 70 S-7 Lenwood 284,659 0.5% \$ 70 SP-2 High Country 1,446,715 \$ 631,768 166,445 2.0% 2.6% 0.7% \$ \$ \$ 1,569,343 -0.5% \$ 79 Green Valley Lake 5,281,596 (129,437)7.1% 6.6% \$ 3.4% 970,459 0.6% \$ 151,562 82 Searles Valley 2,545,993 \$ 4.1% \$ 3.5% 649,553 -0.8% \$ (185,636)70 CG Cedar Glen 2,596,646 2.7% 70 F Morongo Valley \$ 699,974 0.9% \$ 205,366 -0.1% \$ (19,775)0.9% \$ 70 J Oak Hills 16,352,492 22.1% \$ 4,413,624 18.5% -3.5% \$ (846,014) \$ 356,822 0.1% \$ 70 W-3 Hacienda 1,042,893 1.4% 1.5% 21,384 230,862 70 W-4 Pioneertown 1,044,707 1.4% 1.0% -0.4% \$ (105, 159)В 23,850,760 100% 0.00% Water & San. Total 74.153.267 100% \$ 0.00%

CSA 64 represents 35.5% of the total Water and Sanitation Division revenues, yet represents 40.0% of total Salaries and Benefits. The variance of 4.6% results in a five-year excess allocation of \$1,088,866, averaging \$217,773 each year. It is the only Water and Sanitation Division district to have a positive variance over 1% and is an outlier.

Five year average of \$1,088,866 \$

217,773

source: Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

prepared by LAFCO staff

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District		Total Rev	% of Total		Sal & Ben	% of Total	(C - A)	(D x B)
42 Oro Grande	\$	483,869	3.2%	\$	92,802	2.1%	-1.1%	(49,259
64 Spring Valley Lake	\$	4,938,499	32.9%	\$	1,758,448	39.9%	7.0%	308,533
53 B Fawnskin	\$	981,062	6.5%	\$	311,128	7.1%	0.5%	23,094
70 BL Bloomington	170		0.0%	ш	-	0.0%	0.0%	-
70 GH Glen Helen	\$	1,610,585	10.7%	\$	324,549	7.4%	-3.4%	(148,310
70 S-3 Lytle Creek	\$	612,475	4.1%	\$	209,580	4.8%	0.7%	29,761
70 S-7 Lenwood	\$	7,981	0.1%	\$	60,608	1.4%	1.3%	58,265
70 SP-2 High Country	\$	278,822	1.9%	\$	126,153	2.9%	1.0%	44,292
79 Green Valley Lake	\$	1,060,983	7.1%	\$	321,443	7.3%	0.2%	9,944
82 Searles Valley	\$	416,940	2.8%	\$	198,913	4.5%	1.7%	76,502
70 CG Cedar Glen	\$	488,484	3.3%	\$	93,366	2.1%	-1.1%	(50,050
70 F Morongo Valley	\$	137,649	0.9%	\$	31,398	0.7%	-0.2%	(9,015
70 J Oak Hills	\$	3,589,086	23.9%	\$	792,916	18.0%	-5.9%	(260,819
70 W-3 Hacienda	\$	215,864	1.4%	\$	50,541	1.1%	-0.3%	(12,835
70 W-4 Pioneertown	\$	198,883	1.3%	\$	38,288	0.9%	-0.5%	(20,103
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Water & San. Total	\$	15,021,182	100%	\$	4,410,133	100%	0.00%	0.00%
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42 Oro Grande	\$	462,922	3.2%	\$	100,447	2.2%	-0.9%	\$ (41,577
64 Spring Valley Lake	\$	4,970,300	34.0%	\$	1,928,845	43.1%	9.0%	\$ 403,966
53 B Fawnskin	\$	972,096	6.7%	\$	306,933	6.9%	0.2%	\$ 8,696
70 BL Bloomington	170		0.0%	ш	-	0.0%	0.0%	\$ -
70 GH Glen Helen	\$	1,058,664	7.3%	\$	311,943	7.0%	-0.3%	\$ (12,853
70 S-3 Lytle Creek	\$	652,254	4.5%	\$	196,554	4.4%	-0.1%	\$ (3,556
70 S-7 Lenwood	\$	19,065	0.1%	\$	18,536	0.4%	0.3%	\$ 12,687
70 SP-2 High Country	\$	282,321	1.9%	\$	121,263	2.7%	0.8%	\$ 34,647
79 Green Valley Lake	\$	1,064,690	7.3%	\$	306,537	6.8%	-0.4%	\$ (20,108
82 Searles Valley	\$	607,974	4.2%	\$	182,503	4.1%	-0.1%	\$ (4,022
70 CG Cedar Glen	\$	568,888	3.9%	\$	93,567	2.1%	-1.8%	\$ (80,967
70 F Morongo Valley	\$	146,825	1.0%	\$	28,400	0.6%	-0.4%	\$ (16,646
70 J Oak Hills	\$	3,134,426	21.5%	\$	800,121	17.9%	-3.6%	\$ (161,515
70 W-3 Hacienda	\$	237,194	1.6%	\$	46,344	1.0%	-0.6%	\$ (26,427
70 W-4 Pioneertown	\$	420,613	2.9%	\$	36,717	0.8%	-2.1%	\$ (92,326
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Water & San. Total	\$	14,598,232	100%	\$	4,478,710	100%	0.00%	0.00%
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District		Total Rev	% of Total		Sal & Ben	% of Total	(C - A)	(D x B)
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42 Oro Grande	\$	333,309	2.3%	\$	142,981	2.7%	0.4%	•
64 Spring Valley Lake	\$	5,353,532	36.9%	\$	2,202,664	42.2%	5.3%	•
53 B Fawnskin	\$	976,940	6.7%	\$	349,132	6.7%	-0.1%	• •
70 BL Bloomington	\$	1,645	0.0%	\$	7,009	0.1%	0.1%	\$ 6,410
70 GH Glen Helen	\$	1,109,495	7.7%	\$	336,196	6.4%	-1.2%	\$ (63,44)
70 S-3 Lytle Creek	\$	634,773	4.4%	\$	225,432	4.3%	-0.1%	\$ (3,21
70 S-7 Lenwood	\$	137,382	0.9%	\$	63,226	1.2%	0.3%	\$ 13,74
70 SP-2 High Country	\$	304,456	2.1%	\$	157,920	3.0%	0.9%	\$ 48,25
79 Green Valley Lake	\$	1,062,020	7.3%	\$	346,819	6.6%	-0.7%	\$ (35,723
82 Searles Valley	\$	450,645	3.1%	\$	218,856	4.2%	1.1%	\$ 56,532
70 CG Cedar Glen	\$	497,132	3.4%	\$	120,686	2.3%	-1.1%	\$ (58,38)
70 F Morongo Valley	\$	133,350	0.9%	\$	39,827	0.8%	-0.2%	\$ (8,20)
70 J Oak Hills	\$	3,185,855	22.0%	\$	902,891	17.3%	-4.7%	\$ (244,662
70 W-3 Hacienda	\$	166,090	1.1%	\$	65,502	1.3%	0.1%	\$ 5,670
70 W-4 Pioneertown	\$	151,822	1.0%	\$	43,238	0.8%	-0.2%	\$ (11,449
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Water & San. Total	\$	14,498,446	100%	\$	5,222,379	100%	0.00%	0.00
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District	_	Total Rev	% of Total		Sal & Ben	% of Total	(C - A)	(D x B)
42 Oro Grande	\$	503,767	3.5%	\$	105,855	2.0%	-1.5%	\$ (78,23
64 Spring Valley Lake	\$	5,354,402	37.1%	\$	2,231,889	42.4%	5.2%	
53 B Fawnskin	\$	983,427	6.8%	\$	348,351	6.6%	-0.2%	\$ (11,02
70 BL Bloomington	\$	14,742	0.1%	\$	7,000	0.1%	0.0%	\$ 1,61
70 GH Glen Helen	\$	1,047,381	7.3%	\$	331,015	6.3%	-1.0%	\$ (51,73
70 S-3 Lytle Creek	\$	642,816	4.5%	\$	231,201	4.4%	-0.1%	\$ (3,70
70 S-7 Lenwood	\$	91,689	0.6%	\$	60,574	1.1%	0.5%	\$ 27,06
70 SP-2 High Country	\$	319,113	2.2%	\$	149,908	2.8%	0.6%	\$ 33,29
79 Green Valley Lake	\$	1,029,465	7.1%	\$	353,480	6.7%	-0.4%	\$ (22,72
82 Searles Valley	\$	366,422	2.5%	\$	220,533	4.2%	1.6%	\$ 86,63
70 CG Cedar Glen	\$	485,313	3.4%	\$	112,425	2.1%	-1.2%	\$ (64,92
70 F Morongo Valley	\$	125,451	0.9%	\$	46,892	0.9%	0.0%	\$ 1,04
70 J Oak Hills	\$	3,116,477	21.6%	\$	959,503	18.2%	-3.4%	\$ (179,36
70 W-3 Hacienda	\$	213,457	1.5%	\$	64,858	1.2%	-0.2%	\$ (13,14
70 W-4 Pioneertown	\$	120,939	0.8%	\$	44,208	0.8%	0.0%	\$ 1
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Water & San. Total	\$	14,414,861	100%	\$	5,267,692	100%	0.00%	0.00
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District		Total Rev	% of Total		Sal & Ben	% of Total	(C - A)	(D x B)
42 Oro Grande	\$	506,656	3.2%	\$	103,491	2.3%	-0.9%	\$ (41,554
64 Spring Valley Lake	\$	5,670,822	36.3%	\$	1,422,186	31.8%	-4.5%	
53 B Fawnskin	\$	943,908	6.0%	\$	262,987	5.9%	-0.2%	
70 BL Bloomington	\$	214,039	1.4%	\$	30,458	0.7%	-0.7%	\$ (30,817
70 GH Glen Helen	\$	1,195,649	7.7%	\$	631,026	14.1%	6.5%	\$ 288,736
70 S-3 Lytle Creek	\$	627,563	4.0%	\$	196,358	4.4%	0.4%	\$ 16,699
70 S-7 Lenwood	\$	28,542	0.2%	\$	(86,441)	-1.9%	-2.1%	\$ (94,612
70 SP-2 High Country	\$	262,003	1.7%	\$	76,524	1.7%	0.0%	\$ 1,518
79 Green Valley Lake	\$	1,064,438	6.8%	\$	241,064	5.4%	-1.4%	\$ (63,663
82 Searles Valley	\$	704,012	4.5%	\$	149,654	3.3%	-1.2%	\$ (51,890
70 CG Cedar Glen	\$	556,829	3.6%	\$	229,509	5.1%	1.6%	\$ 70,100
70 F Morongo Valley	\$	156,699	1.0%	\$	58,849	1.3%	0.3%	\$ 13,989
70 J Oak Hills	\$	3,326,648	21.3%	\$	958,193	21.4%	0.1%	\$ 5,841
70 W-3 Hacienda	\$	210,288	1.3%	\$	129,577	2.9%	1.6%	\$ 69,376
70 W-4 Pioneertown	\$	152,450	1.0%	\$	68,411	1.5%	0.6%	\$ 24,768
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Water & San. Total	\$	15,620,546	100%	\$	4,471,846	100%	0.00%	0.00%
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