

## CHAPTER 6. EFFECT OF DISSOLUTION

### Corporate powers to cease on Effective date

**57450.** On and after the effective date of the dissolution of a district, the district shall be dissolved, disincorporated, and extinguished, its existence shall be terminated, and all of its corporate powers shall cease, except as the commission may otherwise provide pursuant to Section 56886 or for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the district and as otherwise provided in this chapter. The general provisions of this chapter shall not be construed as limiting in any manner the authority of the commission to impose one or more of the terms and conditions set forth in Section 56886.

### Determination of successor district

**57451.** For the purpose of winding up the affairs of a dissolved district, the successor of the dissolved district shall be determined as follows:

- (a) If the territory of a dissolved district is located entirely within the incorporated territory of a single city, the city is the successor.
- (b) If the territory of a dissolved district is located entirely within the unincorporated territory of a single county, the county is the successor.
- (c) If the territory of a dissolved district is located within the incorporated territory of more than one city or the unincorporated territory of more than one county, or any combination of the incorporated or unincorporated territory of two or more such cities and counties, the successor is that city whose incorporated territory or that county whose unincorporated territory shall, upon the effective date of dissolution, contain the greater assessed value of all taxable property within the territory of the dissolved district, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll or rolls of the county or counties.
- (d) If the terms and conditions provide that all of the remaining assets of a dissolved district shall be distributed to a single existing district, the single existing district is the successor.
- (e) If the terms and conditions provide that all of the remaining assets of a dissolved district shall be distributed to two or more existing districts, the successor is that existing district which, upon the effective date of dissolution, contains the greater assessed value of all taxable property within the territory of the dissolved district, as shown on the last equalized assessment roll or rolls of the county or counties.

**Property or funds vested in successor**

**57452.** Upon the effective date of dissolution control over all of the moneys or funds, including cash on hand and moneys due but uncollected, and all property, real or personal, of the dissolved district is vested in the successor for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the district.

**Powers and duties of successor district**

**57453.** For the sole and exclusive purpose of winding up the affairs of the dissolved district, the successor and the officers and legislative body of the successor have the same powers and duties as the dissolved district and the officers and legislative body of the dissolved district and all of the following additional powers and duties:

- (a) To exchange, sell, or otherwise dispose of all property, real and personal, of the dissolved district.
- (b) To compromise and settle claims of every kind and nature.
- (c) To sue or be sued in the same manner and to the same extent as the dissolved district and the officers and legislative body of the dissolved district.

These powers and duties shall commence upon the effective date of dissolution and shall continue thereafter until the time when the affairs of the dissolved district have been completely wound up.

**Inhabitants, owners, etc., not entitled**

**57454.** No inhabitant, property owner, taxpayer, consumer, or user within the territory of a dissolved district shall be entitled to either of the following:

- (a) All or any part, or to any payment on account of the moneys or funds, including cash on hand and moneys due but uncollected, or any property, real or personal, of the dissolved district.
- (b) Any refund by reason of any taxes, assessments, service charges, rentals, or rates collected prior to the effective date of dissolution.

**Moneys and funds used for obligations of dissolved district**

**57455.** Any moneys and funds of the dissolved district and any moneys or funds received by the successor from the sale or other disposition of any property, real or personal, of the dissolved district shall be used to the extent necessary, for the payment of principal, interest and any other amounts then or thereafter due on account of any outstanding bonds, including revenue bonds, and other contracts or obligations of the dissolved district.

**Distribution of remaining assets**

**57456.** (a) When the successor determines that payment, or provision for payment, has been made of all short-term obligations of the dissolved district, the successor shall distribute any of the remaining assets of the dissolved district in the manner provided in Section 57457.

**"Short-term obligations" defined**

(b) "Short-term obligations," as used in subdivision (a), includes all amounts which shall be due and payable, prior to the end of the fiscal year commencing next after the effective date of dissolution, upon any outstanding bonds, including revenue bonds, and other contracts or obligations of the dissolved district. All other obligations shall be long-term obligations.

**Assets; to whom distributed**

**57457.** Remaining assets of the dissolved district shall be distributed by the successor as follows:

(a) If the territory of the dissolved district is located entirely within the incorporated territory of a single city, all of the assets shall be distributed to that city.

(b) If the territory of the dissolved district is located entirely within the unincorporated territory of a single county, all the assets of the dissolved district shall be distributed to that county.

(c) If the territory of a dissolved district is located within the incorporated territory of more than one city, or the unincorporated territory of more than one county, or any combination of the incorporated or unincorporated territory of two or more such cities and counties, the assets of the dissolved district shall be apportioned between all such cities and counties and distributed as follows:

(1) All real property located within the incorporated territory of any city or within the unincorporated territory of any county, as the case may be, shall be distributed to that city or county.

(2) All moneys or funds including cash on hand and money due but uncollected and all personal property shall be divided among and distributed to each city or county in the proportion that the assessed value of the taxable property of the dissolved district within the incorporated territory of each city or within the unincorporated territory of each county shall bear to the total assessed value of all taxable property within the dissolved district, the assessed values being those shown upon the last equalized assessment roll or rolls of the county or counties upon the effective date of the dissolution.

**Special tax levy to pay  
outstanding indebtedness**

**57458.** Until payment, or provision for payment, has been made of all principal, interest, and any other amounts owing on account of any outstanding long-term obligations, which are payable in whole or in part from taxes or assessments upon any property within all or any part of the territory of a dissolved district, the legislative body of the successor shall in each year provide for the levy and collection of taxes or assessments upon the property sufficient to pay any principal, interest, and any other amounts owing on account of such obligations, as they become due. Those taxes or assessments shall be levied and collected in the manner provided by the principal act of the dissolved district.

**Restriction on assets until  
outstanding debts paid**

**57459.** Until payment, or provision for payment, has been made of all principal, interest, and any other amounts owing on account of any outstanding bonds, contracts, or other obligations which are payable in whole or in part from the revenues of a revenue-producing enterprise of the dissolved district, the successor shall not do either of the following:

(a) Sell, encumber, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of the revenue-producing enterprise or the revenues derived from that enterprise, except as expressly authorized by the ordinance, resolution, or indenture authorizing or providing for the issuance of any of the bonds, contracts, or other obligations.

(b) Distribute less than the whole of the revenue-producing enterprise to any city or county.

**Retention of revenue  
enterprise until indebtedness  
paid**

**57460.** If at the time of distribution more than one city or county or any combination of cities or counties are entitled to distribution of portions of a revenue-producing enterprise but the successor is unable to distribute the same because of Section 57459, the successor shall retain the revenue-producing enterprise and all revenues derived from that enterprise until payment, or provision for payment, has been made of all principal, interest, and any other amounts owing on account of outstanding bonds, contracts, or other obligations which are payable in whole or in part from the revenues of the enterprise, at which time the successor shall distribute the enterprise and any revenues derived there from in accordance with Section 57457.

**Rights and liabilities of  
successor for obligations  
payable from revenue  
enterprise**

**57461.** Where any bonds, contracts, or other obligations which are payable in whole or in part from the revenues of a revenue-producing enterprise are outstanding upon the effective date of dissolution, the successor, prior to distribution, or any city or county, after distribution, shall succeed to all rights and liabilities of the dissolved district under any ordinance, resolution, or indenture authorizing the bonds, contracts, or other obligations or providing for the issuance of the bonds, contracts, or other obligations and may sue or be sued upon those rights and liability in the same manner and to the same extent as the dissolved district.

**Assets of district impressed  
with any public trust**

**57462.** Any funds, money, or property of a dissolved district which have been impressed with any public trust, use, or purpose shall continue to be so impressed until that public trust, use, or purpose is vacated, abandoned, or terminated, in the manner provided by law.

**Assets to be used for winding  
up affairs and for the benefit  
of area**

**57463.** Subject to the provisions of Section 57462, any funds, money, or property of a dissolved district may be used by the successor for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the district and, after distribution to any city, county, or district may be used for any lawful purpose of the city, county, or district to which the funds, money, or property have been distributed. So far as may be practicable, the funds, money, or property shall be used for the benefit of the lands, inhabitants, and taxpayers within the territory of the dissolved district.