LAFCO of Monterey County

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56660, notice is hereby given that the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County will consider the following at a public hearing on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.:

"Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District 2013 Annexation" involving the Annexation to the District of 1,975± acres within the District's Existing Sphere of Influence which are not currently within the Boundaries of a Fire Protection District. (LAFCO File No. 12-05)

The three areas proposed for annexation are:

- Area 1 Point Lobos Ranch Area (1,523± acres): Consisting of 11 parcels, and portions of four additional parcels. The area contains State parklands and privately-held lands east of Highway 1 and the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve. The land is substantially undeveloped and is designated on County zoning maps for "Watershed and Scenic Conservation." (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 243-091-001, 243-112-019 [part], 243-113-005 [part], 243-113-006 [part], 243-113-007, 416-011-002, 416-011-003, 416-011-012 [part], 416-011-014, 416-011-015, 416-011-016, 416-011-018, 416-011-019, and 417-011-001),
- Area 2 Carmel Meadows Area (4± acres): Consisting of three developed single-family parcels and a portion of Highway 1. The area is west of Highway 1, north of Carmel Meadows and along the District's northern border. (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 243-021-005, 243-021-008, and 243-021-009), and
- Area 3 Point Lobos State Natural Reserve Area (448± acres): Consisting of two parcels and a portion of one additional parcel. The area contains the Point Lobos State Natural Reserve and adjacent State-owned beach lands to the west of Highway 1. (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 243-011-001[part], 243-111-002, and 243-121-001).

The purpose of the proposed annexation is to ensure the provision of fire protection, emergency medical service, rescue, hazardous material response, fire prevention, and public education to the area. A map of the proposed annexation areas can be found on the LAFCO website: www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and Guidelines, the Commission, acting as a Responsible Agency under the law, will consider the District's finding that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3): activities covered by general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have potential to cause significant environmental impact.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Monterey County Government Center, First Floor, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, California. All persons wishing to make presentations for or against the proposal will be heard. Information on the proposal is on file at the LAFCO office and may be examined by interested persons. The agenda and staff report will be available by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov. The LAFCO office is located at 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102 in Salinas, phone number (831)754-5838. Please contact us if you have questions or would like information.

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