

Testimony before the Local Agency Formation Commission
By Bob Bowling – President Old Barona Road Association
September 11, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.
County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway – Rooms 302-303

Good Morning. My name is Bob Bowling and I am the president of the Old Barona Road Association. Our Association was formed several years ago due to water and traffic issues along Old Barona Road.

The recent informative article *Neighbors seek water relief*, dated August 20, 2006 by Chet Barfield of the San Diego Union Tribune, once again brought to the light the unfortunate origins of the loss of a domestic rural water supply. This loss has negatively affected the tribal and non-tribal community's quality of life and economic futures. Overtime, this loss of water has affected all who travel Old Barona Road and face the delays and increased traffic by slow moving and expensive water trucks delivering their life sustaining fluid. The loss of water has even affected the taxable revenue of the County due to the decrease in property values.

I have recently sent a letter to Supervisor Dianne Jacob respectfully requesting some reasonable actions for the County Board of Supervisors to consider. I have copied this letter to the Lakeside Water District, Metropolitan Water District, and Chairwoman of the Barona Band of Mission Indians and to this prestigious Commission. I am here today to elevate your attention to this letter and to the serious water issues the residents along Old Barona Road face.

We are requesting two specific actions, that we believe are reasonable and worthy of consideration by the County, Lakeside Water District, Metropolitan Water District, and LAFCO. These actions will require a collaborative and coordinated approach by each agency.

(1) Respectfully we request a "scientific hydrological study" of the ground water in the affected area of Old Barona Road. Such a study presents an opportunity to share data, monitor groundwater production rates, locations and pumping times of wells in order to establish a record and determine where to begin to develop a comprehensive solution.

(2) Our area is outside of the County Water Authority. Our area is outside of the Sphere of Influence for study and consideration of future municipal water service. In order to be included in potential future developments an action by the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors is needed to amend the service area or create a new one. Such an action must be coordinated with Metropolitan Water District and Lakeside Water District. This action must have the approval of this Commission. (Local Agency Formation Commission)

While this is a complex process it appears viable and beneficial in providing a long-term and comprehensive solution to water needs of Old Barona Road Association and the surrounding area.

The area is characterized by low-density residential and industrial uses as opposed to prior agricultural uses. The backcountry of San Diego is changing. There are many new homes since the service area of the County Water Authority was first formed.

The water agencies must look to the future. There are new growth patterns that present a need and opportunity for an expanded municipal water supply to our area. For example:

- Three of the Counties largest Tribal Gaming Operations are in the backcountry attracting tens of thousands of visitors each day. These successful commercial facilities employ thousands of San Diego residents and attract tourism to our County. These operations are in need of a secure and dependable surface water supply. Securing a water supply for these operations provides an opportunity for others to secure a water secure water supply.
- The Cedar Fire made it clear that a dependable source of water in our area would have prevented significant property damage and perhaps saved lives. There are many new homes since the service area of the County Water Authority was first formed. It is in the best interests of the public's health and safety to consider a municipal water supply to the backcountry.

While the current Reorganization of the Upper San Diego River Municipal Service Area is a step in the right direction, the residents of Old Barona Road and the surrounding area need to be included in the Sphere of Influence of the County Water Authority and the Lakeside Water District.

The Old Barona Road Association respectfully requests that this Commission give consideration to our community's requests to coordinate, collaborate and direct studies or actions which will amend the current County Water Authority service area and begin the necessary steps of a comprehensive review of municipal water services to residents of the Old Barona Road Association.

Thank you for this opportunity to state the concerns of the Old Barona Road Association. And special thanks to Supervisor Jacob who has been supportive and active in seeking the needs of our community.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE PROPOSED
"UPPER SAN DIEGO RIVER REORGANIZATION"**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on September 11, 2006, in Rooms 302-303, County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, to consider the above referenced proposal.

The "Upper San Diego River Reorganization" has been initiated by resolutions of Padre Dam Municipal Water District (MWD), Lakeside Water District (WD), and Riverview WD. The proposed reorganization intends to reorganize Lakeside WD and Riverview WD into a single water district, and detach the territory of the two districts from Padre Dam MWD, which is their existing wholesale water provider.

The reorganization proposes that: (1) the Riverview WD would be dissolved; (2) its water service area would be annexed by Lakeside WD; (3) Lakeside WD would then detach from the Padre Dam MWD and become a independent member agency of the County Water Authority; and, (4) the Lakeside SD would annex the former Padre Dam MWD sewer service area portion within Lakeside WD.

The affected territory includes approximately 10,410.31-acres and is located north of I-8, east of I-15, south of SR-78, and west of SR-79 (Thos. Bros. pgs. 1211-1212, 1231-1232, and 1251-1252).

At the hearing, the Commission will hear any person who wishes to speak and will consider the application and report of the Executive Officer. The files may be examined in the LAFCO office. For further information, please call (619) 531-5400.

Dated: August 21, 2006

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"Upper San Diego River Reorganization"
(Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Lakeside Water District,
Riverview Water District, Lakeside Sanitation District)



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Local Agency Formation Commission
County of San Diego

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE "UPPER SAN DIEGO RIVER" MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW
AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on September 11, 2006, in Rooms 302-303, County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, to consider the results of a comprehensive review and analysis of the provision of water, sewer, and recycled water services in the Upper San Diego River subregion.

The Commission will also consider proposed updates to the spheres of influence of the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Lakeside Water District, Riverview Water District, and Lakeside Sanitation District; and, evaluate the draft determinations that have been developed to comply with the provisions of State Law.

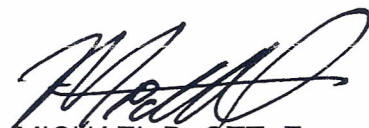
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