

Garden Grove Sanitary District

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Matthew J. Fertal	From:	Keith G. Jones
Dept.:	General Manager	Dept:	Public Works
Subject:	ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT ORANGE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR DETACHMENT OF SEWER SERVICES WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY FROM THE GARDEN GROVE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT		
		Date:	August 25, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To recommend that Garden Grove Sanitary District Board adopt a resolution requesting that Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) initiate a change in organizational proceedings and take all actions necessary for the detachment of sewer services areas within the City of Fountain Valley (FV) from the Garden Grove Sanitary District (GGSD) sewer services area.

BACKGROUND

As part of the LAFCO reorganization of sewer district boundaries that occurred in 1997, GGSD was assigned a service area that is actually within the sphere of influence of the City of Fountain Valley. This service area, for the most part, is bordered by Harbor Boulevard, Santa Ana River, and extends northerly beyond Edinger Avenue approximately 200 feet. The original Garden Grove Sanitary District formerly served this service area.

The subject service area contains a pump station and 2,200 feet of force main within Harbor Boulevard that serves Fountain Valley and unincorporated areas of Orange County.

This area is not contiguous to the remaining service area boundary of GGSD.

DISCUSSION

Due to the hazardous conditions of servicing the pump station that is located in the center of Harbor Boulevard and the added expense to operate the pump station, GGSD staff and FV investigated the feasibility of designing a gravity sewer main that would eliminate the requirement for the pump station and have FV take over responsibility for this service area. The design has been successfully completed and will allow the pump station to be eliminated.

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FV and GGSD are finalizing an agreement for the transfer of this service area to Fountain Valley following completion of the replacing gravity sewer main that will be constructed this coming fall.

LAFCO has agreed to assist with this transfer upon receipt of the resolution from the GGSD Board of Directors requesting initiation of LAFCO proceedings.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the General Fund.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

This project is consistent with the community vision for maintaining and upgrading the sewer system to ensure maximum protection of public health and the environment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- Adopt a resolution requesting that Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission initiate proceedings for detachment of sewer services within and adjacent to the City of Fountain Valley from the Garden Grove Sanitary Sewer District.


KEITH G. JONES
Public Works Director


By: David E. Entsminger
Water Services Manager

Recommended for Approval


Matthew Feral
General Manager

Attachment: LAFCO Requesting Resolution