

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 17, 2004

Agenda Item 8

TO: LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: Everett Millais, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Sphere of Influence Updates – No Update Necessary
 Triunfo Sanitation District

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the sphere of influence for the Triunfo Sanitation District, determine that no sphere of influence update is necessary, and receive and file this report.

DISCUSSION:

For each city and special district LAFCO must determine and adopt a sphere of influence and, "...review and update, as necessary, the adopted sphere not less than once every five years." (CA Government Code §56430(f)). In order to prepare and update spheres of influence LAFCO must conduct municipal service reviews. During 2003 the Commission conducted water and wastewater service reviews for the 36 agencies (cities and special districts) in the County that provide some form of water and/or wastewater services. The Triunfo Sanitation District was one of the water and wastewater service providers reviewed as a part of these municipal service reviews.

The Triunfo Sanitation District is a dependent special district. The five member Triunfo Board has two members elected by voters within the District's boundaries and three appointed members; one from the County Board of Supervisors, one from the City of Thousand Oaks City Council and one from the Board of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District.

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Triunfo Sanitation District provides wastewater collection and pumping of reclaimed water to approximately 50 square miles in the southeastern portion of the county, including the unincorporated communities of Bell Canyon, Oak Park and Lake Sherwood, and a portion of the Westlake area in the City of Thousand Oaks. The District also provides potable, retail water to the unincorporated community of Oak Park. Services are provided primarily through agreements and contracts with other agencies. The District is a party in a Joint Powers Agreement with the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District in Los Angeles County for wastewater treatment and reclaimed water, purchases potable water from and sells reclaimed water to Calleguas Municipal Water District, and contracts with the Ventura Regional Sanitation District for staff and administrative support services.

The sphere of influence for the Triunfo Sanitation District is smaller than the area in the District's boundary. There are approximately 23,599 acres in the District's boundaries, but only approximately 13,039 acres in the District's sphere of influence. When the sphere of influence was first adopted in 1981, the District proposed, and LAFCO approved, a sphere of influence that included only areas actually served by the District. Except for some minor amendments, the District's sphere of influence has remained unchanged since 1981.

The area in the District's boundaries, but not within the sphere of influence is between Oak Park and Bell Canyon and north and south of Bell Canyon. The area between Oak Park and south of Bell Canyon is part of the former Ahmanson Ranch project and all of this area is now in public ownership. None of this area is currently served by the District. There is also an area north of Bell Canyon that is outside the District's sphere of influence, but within the District's boundaries. This area, consisting of approximately 1,013 acres, is owned by Boeing North American, Inc. (except for a small .44 acre parcel owned by Ventura County Waterworks District No. 17). None of this area is currently served by the District.

Staff made a presentation to the Triunfo Board of Directors about the District's sphere of influence on July 26, 2004, seeking the District's input about whether to leave the sphere of influence in its current location or to make the sphere of influence co-terminus with the District's boundaries. Staff advised the Triunfo Board that either of these alternatives would be acceptable, but that if the District contemplated extending services within its boundaries to areas outside the current sphere of influence it would be best to update the sphere of influence so that it is co-terminus with the District boundaries. Staff further advised the District's Board that another option would be to expand the sphere of influence to include an area greater than the District's boundaries, but that the municipal service reviews gave no indication of any such expansion and there had been no CEQA review to support any such expansion.

It is staff's understanding that the Triunfo Board of Directors discussed the various options for the District's sphere of influence at least twice subsequent to the July LAFCO staff presentation. Information provided to staff by the District's General Manager and

legal counsel is that the District Board is requesting LAFCO to make no changes to the sphere of influence as a part of the current review process. Given the location of the District's actual service area, this recommendation by the District is supported by staff.

The municipal service review for Triunfo Sanitary District identified no special study areas relating to the District's boundary or sphere of influence. Based on the municipal service review, however, the determinations adopted by LAFCO included:

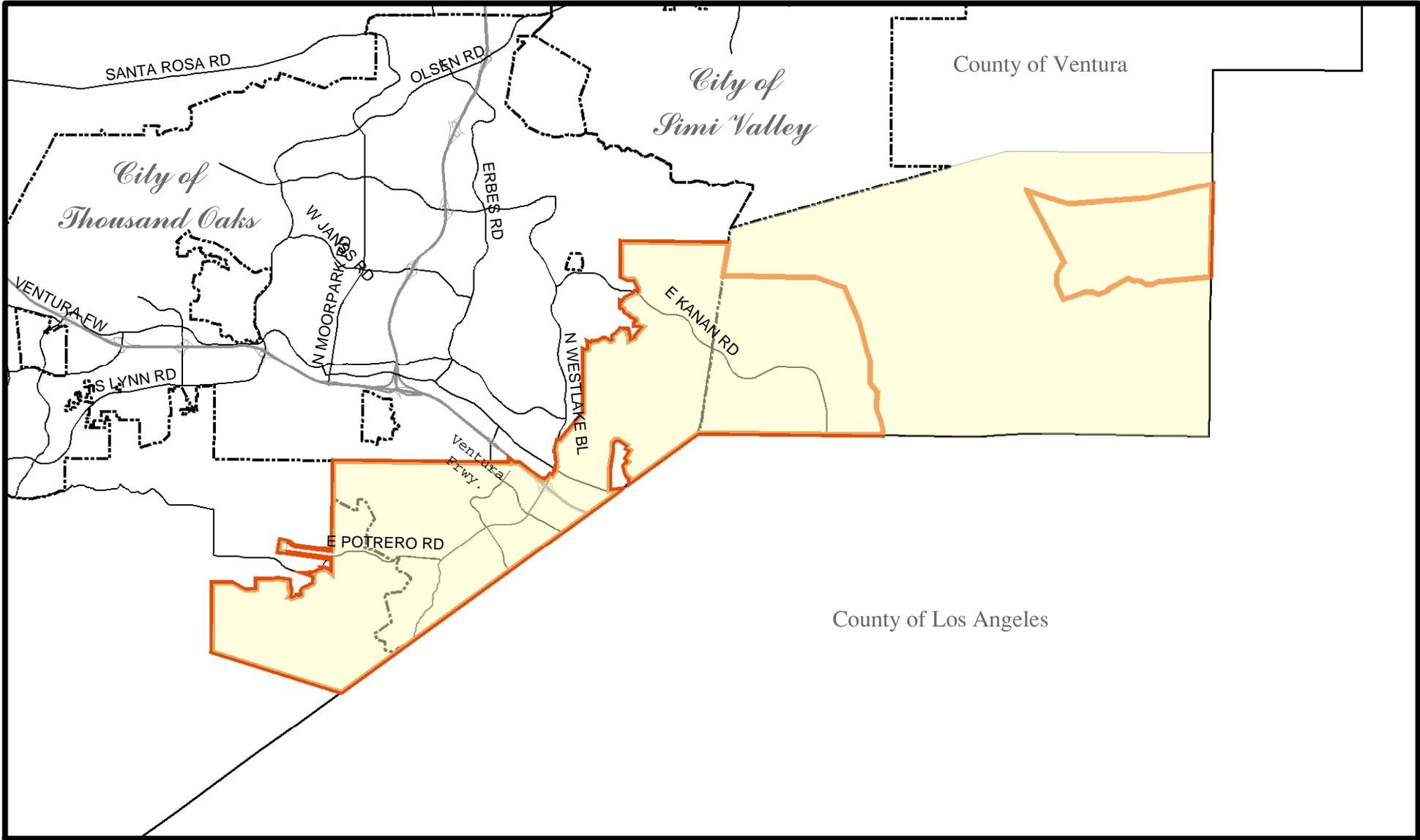
- Government structure – “That the Triunfo SD should analyze the economic and financial impacts of reorganization with other providers in Ventura County.”
- Local accountability and governance – “That the Triunfo SD Board should investigate changing the structure of the Board to ensure that all Board members [are] elected.”

Based on the water and wastewater service review report and the follow-up reviews with the District, it is recommended that the Commission review the sphere of influence for the Triunfo Sanitation District and determine that no update is necessary. The effect of this recommendation is that the existing sphere of influence will remain the same. Because there would be no changes, the review action by the Commission to receive and file this report is not considered a project subject to CEQA.

This matter has been noticed as a public hearing in compliance with the law and the Triunfo Sanitation District has been notified. As of the preparation of this report, no objections to the recommendations have been received.

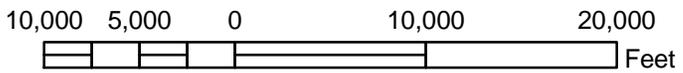
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Triunfo Sphere of Influence map



Legend

- District Boundary
- District Sphere
- City Boundary



Triunfo Sanitation District

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