



December 1, 2021

Hon. Russell L. Hom, Presiding Judge
Sacramento County Superior Court
720 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Judge Hom,

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission has received the recent Grand Jury Report, titled “Del Paso Manor Water District Flooded with Public Safety Dangers.” On behalf of this Commission, I thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sacramento LAFCo has carefully considered the report, the methodology, its findings and each of the recommendations submitted by the Grand Jury. The report specifically requests that LAFCo respond to Recommendation R3, which reads,

R3: A Municipal Service Review should be performed by LAFCO to study and analyze information about the Water District's governance structures and efficiencies. The Grand Jury also recommends that DPMWD fully cooperate with LAFCO to initiate this process by January 31, 2022 for completion of a new Municipal Service Review by June 30, 2022.

Response: Sacramento LAFCo agrees with this finding.

Explanation: Sacramento LAFCo can have a role to play in ensuring that the constituents of Del Paso Manor Water District receive safe drinking water and will definitely be involved if there has to be some type of governmental reorganization as part of the solution. Sacramento LAFCo also pledges to devote the necessary resources to complete the MSR in a timely manner.

LAFCo does request that the Grand Jury consider an adjusted timeline for the completion of the MSR. As you are aware, a municipal service review covers many topics. The MSR is not limited in its discussion to governance; it also includes finances and service capability and capacity. Among other things, the Grand Jury is recommending that Del Paso Manor WD complete an infrastructure improvement plan (Recommendation R1) “within six months” and a Consumer Confidence Report (Recommendation R5) by “May 2022.”

The information contained in those reports would be extremely useful and valuable to include in the MSR. As a result, LAFCo recommends adjusting the MSR start date to May 2022. The MSR can incorporate the findings of what would be at that time the nearly-completed infrastructure plan, the completed CCR and any other materials Del Paso Manor WD will produce in the next few months. The adjusted timelines puts the completion of the MSR to November 2022.

LAFCo will use the time in the first quarter of 2022 to start the preparation work on the MSR. In addition, LAFCo will be setting up a process to work with the District through a series of meetings in order to assist in completing the necessary tasks. We have already reached out to the District and will discuss the next steps at our December LAFCo meeting.

We thank the Grand Jury for its time and attention to this matter.

Regards,



Chris Little
Chair

cc: Ginger Derham, Jury Commissioner
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