Response to Grand Jury Report

Report Title: At a Crossroads in Graton...Will the Board Make a Positive Change?
Report Date: June 26, 2013
Response by: Jean Kapolchok, Chairperson
Agency: Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATIONS

R 12: LAFCO conduct an MSR for the West County Region as soon as possible.

Sonoma LAFCO’s Response: Recommendation R12 requires further analysis. The Commission will review the districts and zones providing wastewater services in the “West County Region” as part of its periodic review of all districts and zones as required in Government Code Section 56425. The review will include an update of the District/Zone Profile, review of the rate structure, the number and types of discharge violations and treatment capacity. If the information obtained warrants further review, the Commission may select specific districts and zones in the “West County Region” for which a more comprehensive Municipal Service Review would be conducted.

The Commission will follow the procedures found in the Government Code which state:

56425 (g) On or before January 1, 2008, and every five years thereafter, the commission shall, as necessary, review and update each sphere of influence.

56430. (a) In order to prepare and to update spheres of influence in accordance with Section 56425, the commission shall conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission. The commission shall include in the area designated for service review the county, the region, the subregion, or any other geographic area as is appropriate for an analysis of the service or services to be reviewed, and shall prepare a written statement of its determinations.....

The Commission intends to complete the first phase of the review by January 1, 2014.

Signed: [Signature]
Title: Chair, Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission
Date: 5/13/13