

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

To The

Local Agency Formation Commission

TO:

Commissioner	MARIA NAVA-FROELICH	City	Commissioner	MICHAEL KELLEY (Chair)	Supervisor
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REPORT DATE: March 5, 2016

FROM: Jurg Heuberger, AICP, CEP, Executive Officer 

PROJECT: Winterhaven Fire District Possible Dissolution

HEARING DATE: March 24, 2016 **TIME:** 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8

HEARING LOCATION: 1275 Main St., El Centro, Ca. (City Council Chambers)

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

OPTION #1: Accept the report and provide any direction as applicable.

OPTION #2: NA

Project Data:

DATA & FACTS:

Project ID	WFD 1-15	
Project Name:	Winterhaven Fire District Dissolution	
Applicant/Proponent:	Local Agency Formation Commission	
Application Type:	Resolution	
Application Filed:	NA	
Certificate of Filing:	NA	
Area/Size:	See Map	
Location/Legal:	See attached Map	Exhibit "A"
Proposed Project:	This is pursuant to the direction of the Commission on August 27, 2015	

TAX AGREEMENT:

Board of Supervisors Action:	NA
City Resolution:	NA
Tax Split:	NA

CEQA:

Lead Agency:	NA
Documentation:	NA

UPDATE:

On August 27, 2015 your Commission reviewed and considered the request of the Executive Officer to initiate the review for possible dissolution of the Winterhaven Fire District (WFD).

The LAFCO on the above date directed the EO to commence the review and take the appropriate steps to bring this matter back to the Commission.

A number of attempts have been made to secure information, meetings etc., with representatives of the WFD. At the onset it appeared that we might have some cooperation. However requests for information, other than a response which indicated the district had no adopted budget, had no audited financials etc., have largely been non-existent.

Most recently another request for information via written correspondence resulted in the notices being "unclaimed". (See attached Exhibit B).

Also some unverified information has been provided to the EO to indicate that the District may owe substantial amounts to various entities.

Given that this review may be a contested issue, given that cooperation from the District may be difficult to obtain and given some early information, the EO may require outside assistance to fully investigate and/or obtain the necessary information to make a recommendation on a possible dissolution.

The Executive Officer is therefore advising your Commission on the current status of the pending review and also advising the Commission that we may incur additional costs not generally being within the budget.

CONCLUSION:

Although this is an update to the WFD potential dissolution the Executive Officer at this time is only providing information to the Commission on potential difficulties and costs associated with this review. As always the EO welcomes any input or direction from the Commission.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A- Sphere of Influence Map
Exhibit B- Unclaimed Notice