

## SUPPLEMENT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE

**INTRODUCTION:** The questions on this form are designed to obtain data about the specific sphere of influence change proposal to allow the Commission, staff and others to adequately assess the project. You may also include any additional information that you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, and/or include any relevant documents.

1. Please provide an identification of the agencies involved in the proposed sphere of influence change(s):

The proposed sphere amendment for the Town of Yucca Valley does not require changes to the spheres of influence for any other local agencies. The following local agencies all provide services in the proposed sphere area and could thus be affected by any future annexation of the sphere area into the jurisdiction of the Town of Yucca Valley:

- San Bernardino County
- San Bernardino County Fire District
- San Bernardino County Sheriff
- San Bernardino County Animal Control
- San Bernardino County—County Service Area 70, R-26, R-29, & TV-5
- Hi-Desert Water District

2. Provide a narrative description of the following factors of consideration as outlined in Government Code Section 56425. (If additional room for response is necessary, please attach additional sheets to this form.)

(1) The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.

Undeveloped open space and residential uses constitute the major existing and planned land uses in the proposed sphere area, as indicated in the following table. Notably, 10,670 acres are currently undeveloped yet planned for residential use. At the planned densities, the proposed sphere area would accommodate 6,713 additional residential units.

The existing institutional and commercial uses account for all of the land area planned for the remaining uses; no additional significant development is anticipated for these uses.

<b>Use Category</b>	<b>Existing Land Use</b>		<b>Planned Land Use</b>	
Residential	2,300	16.0%	12,970	90.4%
Institutional	10	0.1%	10	0.2%
Commercial	23	0.2%	23	0.1%
Industrial	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Vacant/Open	12,015	83.7%	1,345	9.4%

The proposed sphere of influence area currently contains about 17.5 percent of the residential units for which it has been planned. At current development rates it will take a long time for the sphere area to reach its potential build-out population of over 15,000 people. Nevertheless, the provision of public services to facilitate this growth and managing the quality of development to ensure appreciating property values are major considerations for the proposed sphere of influence area.

(2) The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

The attached municipal services review (MSR) describes the current and future needs for, and provision of, public services and facilities. The following information highlights information from the MSR.

- **Fire Prevention/Protection:** The San Bernardino County Fire District's South Desert Division provides fire prevention and protection services in the proposed sphere of influence area. The district operates one fully-staffed fire station located in the Town of Yucca Valley. It also operates one station in the northern proposed sphere area, but this station is staffed with only paid-call volunteers. With these two facilities, the department provides adequate service and maintains safe response times, with the exception of calls to the western reaches of the Town. The Town has planned for future fire stations in its recent facilities master plan update.
- **Police Protection/Crime Prevention:** The San Bernardino County Sheriff provides police protection and crime prevention services to the unincorporated sphere area and, through a contract with the Town, to the incorporated Town area. The sheriff provides non-emergency calls and patrols in the unincorporated sphere area from the substation in Joshua Tree, with an average response (throughout the entire unincorporated County area) of 26 minutes. The sheriff provides non-emergency calls and patrols for the incorporated town area from the substation in Yucca Valley, with an average response time of 10 minutes. The sheriff responds to emergency calls, regardless of location, with the closest available unit(s). The county-wide emergency response time is 9 minutes and the emergency response time in the Town is 3 minutes. As the sphere area continues to grow and develop, the area will need (and residents will likely demand) a greater level of police protection and crime prevention services.

The Sheriff's department provides all holding facilities, both for the Town service and for services to the proposed SOI area, at the county's Law and Justice Complex in Joshua Tree. Although future service expansion will be needed, no new facilities are anticipated.

- Parks and Recreation: Currently the proposed SOI area has no public recreation facilities. The Town provides recreational programs and services, and it makes these available to residents in the proposed SOI area and other areas at no additional charge. The Town is only obligated to provide these services to residents of the previously dissolved Yucca Valley Recreation and Park District. Because the Town already provides services to the proposed SOI area, the requested SOI area amendment and any future annexations would not create new parks and recreation facility and services burdens.
- Animal Control: Currently the Town provides animal control field operations in the Town and the County provides these services in the proposed SOI area. The Town would be responsible for animal control field operations in any areas annexed in the future. The County and the Town operate a joint animal control facility located in the town. The facility is adequately sized for its current use, which includes the proposed SOI area. The Town's public facilities master plan calls for an eventual expansion of the animal shelter and expanding its services to other nearby communities.
- Water and Sewer: Hi-Desert Water District provides water to the incorporated town area and to the proposed sphere area. The district is currently planning and designing a sewage collection and treatment system to serve the CA-62 corridor in the Town. All of the sphere area relies on individual septic tank disposal systems. The proposed sphere of influence amendment would not change the water district's provision of water and sewer services. The district has adopted a water master plan. No new water facilities are anticipated for the sphere area.
- Stormwater Management and Flood Control: The San Bernardino County Flood Control District currently has responsibility for stormwater drainage and flood control in the proposed sphere area. The district currently has no facilities in the sphere area. The proposed sphere of influence amendment would not change the district's responsibility for the sphere area. In the future, however, if the Town should annex the sphere area, the Yucca Valley Public Works Department would assume responsibility for stormwater management and flood control. Until a master drainage plan is prepared, there is no way to determine what, if any, stormwater management or flood control facilities are needed in the SOI area.
- Local Roads and Streets: The proposed sphere area currently has 77 miles of roads and streets. County Service Area 70 collects a per parcel charge to maintain 11 miles of these roads. The remaining roads have no set maintenance program. In the future, however, if the Town should

annex the sphere area, the Town's public works department would take over responsibility for maintaining dedicated public local roads and streets. Neither the County currently nor the Town in the future will have funds to pave the unimproved streets in the sphere area. No new street improvements are envisioned. Paving of local streets would only be accomplished if residents voted to create a local assessment district.

- **TV Translator:** Currently, County Service Area 70 provides TV translator services in the proposed SOI area through improvement zone TV-5. County policy, however, restricts the provision of services through CSA 70 to unincorporated areas. Expanding the town's SOI area would not change this service, but any future annexation would require that the portion of the improvement zone in the annexation area be detached from TV-5 improvement zone. Because the proposed SOI area's 1,148 housing units constitute 17.9 percent of the improvement zone's 6,412 improved properties, which generate the revenues used to provide the service, removing the SOI area from TV-5 improvement zone would create a significant decrease in the improvement zone's operating fund. The town, county, and LAFCO will have to resolve the issue of what type of agency should provide this service and how best to fund that agency prior to any annexation.

(3) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency to be expanded provides or is authorized to provide.

The attached Municipal Services Review (MSR) describes the current and future needs for and provision of public services and facilities. The following information highlights information from the MSR:

*General Government:* The Town provides general government services within the incorporated Town area. In 2007, the Town employed approximately one general governance and community development staff position per 1,052 residents. Based on the town's planning of one general governance employee per 4,000 residents and one community development employee per 5,000 residents, we estimate that the town could currently provide these services to the SOI area without an increase in staffing.

*Community Services:* The Town provides parks and recreation services to Town residents and residents in the proposed SOI area and other areas. Any potential annexation of the SOI area would create minimal if any additional burden on the town's park facilities and recreation services.

*Public Works:* The town provides public works services—engineering, road and street maintenance, storm drainage, and facilities maintenance—for Town residents. The Town's public facilities master plan standard calls for one public works staff position per 4,000 residents. Because the current staffing exceeds this level, the Town could provide public works services in the proposed SOI area without an increase in staff.

*Animal Control:* The Town provides animal control field operations in the Town. The Town's public facilities master planning standard calls for one animal control field operations staff per 8,000 residents. Because the current staffing exceeds this level, the Town could provide animal control field operations in the proposed SOI area without an increase in staffing.

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.

Not applicable.

3. If the proposal includes a city sphere of influence change, provide a written statement of whether or not agreement on the sphere change between the city and county was achieved. In addition, provide a written statement of the elements of agreement (such as, development standards, boundaries, zoning agreements, etc.) (See Government Code Section 56425)

The Town completed discussions with the County on August 18, 2008. A letter describing the agreement between the Town and County is attached.

4. If the proposal includes a special district sphere of influence change, provide a written statement: (a) specifying the function or classes of service provided by the district(s) and (b) specifying the nature, location and extent of the functions or classes of service provided by the district(s). (See Government Code Section 56425(h))

Not applicable.

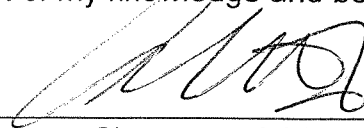
5. For any sphere of influence amendment either initiated by an agency or individual, or updated mandated by Government Code Section 56425, the following service review information is required to be addressed in a narrative discussion, and attached to this supplemental form (See Government Code Section 56430):
  - a. Growth and population projections for the area.
  - b. Present and planned capacities of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs or deficiencies.
  - c. Financial abilities of agencies to provide services.
  - d. Status of and opportunities for shared facilities.
  - e. Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.

The narrative description shall be signed and certified by an official of the agency(s) involved with the sphere of influence review as to the accuracy of the information provided. If necessary, attach copies of documents supporting statements.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above present the data and information required to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE: March 30, 2009



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Signature of Official

ANDREW J. TAKATA

Printed Name

TOWN MANAGER

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