

# MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT



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September 7, 2018

Ms. Kate McKenna, Executive Officer  
Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County  
132 West Gabilan Street, Suite 102  
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Salinas Travel Center Annexation

Dear Ms. McKenna,

The Monterey County Regional Fire District ("DISTRICT") provided comments on the Salinas Travel Center Annexation in an email on August 14, 2018 to Mr. Joe Serrano from Division Chief David Sargenti. One of the outstanding issues that was raised involved the property tax transfer agreement that was not included within the annexation application. This correspondence will serve as a follow-up to the tax transfer agreement issue.

On Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, a meeting occurred between the District, the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas regarding the required tax transfer agreement for the Salinas Travel Center Annexation. We understand now that the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas believe that the proposed annexation for the Salinas Travel Center is not governed by the Greater Salinas Area Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") dated August 29, 2006, and therefore falls under paragraph 4 of the Master Tax Transfer Upon Annexation Agreement ("Agreement") dated April 8, 2006, both between the County of Monterey and the City of Salinas. The District does not necessarily share that view; however, the District supports the Salinas Travel Center annexation and the proposed tax sharing agreement whereby the District will retain its base property taxes and the City will receive the increment. Notwithstanding the District's support for the Salinas Travel Center annexation, the District reserves its rights to insist on compliance with the terms of the MOU and the Agreement for all future annexations by the City.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this communication, please contact our Fire Chief, Michael Urquides directly at [murquides@mcrfd.org](mailto:murquides@mcrfd.org) or (831) 455-1828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warren 'Pete' Poitras".

Warren "Pete" Poitras, President  
Monterey County Regional Fire District Board of Directors

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