



August 8, 2024

Hon. Bunmi Awoniyi, Presiding Judge  
Sacramento County Superior Court  
720 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Judge Awoniyi,

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) has received the recent Grand Jury Report, titled "Infighting and Turmoil Drown Florin County Water District." On behalf of this Commission, I thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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 R15, which reads,

*R15: A Municipal Service Review should be performed by LAFCo to study and analyze information about the District's governance structure, service capacity, infrastructure, and efficiencies, by March 31, 2025. The Grand Jury also recommends that FCWD fully cooperate with LAFCo.*

*Response:* LAFCo agrees with this finding.

*Explanation:* LAFCo can have a role to play by ensuring a Municipal Service Review (MSR) will provide an assessment of the district's governance and ability to provide efficient and effective service to its customers. 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, service capacity, infrastructure, and efficiencies; it also includes finances and service capability. Among other things, the Grand Jury is recommending that FCWD adopt Policies and Procedures (Recommendation R1) by December 31, 2024, and create a five-year capital improvement plan (Recommendation R14) by November 30, 2024. In addition, some of the materials the Grand Jury is recommending that FCWD complete by the end of the

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year would be helpful to LAFCo with the preparation of the MSR. Starting an MSR now to complete it by March 2025 ensures none of that information will make it into the report.

The information contained in those documents would be extremely useful and valuable to include in the MSR. As a result, LAFCo recommends adjusting the MSR start date to March 31, 2025. The MSR can incorporate the findings of those documents and other recommendations listed in the Grand Jury report. The adjusted timelines would put the completion of the MSR to November 2025.

LAFCo will use the time in the second quarter of 2025 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 thank the Grand Jury for its time and attention to this matter.

Regards,



Rich Desmond  
Chair

cc: Erendira Tapia-Bouthillier, Grand Jury

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