



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 9, 2004
CONSENT

Agenda Item 8

TO: LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: Everett Millais, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: LAFCO 04-10 Ventura County Regional Open Space District Formation – Fee Waiver Request

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the fee waiver request by the County of Ventura for LAFCO 04-10 Ventura County Regional Open Space District formation proposal in the amount of \$7,000.

DISCUSSION:

The Commission’s fee schedule provides for an application fee of \$7,000 for proposals to create new special districts. This fee is based on a process that typically includes substantial amounts of staff time, extra notice and conducting authority protest proceedings by LAFCO. The County Board of Supervisors is requesting that this fee be waived for the Regional Open Space District formation. The County has paid the \$900 fee waiver request deposit fee so that his matter can be considered.

The formation process for the Ventura County Regional Open Space District has not been a typical process. The lengthy process that preceded the filing with LAFCO largely involved County staff and the substantial efforts of a 41 member Open Space District Advisory Committee. Also, the Board of Supervisors held multiple hearings about the formation of the District over an extended period of time. The proposal was fully complete when it was filed with LAFCO and LAFCO staff time has been minimal. Because of the provisions of the Public Resources Code, no special notice or conducting authority process is required by LAFCO. The proposal will be forwarded directly to the voters for a decision about District formation. The law provides that the Commission can waive fees when it finds that payment would be detrimental to the public interest. It is recommended that the Commission make this finding and waive its \$7,000 special district formation application fee in this case.

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