

Agenda Item No. 4 a

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TO: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Peter Brundage
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RE: **Progress Report: Sub-Committee for Policy Development**

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file this report.

DISCUSSION

Purpose: The Sub-Committee for Commission Policy Development was created to guide staff in the establishment and development of policy strategies, priorities and process.

Sub-Committee: Chris Tooker, Elliot Mulberg, Charles Rose [absent 2/24/03]
Peter Brundage, Don Lockhart, Nancy Miller.

The Sub-Committee for Policy Development held its first meeting on February 24, 2003. The following issues were discussed as areas to be addressed in the development of policy development.

- I. Update existing policies to ensure consistency with Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg legislation. Completed.
- II. Identification of key policy issues that need additional Commission/ Public Input.

A. Smart Growth Principles

1. New General Policy Requirements

A city must be able to demonstrate the need for increasing its Sphere of Influence or request for annexation.

Examples: Why here? And Why now?

Is the city effectively and efficiently using its land resources and inventory?

Is the city effectively using its infrastructure and capital expenditures program?

Does the city have infrastructure capacity?

Does the city have infill strategies or programs?

What are the constraints or opportunities for infill?

Is the proposed expansion plan consistent with regional resources and population demand?

Is this expansion in concert with other regional planning efforts such as SACOG's Regional Blueprint?

B. Water Availability

Determine role of the Water Forum Agreement in evaluating SOI and annexation proposals.

Determine what constitutes a sustainable water supply for existing and new growth areas related to both surface and ground water.

Determine what constitutes adequate infrastructure capacity (pipes, treatment facilities, etc.).

C. Open Space and Agricultural Polices

Role of the County

Role of the Cities

Williamson Act Contracts

Open Space Conservancy efforts

D. SACOG Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP)

Coordinate LAFCo's role and responsibility with SACOG in RHNP.

E. Develop policies with respect to Revenue Impacts on Special Districts resulting from annexations.

Work Program:

The Sub-Committee agreed that staff should:

1. Review policies developed by other LAFCo's;
2. Assess growth policies developed by local affected agencies;
3. Conduct workshops with affected agencies and stakeholders to solicit input prior to drafting specific policies;
4. Draft polices;
5. Conduct workshops on proposed policies; and
6. Make recommendations to the Commission for adoption.

The four policy areas, smart growth, housing, water, and open space/agricultural preservation may be developed separately and adopted sequentially or concurrently. The policies will be internally consistent with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 and subsequent amendments.

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