



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: November 16, 2005

TO: LAFCO Commissioners

FROM: Everett Millais, Executive Officer *EM*

SUBJECT: Sphere of Influence Review and Update
 LAFCO 05-28S 1 Channel Islands Beach Community Services District
 LAFCO 05-28S 2 Conejo Recreation and Park District
 LAFCO 05-28S 3 Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District
 LAFCO 05-28S 4 Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Continue LAFCO 05-28S 1, the sphere of influence update for the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District to the January 18, 2006 LAFCO meeting.
- B. As lead agency, determine that the sphere of influence update for Conejo Recreation and Park District is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and adopt the attached resolution (LAFCO 05-28S 2) making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for Conejo Recreation and Park District.
- C. Continue LAFCO 05-28S 2, the sphere of influence update for Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District to the January 18, 2006 LAFCO meeting.
- D. As lead agency, determine that the sphere of influence update for Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and adopt the attached resolution (LAFCO 05-28S 2) making determinations and updating the sphere of influence for Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Everett Millais	LAFCO ANALYST: Kim Uhlich	OFFICE MANAGER/CLERK: Debbie Schubert	LEGAL COUNSEL: Leroy Smith

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 §56425(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. In 2004 – 2005 municipal service reviews were conducted for the remaining services provided by most special districts. Based on the completed municipal service reviews, and on-going follow-up review and discussion with each subject agency, sphere of influence updates are now being recommended for Channel Islands Beach Community Services District, Conejo Recreation and Park District, and Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. At the request of the Board of Directors, it is recommended that the sphere of influence update for the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District be continued to the LAFCO meeting of January 18, 2006.

Actions relating to spheres of influence must occur at a public hearing. As such, published notice was provided as required by law for hearings on November 16, 2005, for each of the four possible sphere of influence updates discussed in this report.

Channel Islands Beach Community Services District

Review of possible updates to the sphere of influence of the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District is on-going with the District Board. The District Board has met twice to review very minor sphere of influence changes. At their meeting on Wednesday, November 8, the Board requested additional time to review the possible changes and to prepare a letter to LAFCO expressing the District's concerns about some of the language in the Municipal Service Reviews. The Board also indicated that November 16 is a Coastal Commission meeting date and several Board members will be attending the Coastal Commission meeting and, therefore, not available to attend the LAFCO meeting. Due to this request, and the Commission's policy of working in collaboration with affected agencies about service reviews and sphere updates, it is recommended that the Commission continue the hearing about LAFCO 05-28S 1, the update of the sphere of influence of the Channel Islands Beach Community Services District, to the LAFCO meeting of January 18, 2006.

Conejo Recreation and Park District

The Conejo Recreation and Park District is an independent district that provides recreation and park services to the City of Thousand Oaks and vicinity. Formed in 1963 (one year before the City of Thousand Oaks incorporated in 1964), the District is governed by a five member, elected board of directors.

The municipal service review for the District was approved by the Commission in March 2005. The service review report suggested six possible areas of change to the District's sphere of influence (Attachment 1). Based on discussions with the District staff, and for two of the changes, with the staff of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, and a review of what actions LAFCO can take without the need for more intensive CEQA review, five of the areas identified in the service review report as possible sphere of influence changes are being recommended as a part of the sphere of influence update.

One area of possible change that was suggested in the service review report is not being recommended to be included in the sphere of influence update. This area is located southerly of Potrero Road (area no. 6 in Attachment 1) and is shown on the proposed sphere of influence update map as a pending change. The City of Thousand Oaks and the District have embarked on a public planning process for this area under the auspices of the Conejo Open Space Agency (COSCA) that will include public use concepts and potential ownership arrangements. This planning process is envisioned to result in the City of Thousand Oaks being lead agency for CEQA purposes to review a possible Specific Plan and possible sphere amendments and annexation of the area to both the City and the District. Depending on the outcome of the City's CEQA review and specific plan actions future applications to LAFCO by the City and District can be anticipated.

It is contemplated that upon completion of the aforementioned planning and annexation process, the property will be transferred to the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. (MRCA - a joint powers authority that includes the Conejo Recreation & Park District, the Rancho Simi Recreation and park District and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a state agency.)

If the Commission wanted to include this area as a part of the sphere of influence update at this time, and knowing that the City and District have initiated plans for the further use of this area for public open space and recreational purposes, it would likely mean that LAFCO, as lead agency under CEQA for the sphere of influence update, would have to analyze the impacts of the potential changes envisioned by the City and the District. This is not recommended, as LAFCO has no role in the land use decisions necessary for specific plan actions. However, to the extent that the District, and potentially the City, have direct or, via the MRCA, indirect ownership interests in this area, it would be logical for it to be included in the sphere of influence of the District and annexed into the District in the future.

For CEQA purposes, it is recommended that the Commission as lead agency find the Conejo Recreation and Park District sphere of influence update exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. This is the "general rule" exemption, meaning that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. While the recommended sphere of influence update includes five areas of change, there will be no

development of any kind or any land use changes that result from this update. The District has no land use authority and bases its public facilities and services on the City of Thousand Oaks General Plan and the plans of other public agencies, including the County, the COSCA and MRCA.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e) it is recommended that the Commission consider and adopt written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The sphere of influence update for Conejo Recreation and Park District is to provide for all areas currently being served by the District, all areas within the City of Thousand Oak's CURB boundary, all properties owned by the District and the City of Thousand Oaks, and contiguous County owned park property, to be included in the District's sphere of influence. The only exceptions are those areas where some pending development is being considered. There will be no development, no change in land use and no impact to agricultural and open space lands as a result of the sphere of influence update.
- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update. The District bases its public facilities and services on the City of Thousand Oaks General Plan and the plans of other public agencies, including the County, COSCA and MRCA.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the adequacy of the services provided by the Conejo Recreation and Park District.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The sphere of influence update will provide for the Conejo Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to better coincide with the City of Thousand Oaks' social and economic community of interest.

Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District

Review of possible updates to the sphere of influence of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District is on-going with the District staff and Board. At their meeting on Wednesday, November 2, the Board requested additional time to review the possible changes and continued their discussion to their meeting on December 7, 2005. The Board did not express concerns about possible changes but wanted more background information, including an opportunity to re-review the Municipal Service Review report. Due to this request, and the Commission's policy of working in collaboration with affected agencies about service reviews and sphere updates, it is recommended that the Commission continue the hearing about LAFCO 05-28S 3, the update of the sphere of influence of the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District, to the LAFCO meeting of January 18, 2006.

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District

The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is an independent district that provides recreation and park services to the City of Simi Valley and vicinity and the unincorporated community of Oak Park. Formed in 1961 (eight years before the City of Simi Valley incorporated in 1969), the District is governed by a five member, elected board of directors.

The municipal service review for the District was approved by the Commission in March 2005. The service review report suggested three possible areas of change to the District's sphere of influence (Attachment 2). Each of these changes is minor, and two reflect changes that are also proposed for the Conejo Recreation and Park District. Based on discussions with the District staff all three changes discussed in the service review report are being recommended as a part of the sphere of influence update.

The Municipal Service Review report for special district recreation and park services suggested that at the time the Commission considers the update for the sphere of influence for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, the status of Ahmanson Ranch Community Services District should also be discussed and there should be consideration of including the Bell Canyon Community Services District within the sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. No changes resulting from the status of the Ahmanson Ranch CSD or the location of the Bell Canyon CSD are being recommended at this time for the sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

At the request of the County of Ventura the Ahmanson Ranch CSD was formed in 1993 after the County approved a Development Agreement and other land use entitlements for the Ahmanson Ranch project. While formed, the Ahmanson Ranch CSD was never funded and has never been functional. The boundaries of the Ahmanson Ranch CSD are entirely within the boundary and sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. However, there never was any relationship between the Ahmanson Ranch CSD and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District and whether or not the Ahmanson Ranch CSD exists does not affect the boundaries or the sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The status of the Ahmanson Ranch CSD is a separate issue from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District sphere of influence update.

The Bell Canyon Community Services District is not within the boundaries or sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. The special district recreation and park service review report suggested that the Commission may want to consider including the Bell Canyon CSD within the sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District because, "there are trails used by the residents of Bell Canyon that extend into the service area of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District." While there are interconnected trails one of the functions of the Bell Canyon

CSD is to provide recreation services within the unincorporated, gated community of Bell Canyon. These two Districts do not have duplicative facilities or, to staff's knowledge, any formal contractual relationships about services. As a part of the sphere of influence update process the administrative staff of both Districts did not consider it necessary or proper to place the Bell Canyon CSD within the sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, especially since no annexation of the Bell Canyon area to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is contemplated.

For CEQA purposes, it is recommended that the Commission as lead agency find the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District sphere of influence update exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines. This is the "general rule" exemption, meaning that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. While the recommended sphere of influence update includes three areas of change, there will be no development of any kind or any land use changes that result from this update. The District has no land use authority and bases its public facilities and services on the City of Simi Valley General Plan and the plans of other public agencies, including the County.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e) it is recommended that the Commission to consider and adopt written statements of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- (1) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The sphere of influence update for Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is to provide for all areas currently being served by the District and all areas within the City of Simi Valley's CURB boundary to be included in the District's sphere of influence. The update also provides for all areas within the City of Thousand Oaks CURB to be removed from the sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District. There will be no development, no change in land use and no impact to agricultural and open space lands as a result of the sphere of influence update.
- (2) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update. The District bases its public facilities and services on the City of Simi Valley General Plan and the plans of other public agencies, including the County.
- (3) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the adequacy of the services provided by the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.
- (4) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The sphere of influence update will provide for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to better coincide with the City of Simi Valley's social and economic community of interest.

Attachments:

1. Table III-11 and Map III-7 from the Recreation and Park Services, Special Districts, Municipal Service Review Report, March 16, 2005, relating to the Conejo Recreation and Park District.
2. Table III-13 and Map III-9 from the Recreation and Park Services, Special Districts, Municipal Service Review Report, March 16, 2005, relating to the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.
3. LAFCO Resolution 05-28S 2 – Sphere of Influence Update for Conejo Recreation and Park District.
4. LAFCO Resolution 05-28S 4 – Sphere of Influence Update for Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

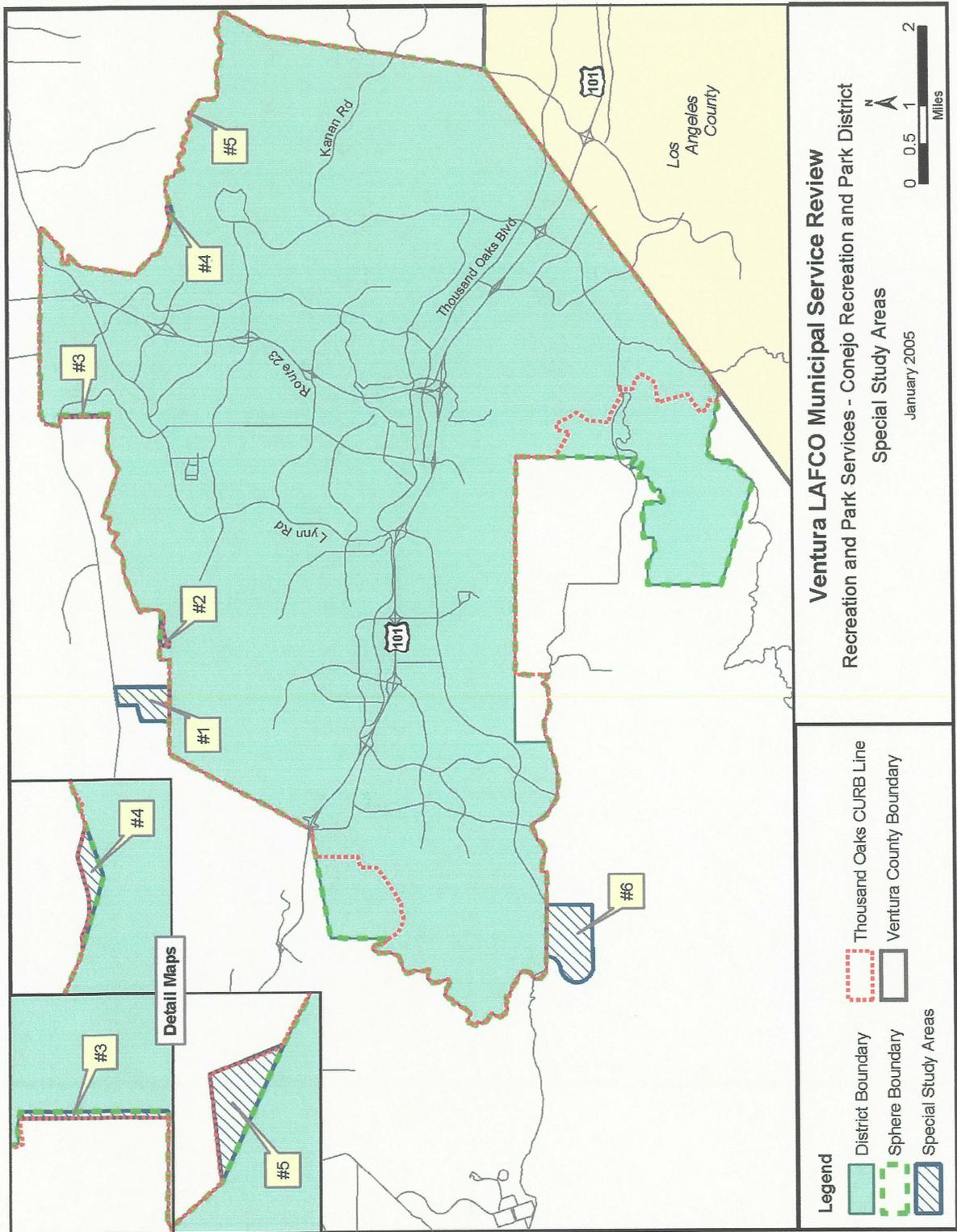
ATTACHMENT 1

III. District Review

**TABLE III-11
Conejo Recreation and Park District Special Study Areas (Map III-7)**

SPECIAL STUDY AREA	DESCRIPTION
1	Approximately 151.7 acres south of Santa Rosa Road on both sides of Hill Canyon Road – Approximately 98.3 acres of this area are owned by the City of Thousand Oaks, with a small area of approximately 0.6 acres being within the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks City Urban Restriction Boundary (CURB). The County of Ventura owns the remainder of this area. Because of the existing partnership relationships between the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the City of Thousand Oaks, this area and adjoining public property should be considered to be included in the District’s sphere of influence.
2	Approximately 14.8 acres consisting of portions of 4 lots accessed from Rocky High Road south of Santa Rosa Road – The District’s boundary and sphere of influence splits 4 privately owned lots in this area that are located outside the boundaries of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks CURB. The District should consider initiating a detachment of this area and it should be removed from the District’s sphere of influence.
3	Approximately 10.2 acres located between two segments of Moorpark Road – This area is owned by Southern California Edison and used for transmission lines. The area is outside the boundaries and sphere of the Conejo RPD and outside the boundaries and sphere of influence of the City of Thousand Oaks. However, according to maps provided by the City of Thousand Oaks, the area is within the Thousand Oaks CURB. LAFCO and the District should confer with the City of Thousand Oaks about this discrepancy and the City’s intentions before updating the District’s sphere of influence. If the City expects to include this area in the City in the future it should be included in the District’s sphere of influence.
4	Approximately 8 acres north of Sunset Hills Boulevard between Windridge Avenue and Woodley Avenue – This area is owned by the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA), but is outside the Conejo RPD’s boundary and sphere of influence. The area is in the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks CURB. The area is also currently in the boundary and sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi RPD, and is reflected as special study area 2 in Table III-13 and Map III-9 for the Rancho Simi RPD. Because both the Conejo RPD and the City of Thousand Oaks control the COSCA JPA, the Conejo RPD and the City of Thousand Oaks should work with the Rancho Simi RPD about detaching this area from Rancho Simi RPD, removing it from the Rancho Simi RPD sphere of influence, and adding it to the Conejo RPD sphere of influence and annexing it into Conejo RPD.
5	Approximately 0.9 acres in open space northerly of Oakbrook Regional Park – This small area is part of a much larger property owned by the City of Thousand Oaks. It is within the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks CURB. Current maps reflect it as being outside the boundary and sphere of influence of the Conejo RPD. However, current maps indicate that this area is in the boundary and sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi RPD, and it is noted as special study area 1 in Table III-13 and Map III-11 for Rancho Simi RPD. Both the Conejo RPD and the Rancho Simi RPD should work with LAFCO to identify if this is a mapping error. If not, the area should be removed from the Rancho Simi RPD sphere of influence, detached from Ranch Simi RPD, and included in the Conejo RPD’s sphere of influence and annexed into the Conejo RPD.
6	Approximately 323.4 acres southerly of Portero Road across from Rancho Dos Vientos Drive – This area is owned by the Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). Part of the area is used for the Two Winds Stables and the remainder is public open space. The area is outside the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks CURB. However, because the Conejo RPD is a joint venture partner in MRCA, this area should be included in the District’s sphere of influence so that it could be annexed into the District in the future.

Map III-7: Conejo Recreation and Park District – Special Study Areas



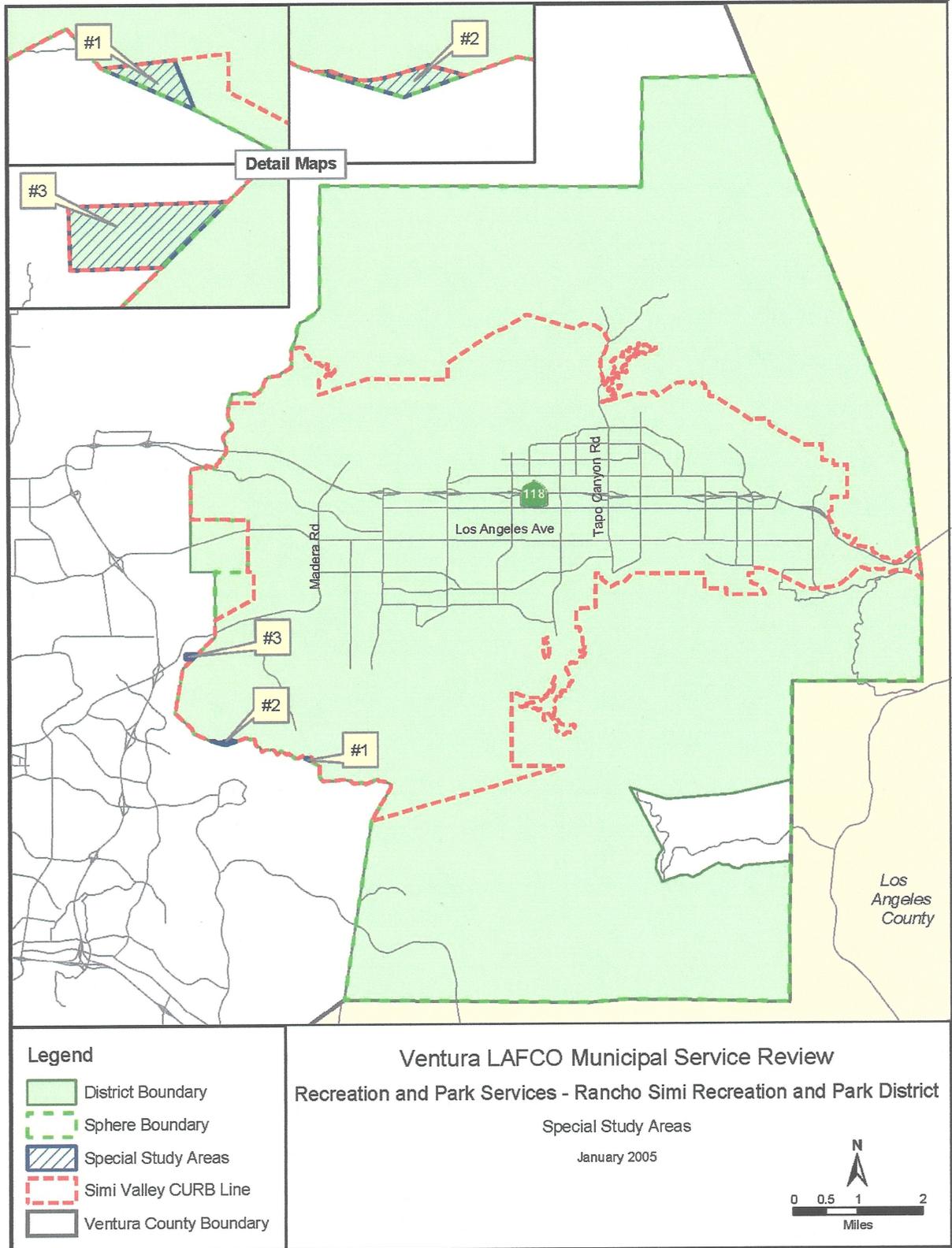
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III. District Review

**TABLE III-13
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Special Study Areas (Map III-9)**

SPECIAL STUDY AREA	DESCRIPTION
1	Approximately 0.9 acres in open space northerly of Oakbrook Regional Park – This small area is part of a much larger property owned by the City of Thousand Oaks. It is within the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks CURB. Current maps reflect it as being in the boundary and sphere of influence of Rancho Simi RPD. This area is the same as special study area 5 in Table III-11 and Map III-7 for the Conejo RPD. Both the Rancho Simi RPD and the Conejo RPD should work with LAFCO to identify if this is a mapping error. If not, the area should be removed from the Rancho Simi RPD sphere of influence, detached from Ranch Simi RPD, and included in the Conejo RPD’s sphere of influence and annexed into the Conejo RPD.
2	Approximately 8 acres north of Sunset Hills Boulevard between Windridge Avenue and Woodley Avenue – This area is owned by the Conejo Open Space Recreation Agency (COSCA) but is in the boundary and sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi RPD. The area is in the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and the Thousand Oaks CURB, but is outside the Conejo RPD’s boundary and sphere of influence. The area is the same as special study area 4 in Table III-11 and Map III-7 for the Conejo RPD. Because both the Conejo RPD and the City of Thousand Oaks control the COSCA JPA, the Conejo RPD and the City of Thousand Oaks should work with the Rancho Simi RPD about detaching this area from Rancho Simi RPD, removing it from the Rancho Simi RPD sphere of influence, and adding it to the Conejo RPD sphere of influence and annexing it into Conejo RPD.
3	Approximately 7 acres southerly of Olsen Road, immediately behind the Calleguas Municipal Water District administration building – This area is owned by Calleguas Municipal Water District. The Calleguas administration building is in the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and in the Thousand Oaks CURB, but this adjoining area is outside the boundary of the City of Thousand Oaks and is within the City of Simi Valley’s CURB. The area is also outside the boundary and sphere of influence of the Rancho Simi RPD. Because all other territory within the City of Simi Valley’s CURB is within the boundary of the Rancho Simi RPD, this area should considered for inclusion in Rancho Simi RPD’s sphere of influence so that it could be annexed to the District in the future.

**Map III-9: Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Special Study Areas**



ATTACHMENT 3

LAFCO 05-28S 2

RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE CONEJO RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCO review and update the adopted sphere of influence boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal service review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a sphere of influence update, and

WHEREAS, LAFCO conducted a municipal service review of the services provided by the Conejo Recreation and Park District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on March 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the District staff has reviewed the changes proposed for this sphere of influence update and has no objections; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of updating the District's sphere of influence;

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer gave notice of the consideration of this action by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update action was duly considered at a public hearing on November 16, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the sphere of influence update including, but not limited to, testimony at the public hearing on November 16, 2005 and the LAFCO Executive Officer's November 16, 2005 staff report and recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission:

- (1) The Executive Officer's Staff Report and Recommendation for approval of the sphere of influence update for Conejo Recreation and Park District, dated November 16, 2005, is adopted.

- (2) The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in Government Code §56425(e) and determines as follows:
- (a) *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.* – The sphere of influence update for Conejo Recreation and Park District is to provide for all areas currently being served by the District, all areas within the City of Thousand Oak's CURB boundary, all properties owned by the District and the City of Thousand Oaks, and contiguous County owned park property, to be included in the District's sphere of influence. The only exceptions are those areas where some pending development is being considered. There will be no development, no change in land use and no impact to agricultural and open space lands as a result of the sphere of influence update.
 - (b) *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.* – No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update. The District bases its public facilities and services on the City of Thousand Oaks General Plan and the plans of other public agencies, including the County, the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA) and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).
 - (c) *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.* – The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities or the adequacy of the services provided by the Conejo Recreation and Park District.
 - (d) *The existence of any social or economic community of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.* - The sphere of influence update will provide for the Conejo Recreation and Park District sphere of influence to better coincide with the City of Thousand Oaks' social and economic community of interest.
- (3) The sphere of influence for the Conejo Recreation and Park District is hereby updated to include the area shown as "proposed sphere of influence", as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- (4) The Commission directs staff to have the official sphere of influence geographic information system data maintained for the Ventura LAFCO by the Ventura County Public Works Agency as the official sphere of influence record for the Conejo Recreation and Park District updated consistent with this action.
- (5) The Commission, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), hereby determines that the sphere of

influence update for the Conejo Recreation and Park District is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines

- (6) The Commission directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This resolution was adopted on November 16, 2005.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Dated: _____

Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission

Copies: Conejo Recreation and Park District
Ventura County Assessor
Ventura County Auditor
Ventura County Surveyor
Ventura County Planning
City of Thousand Oaks

ATTACHMENT 4

LAFCO 05-28S 4

RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

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EXHIBIT A

