June 12, 2019 (Agenda)

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

City of Martinez Annexation Update

Dear Members of the Commission:

The City of Martinez provides a range of municipal services including treated water to properties within the City’s water service boundary. Some of these properties are outside the City limits, and located in the Alhambra Valley, Mt. View, North Pacheco and Vine Hill areas.

In order to extend services outside its jurisdictional boundary, the City must request and receive LAFCO’s approval. These out of agency service requests are typically in anticipation of future annexation and accompanied by deferred annexation agreements that are signed by the landowner(s).

The City has adopted resolutions specific to the Alhambra Valley and Mt. View areas which provide for a non-binding process for annexing these areas by 2030. Also, there have been prior attempts to annex these areas. In 2012, the City was successful in annexing a portion of the Alhambra Valley. Additionally, in 2012, the City’s proposal to annex North Pacheco was approved by LAFCO but rejected by the voters.

In response to a recent increase in the number of out of agency service requests to extend water outside the City’s jurisdictional boundary, the Commission asked the City to provide an update on future annexation activity (see attached memo). As noted in the City’s memo, the City Council identified annexations as one of its top five goals over the next two years, and within the next year will explore an annexation study for the Mt. View/Pacheco Corridor and the Alhambra Valley areas.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Receive this report and provide comments and direction as desired.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Texeira
Executive Officer

Attachment – City of Martinez Memo
c: Distribution
Date: May 30, 2019
To: LAFCO Board
From: Christina Ratcliffe, Community and Economic Director, City of Martinez
Subject: Future Annexation of Mountain View/Pacheco Corridor area and the Alhambra Valley area into the City of Martinez

This is an update of the annexation policies of the City of Martinez and the progress regarding the annexation of the Mountain View/Pacheco Corridor area and the Alhambra Valley area into the City of Martinez.

For many years, the City has processed applications for out of agency water service in these areas in anticipation of future annexation, requiring deferred annexation agreements. As part of the City’s commitment to annex these areas, the City adopted resolutions 038-14, 101-16 and 102-16; calling out non-binding process for annexing these areas by 2030.

Earlier this month, during the City Council goal-setting meeting for the two-year budget, the City Council identified these annexations as one of their top five goals for the next two years. To that end, city staff will be exploring an annexation study for the Mountain View/Pacheco Corridor, as well as the Alhambra Valley within the next year.

The City supports LAFCO’s goals of discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances.

We look forward to working with LAFCO and continuing our coordination of orderly development within the County.