



ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7

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Mona Palacios, Executive Officer
Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission
1221 Oak Street, Suite 555
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Subject: *Status and Timing of Zone 7's Application to LAFCo for Independence*

Dear Ms. Palacios:

Zone 7 thanks LAFCo for acknowledging the many years Zone 7 has spent to pursue full independent status, which will greatly benefit the residents of the Tri-Valley. After discussions during the past few months with Supervisors Haggerty and Miley, who represent the Tri-Valley, Zone 7 plans to pursue a LAFCo application prior to taking any further action to achieve independence. Before we prepare our application for submittal, Zone 7 intends to accomplish the following steps in a cooperative manner with the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa to satisfy other requests made by the two supervisors during informal discussions and at the March 5, 2013 meeting of the County's Transportation and Planning Committee:

- Develop and execute Memorandum of Understanding with Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District addressing flood control issues
- Develop and execute Principles of Agreement with Contra Costa County

In addition, Zone 7 is one of six agencies participating in the Tri-Valley Utilities Coordination/Integration Study, which will also inform the LAFCo application process. Zone 7 plans to complete that effort before submitting an application to LAFCo. To fulfill the requests from Supervisors Haggerty and Miley, Zone 7 estimates that the application will not be made for at least a year. With this projected time line, Zone 7 will rely on the support of Supervisors Miley and Haggerty, and their staffs, to help fulfill the best interests of our respective Tri-Valley constituencies. We thank them for their constructive input and will continue to work cooperatively and collaboratively with Alameda County during and after the independence process.

If you have any questions or comments in the meantime, please feel free to contact either me or Jill Duerig at the number above (Jill can also be reached by e-mail at jduerig@zone7water.com).

Sincerely,

Sarah Palmer, PhD
President, Zone 7 Board of Directors

cc: LAFCo Commissioners and Alternates
Zone 7 Board Members
Susan Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator
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