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RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND REVIEWING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR BELL CANYON COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Government Code § 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo or Commission) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 56425(g) requires that on or before January 1, 2008, and every five years thereafter, the Commission shall, as necessary, review and update the sphere of influence of each city and special district; and

WHEREAS, the Commission reviewed the sphere of influence for the Bell Canyon Community Services District (BCCSD or District) in 2005, 2010, and 2015;

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to review the sphere of influence for the District; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use, or development will occur as a result of reviewing the sphere of influence for the District; and

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law, the LAFCo Executive Officer gave notice of the consideration of this item by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence review item was duly considered at a public hearing on March 15, 2023, as specified in the notice of hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed, and considered all oral and written testimony for and against the sphere of influence review including, but not limited to, the LAFCo Staff Report dated March 15, 2023, and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission accepted the Municipal Service Review report for the District dated March 16, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED by the Commission as follows:

- (1) The LAFCo Staff Report dated March 15, 2023, and recommended review of the sphere of influence for the District are adopted; and
- (2) The subject sphere of influence review is assigned the following distinctive short form designation:

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- (3) An update (modification) to the sphere of influence for the District is not necessary; and
- (4) The sphere of influence review for the District is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to § 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and LAFCo staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption as the lead agency pursuant to § 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- (5) The Commission has considered the criteria set forth in Government Code § 56425(e) and determines as follows:
 - a. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and openspace lands. (§ 56425(e)(1))

There are approximately 672 single family residential homes and the population is estimated to be approximately 2,109 within the BCCSD. According to the 2022 MSR accepted by Ventura LAFCo, there are a total of 795 residential parcels; therefore, 123 have not been developed. The projected population for the community at buildout is approximately 2,500.

b. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.
(§ 56425(e)(2))

The BCCSD provides solid waste and recreation program services. It is seeking to execute a contract with the CHP under which the CHP would provide traffic enforcement. In addition, the BCCSD is developing ordinances to begin providing security and graffiti abatement services.

c. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide. (§ 56425(e)(3))

The BCCSD is authorized to provide the following services:

- Rubbish, recycling and greenwaste removal
- Enhanced traffic patrol under the provisions of a contract with the California Highway Patrol
- Emergency medical (advanced life support) services under the provisions of a contract with the City of Los Angeles Fire Department
- Organize, promote, conduct and advertise community recreation programs
- Security services, including but not limited to burglar and fire alarm services to protect lives and property
- Graffiti abatement

The BCCSD currently provides solid waste and recreational program services. It has not provided traffic patrol under a contract with the CHP since 2013. It does not provide emergency medical services under a contract with the LAFD, nor has it provided security services or graffiti abatement services since LAFCo authorized the provision of those services in 2007. However, the BCCSD is seeking to enter a new contract with the CHP to provide traffic patrol services and has taken necessary steps to begin providing security and graffiti abatement services.

The BCCSD has made substantial progress in resolving the matters identified in the MSR. It will no longer exercise or expend funds on unauthorized services/functions, rely on the HOA or its staff to provide services, or provide grants or reimbursements to the HOA.

d. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency. (§ 56425(e)(4)) A disadvantaged unincorporated community is defined as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income (Government Code § 56033.5). No

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- disadvantaged unincorporated communities are located within or contiguous to the District's sphere of influence.
- e. For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection. . . the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence. (§ 56425(e)(5))
 - The review of the District's sphere of influence is not considered an update (i.e., a modification) to the sphere. Additionally, no disadvantaged unincorporated communities are located within the District's sphere of influence.
- (6) The sphere of influence for the District is hereby reviewed and is generally depicted in Exhibit A, "Bell Canyon Community Services District," attached hereto; and
- (7) LAFCo staff is directed to have the official Geographic Information System (GIS) sphere of influence data maintained for the Ventura LAFCo by the Ventura County Information Technology Services Department as the official sphere of influence record for the District updated consistent with this action.

This resolution was adopted on March 15, 2023.

	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioner Avila				
Commissioner Crosswhite				
Commissioner Gorell				
Commissioner Parvin				
Commissioner Richards				
Commissioner Rooney	V			
Commissioner Zaragoza				
Alt. Commissioner Hasan				
Alt. Commissioner LaVere				
Alt. Commissioner Ross				
Alt. Commissioner Santangelo				
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Date Chair, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission				

Attachment: Exhibit A

c: Bell Canyon Community Services District Ventura County Information Technology Services Department

