

# **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

To The

## **Local Agency Formation Commission**

**TO:**

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Alt Commissioner **RALPH MENVIELLE** [Public]

**REPORT DATE:** July 31, 2015

**FROM:** Jurg Heuberger, AICP, CEP, Executive Officer 

**PROJECT:** Progress report and action Plan on the Niland Fire District Dissolution

**HEARING DATE:** August 27, 2015 **TIME:** 8:30 AM

**AGENDA ITEM NO:** 7

**HEARING LOCATION:** El Centro City Council Chambers, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, CA

**RECOMMENDATION(S) BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER** (In summary & order)

- OPTION #1:** Accept the report and provide direction as noted in the report.
- OPTION #2:** Accept the report and provide direction in addition to that presented in the report or as an alternative to that presented in the report.

# ANALYSIS

## **I: Executive Officers Summary:**

Staff has been reviewing the potential dissolution of the Niland Fire District for some time. It has been a difficult and time consuming task obtaining all of the information, however we are nearing the point where the item can be scheduled for a public hearing.

As your Commission knows we did have one workshop in Niland to inform and answer questions for the residents within the district that availed themselves of the meeting. The attendance was not large but there were a number of residents that had questions or comments.

Staff has also had meetings with County representatives to discuss the potential alternatives, with the one most affecting the County being where the County becomes the successor to the district.

It is well known that the County Fire Department has been providing fire protection service to the area for almost two years and has done a very commendable job. If the district is ultimately dissolved one option then is to have the county continue to service the area and no new district would be formed. Another option where the County still provides service is to form a CSA (County Service Area) which is governed by the Board of Supervisors and therefore they become the successor district. That again would most likely result in the County Fire Department being the service provider.

All of these options are being explored at this time.

## **II: Executive Officers Recommendation:**

- a) Tentatively schedule the public hearing for the NFD Dissolution hearing for Nov 19<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Consider holding the meeting in Niland if possible, and holding it in the evening with a start of 6:30 PM.
- c) Provide one more direct mail notice to the residents of the District no later than three weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.