

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

April 21, 2010 (Agenda)

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Agenda Item 7

LAFCO 09-12: Annexation 173A (Alamo) to Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD)

PROPONENT: CCCSD by Resolution No. 2009-103 adopted November 5, 2009

ACREAGE & LOCATION The applicant proposes to annex 64± acres (37 properties) located in seven separate areas in the unincorporated community of Alamo as generally described below:

Area 173A-9: 10 parcels plus a partial parcel located on Ridgewood Road (31.2± acres)

Area 173A-10: one parcel located on Kemline Court (0.5± acre)

Area 173A-11: eight parcels plus a partial parcel located on Danville Boulevard, Gurney Lane and Tara Jean Lane (18.4± acres)

Area 173A-12: one parcel located on Corwin Drive (0.5± acre)

Area 173A-13: one parcel located on Muir Lane (0.7± acre)

Area 173A-14: two parcels located on Camille Avenue and Gary Way (1.4± acres)

Area 173A-15: 12 parcels located on Wayne Avenue, Adelle Court and Escondido Court (11.3± acres)

SYNOPSIS

CCCSD, on behalf of a number of property owners, filed an application with LAFCO to annex the properties into the District. Approximately 14 property owners have petitioned CCCSD for sewer service. In addition, the District has included 23 in-fill parcels to avoid the creation of islands, provide for logical boundaries, and streamline CCCSD staff work.

The purpose of the annexation is to extend sanitary sewer service to the various parcels. The properties are a combination of existing single-family dwelling units that have converted (or are converting) from septic systems to municipal sewer service, construction of new single family homes to be connected to the CCCSD municipal system, and parcels being included to eliminate islands and provide for logical service boundaries. Also, the density and proximity of the properties to the San Ramon Creek make municipal sewer service and annexation to CCCSD prudent to avoid despoiling the creek with septic system effluent.

DISCUSSION

The Government Code sets forth factors that the Commission is required to consider in evaluating any proposed boundary change as discussed below (Gov. Code §56668). In the Commission's review and evaluation, no single factor is determinative. In reaching a decision, each is to be evaluated within the context of the overall proposal.

1. Consistency with the Sphere of Influence (SOI) of Any Local Agency:

The areas proposed for annexation are within CCCSD's SOI and within the County Urban Limit Line. All parcels are located in the unincorporated community of Alamo.

2. Land Use, Planning and Zoning - Present and Future:

The County General Plan and zoning designations are Single Family Residential - Very Low (R-65 and A-2: 65,000 sq. ft. minimum and parcel 5-acre minimum) for area 173A-9; Single Family

Residential - Low (R-20: 20,000 sq. ft. minimum) for areas 173A-10, 173A-12, 173A-13 and 173A-14; Single Family Residential - Very Low and Low (R-20) for area 173A-11; and Single Family Residential - Low (R-20 and R-40: 40,000 sq. ft. minimum) for area 173A-15. No changes are proposed to General Plan or zoning designations as part of this proposal.

3. The Effect on Maintaining the Physical and Economic Integrity of Agricultural Lands:

The properties proposed for annexation contain no prime farmland or land covered under Williamson Act Land Conservation Agreements.

4. Topography, Natural Features and Drainage Basins:

The topography of area 173A-9 is hilly; the remaining annexation areas are relatively flat. The topography surrounding area 173A-9 is hilly; the topography surrounding the remaining areas is relatively flat.

5. Population:

According to the application, there is no development potential and no projected population increase in the areas proposed for annexation.

6. Fair Share of Regional Housing:

Pursuant to §56668 of the CKH Act, LAFCO must consider in the review of a proposal the extent to which the proposal will assist the receiving entity in achieving its fair share of the regional housing needs as determined by the regional council of governments.

The proposed annexation will have no effect on regional housing needs.

7. Governmental Services and Controls - Need, Cost, Adequacy and Availability:

In accordance with Government Code §56653, whenever a local agency submits a resolution of application for a change of organization or reorganization, the local agency shall also submit a plan for providing services within the affected territory. The plan shall include all of the following information and any additional information required by the Commission or the Executive Officer:

- (1) An enumeration and description of the services to be extended to the affected territory.
- (2) The level and range of those services.
- (3) An indication of when those services can feasibly be extended to the affected territory.
- (4) An indication of any improvement or upgrading of structures, roads, sewer or water facilities, or other conditions the local agency would impose or require within the affected territory if the change of organization or reorganization is completed.
- (5) Information with respect to how those services will be financed.

The "Plan for Providing Services within the Affected Territory," as required by Government Code §56653, is on file in the LAFCO office. The properties proposed for annexation are served by various municipalities and agencies including, but not limited to, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

The proposal before the Commission is to annex the properties to CCCSD for the provision of sanitary sewer service, including collection, treatment and disposal.

CCCSD currently serves an estimated population of 314,000 residents in a 142-square-mile service area. CCCSD's wastewater collection system consists of 1,500 miles of sewer mains with 18 pump

stations. The majority of CCCSD's system operates with gravity flow with some pumping stations and force mains. All sewer connections to the subject property will be either gravity flow or individual residential pump systems.

CCCSD's wastewater treatment plant provides secondary level treatment for an average dry weather flow of approximately 32.6 million gallons per day (mgd) of wastewater. The wastewater treatment plant has a permitted capacity of 53.8 mgd.

The areas proposed for annexation could potentially extend service to 32 existing single family residential units, and the approved Mount Diablo YMCA facility. The maximum demand for service is approximately 20,000 gallons of wastewater per day.

CCCSD indicates that many of the properties proposed for annexation are served by existing CCCSD facilities; others can extend sanitary sewer main lines to receive sewer services. It is not the current practice of CCCSD to compel property owners to connect their properties to the public sewer system involuntarily.

With regard to infrastructure and improvements, CCCSD indicates that all gravity mains required to serve the affected parcels will be 8-inch diameter for gravity mains or up to 2-inch diameter for pressure mains, which are CCCSD's minimums for mains. All laterals will be 4-inch diameter, which is CCCSD's minimum for gravity laterals, or 1-1/4- to 2-inch diameter pump laterals, which is CCCSD's minimum for pump laterals, depending on the specific pump type installed.

With regard to funding, all capital costs including any required sewer main extensions, along with connections fees, will be borne by the property owners. CCCSD funds the maintenance of all sewers through its annual sewer service charge.

8. Timely Availability of Water and Related Issues:

The areas proposed for annexation are within the EBMUD service area. EBMUD provides wholesale water, retail water, wastewater collection and wastewater treatment services for an area of approximately 331 square miles in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, serving over 1.4 million people. Water service includes production, distribution, retail, treatment, recycling and conservation services. Historically, over 90% of EBMUD's water comes from the Mokelumne River watershed. Other water sources include local watershed runoff and Central Valley Project (CVP) (Sacramento River).

CCCSD indicates that the proposed annexation would have a minor effect on water usage, and would not lead to the construction of new or expansion of existing water facilities.

9. Assessed Value, Tax Rates and Indebtedness:

The annexation areas are within tax rate areas 66066 and 66002. The assessed value for the areas proposed for annexation is \$26,151,931 (2009-10 roll). The territory being annexed shall be liable for all authorized or existing taxes comparable to properties presently within the annexing agencies.

10. Environmental Impact of the Proposal:

As Lead Agency, CCCSD found all of the annexation areas, with the exception of the YMCA properties, categorically exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15319, Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities. With regard to the two YMCA properties, which are part of area 173A-11, CCCSD relied on the

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by Contra Costa County in October 2003 (State Clearinghouse No. 1999112074). The EIR found that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment, and included various mitigation measures. The EIR included a discussion of sewer services and annexation. The LAFCO Environmental Coordinator reviewed the document and finds it adequate for LAFCO purposes. A copy of the document is available for review in the LAFCO office.

11. Landowner Consent and Consent by Annexing Agency:

According to County Elections, there are more than 12 registered voters in the area proposed for annexation. Thus, the area proposed for annexation is considered inhabited.

CCCSD indicates that less than 100% of the affected landowners/voters have provided written consent to the annexation. Thus, the Commission's action is subject to notice, hearing, as well as conducting authority (protest), proceedings. All landowners and registered voters within the proposal area(s) and within 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the area(s) have received notice of the April 21 hearing.

As of this writing, LAFCO has received no communication from any affected landowner or registered voter. If no written objection is received from an affected party prior to the conclusion of the hearing on April 21, the Commission may waive the protest proceedings. However, if any objection is received at any time prior to or during the hearing, then a protest hearing is required (Gov. Code Section 56663).

12. Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:

The annexation areas are within CCCSD's SOI and are contiguous to existing CCCSD boundaries. The Central County Water/Wastewater Municipal Services Review (MSR), completed in April 2008, provided an assessment of CCCSD services. The MSR report noted that CCCSD was serving an estimated 180 parcels outside its service boundary; and that there were a number of small islands surrounded by the District and within its SOI. The MSR suggested annexing parcels receiving out of agency service, as well as islands and areas where there were concerns due to failing septic systems and related public health issues. Since 2008, CCCSD has made significant progress to validate sewer service connections and correct island and boundary irregularities. The proposed annexation would bring into CCCSD's boundaries additional parcels currently receiving out of agency service, and facilitate further clean up of pockets and islands.

13. Environmental Justice:

LAFCO is required to consider the extent to which proposals for changes of organization or reorganization will promote environmental justice. As defined by statute, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services. The proposed annexation is not expected to promote or discourage the fair treatment of minority or economically disadvantaged groups.

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

After consideration of this report and any testimony or additional materials that are submitted the Commission should consider taking one of the following options:

Option 1 Approve the annexation as submitted.

- A. Determine that CCCSD, as Lead Agency, found all of the annexation areas, with the exception of the YMCA properties, categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15319, Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities. With regard to the two YMCA properties, which are part of area 173A-11, CCCSD, as a Responsible Agency, has filed a Notice of Determination making the required determinations in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152.
- B. The Commission determines the project, with the exception of the YMCA properties, is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15319, consistent with the determination of CCCSD acting as Lead Agency.
- C. Certify that with regard to the two YMCA properties, the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the CEQA documents prepared by Contra Costa County, as Lead Agency (State Clearinghouse No. 1999112074) which found that the project will have no significant environmental effect.
- D. Adopt this report and approve the proposal, to be known as Annexation 173A, to the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - 1. The territory being annexed shall be liable for the continuation of any authorized or existing special taxes, assessments and charges comparable to properties presently within the annexing agency.
 - 2. That CCCSD has delivered an executed indemnification agreement providing for CCCSD to indemnify LAFCO against any expenses arising from any legal actions challenging the annexation.
- E. Find that the subject territory is inhabited and that the annexing agency has consented waiving the conducting authority proceedings. However, less than 100% of the affected landowners/registered voters have provided written consent to the annexation. Should LAFCO receive any objection to the annexation from an affected party prior to or during the public hearing, then a subsequent protest hearing is required. Should no protest be received, then the Commission may waive the protest hearing and direct LAFCO staff to complete the proceedings.

Option 2 Adopt this report and DENY the proposal.

Option 3 If the Commission needs more information, CONTINUE this matter to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Option 1.

LOU ANN TEXEIRA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 09-12

**RESOLUTION OF THE CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING
ANNEXATION 173A TO CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the above-referenced proposal has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, at the time and in the manner required by law the Executive Officer has given notice of the Commission's consideration of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony related to the proposal including, but not limited to, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document or determination, Spheres of Influence and applicable General and Specific Plans; and

WHEREAS, information satisfactory to the Commission has been presented that no affected landowners/registered voters within the reorganization area object to the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission determines the proposal to be in the best interests of the affected area and the total organization of local governmental agencies within Contra Costa County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

1. Determine that CCCSD, as Lead Agency, found all of the annexation areas, with the exception of the YMCA properties, categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15319, Annexation of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities. With regard to the two YMCA properties, which are part of area 173A-11, CCCSD, as a Responsible Agency, has filed a Notice of Determination making the required determinations in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152.
2. Determine that the project, with the exception of the YMCA properties, is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15319, consistent with the determination of CCCSD acting as Lead Agency.
3. Certify that with regard to the two YMCA properties, the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the CEQA documents prepared by Contra Costa County, as Lead Agency (State Clearinghouse No. 1999112074) which found that the project will have no significant environmental effect.
4. Said annexation is hereby approved.
5. The subject proposal is assigned the distinctive short-form designation:

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6. The boundaries of the affected territory are found to be definite and certain as approved and set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
7. The subject territory shall be liable for any authorized or existing taxes, charges and assessments comparable to properties within the annexing agency.
8. That CCCSD delivered an executed indemnification agreement between the CCCSD and Contra Costa LAFCO providing for CCCSD to indemnify LAFCO against any expenses arising from any legal actions challenging the annexation.
9. The territory proposed for annexation is inhabited.
10. The proposal has less than 100% landowner/registered voter consent; however, no affected landowners/registered voters opposed the annexation, and the annexing agency has given written consent to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings. Said conducting authority proceedings are hereby waived.
11. All subsequent proceedings in connection with this annexation shall be conducted only in compliance with the approved boundaries set forth in the attachments and any terms and conditions specified in this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 21st day of April 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

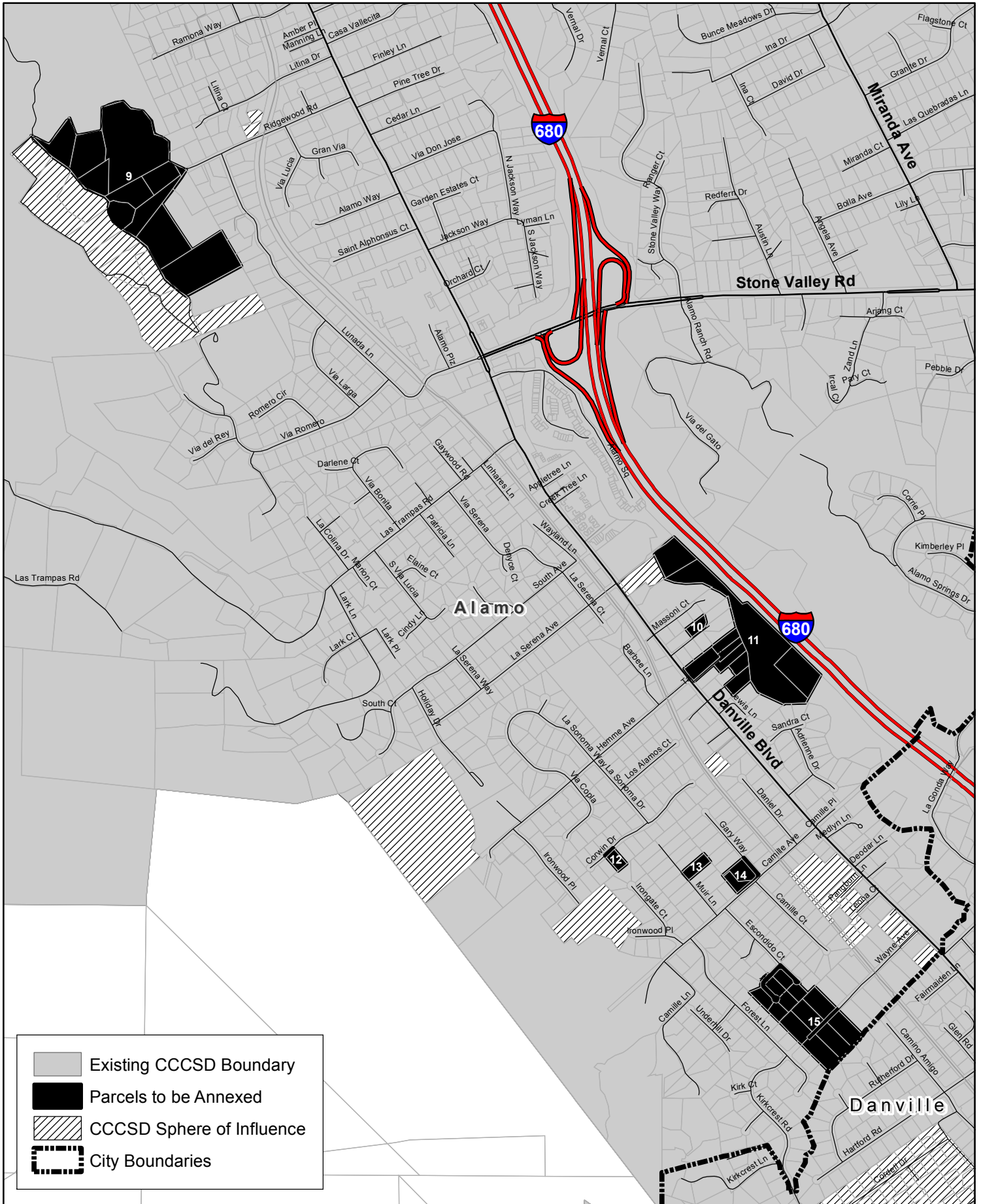
MARTIN McNAIR, CHAIR, CONTRA COSTA LAFCO

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by this Commission on the date stated.

Dated: April 21, 2010

Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer

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	Existing CCCSD Boundary
	Parcels to be Annexed
	CCCSD Sphere of Influence
	City Boundaries

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