

February 16, 2006

To: Local Agency Formation Commission

LAFCO #05-03: Tatla/Walker Reorganization No. 326 - A reorganization of territory proposing to annex 395± acres to Yuba City and detach the property from County Service Area G and the Consolidated Street Lighting District.

I. STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt the attached resolution approving the reorganization subject to the confirmation by the voters within the reorganization area.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On December 1, 2005, LAFCO approved the above reorganization which annexes 395± acres to the City of Yuba City, and detachment of the property from County Service Area "G" and the Consolidated Street Lighting District.

On January 26, 2006, LAFCO acted as the conducting authority and held a protest hearing to accept written protests by registered voters and owners of land living within the reorganization area. At the conclusion of the public hearing, sufficient written protests were received by registered voters to require forwarding the protest to the Election's Office to validate the signatures and addresses.

III. CONDUCTING AUTHORITY PROCEEDINGS

As the Commission will recall, if at least 25 percent but less than 50 percent of the registered voters residing in the territory have filed valid protests, then the reorganization is required to be approved subject to confirmation by the voters.

If 50 percent or more of the registered voters residing in the territory file written protests to the reorganization, then the proceedings are required to be terminated.

The Elections Office has determined the reorganization area contains 415 registered voters. The number of registered voters living within the reorganization area that signed the protest petition was 129 persons (31 percent of the registered voters). Therefore, an election is required to be conducted.

If a mail ballot election were to be conducted, the Board of Supervisor was required to have called the election no later than February 3, 2006. As a result, the matter will be consolidated with the Primary Election to occur on June 6, 2006. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57150(a), all expenses incurred in conducting the election are required to be paid by the City of Yuba City.

In order to meet this timeline, the Board of Supervisors is required to call the election no later than March 7, 2006. Staff will present the Commission with a proposed impartial analysis at its March 23, 2006, regular meeting.

The Commission is required to approve the reorganization subject to confirmation by the registered voters. Staff has prepared a resolution making those determinations and requesting the Board of Supervisors call an election for the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: A – Map of the Reorganization Area
B - Proposed Resolution of Approval

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Attachment A
Map of the Reorganization Area

Attachment B
Proposed Resolution of Approval