



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

Department Name: County Executive  
Office  
Department No.: 012  
For Agenda Of: 8/14/07  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

---

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Michael F. Brown, County Executive Officer  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Ron Cortez, Deputy County Executive Officer, 568.3400  
**SUBJECT: Stonegate and Orcutt Union School District Reorganization: Annexation to the  
Orcutt Fire Protection District/Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire  
Protection District**

---

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Select\_Other

As to form: Select\_Concurrence

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution providing for a negotiated tax exchange agreement between the Orcutt Fire Protection District and the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District ("SBCFPD") regarding the Stonegate and Orcutt Union School District Reorganization (LAFCO 2007-07).

**Summary Text:**

The County received an annexation request from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) regarding the Stonegate and Orcutt Union School District Reorganization. This proposal involves the detachment of 42 acres located immediately southwest of the Old Town Orcutt Planning Area, mainly along the north side of Rice Ranch Road extending from Broadway to Highway 135.

As per Section 99 of the Revenue and Tax Code, an exchange of property tax revenues for the parcels proposed to be detached under this annexation must be negotiated and approved by the Board of Supervisors before the proposal may be considered by LAFCO. The County, on behalf of the SBCFPD, and the Orcutt Fire Protection District, via its Board of Directors, have reached a property tax exchange agreement. Under this agreement, the subject parcels will no longer pay a portion of the property tax allocation to the County Fire Protection District (they will detach). Rather, the parcels will pay the tax rate associated with the Orcutt Fire Protection District instead, with the understanding that the Orcutt

Fire Protection District is the fire entity that would be the primary source of fire suppression services for these parcels.

**Background:**

The purpose of the reorganization is to allow the subject parcels to be serviced via the Orcutt Fire Protection District. Currently, five of the parcels are owned by the Orcutt Union School District and located under the County Fire Protection District. However, other parcels owned by the School District are serviced by the Orcutt Fire Protection District and the District wishes that all of its property be serviced by one fire agency, the Orcutt Fire Protection District (see attached map illustrating the demarcation of the Orcutt and County Fire Protection Districts' boundaries). The detachment of the parcel known as the Stonegate residential project (previously approved by the County and under development) is also part of this annexation request as the owner of the project is requesting that service be provided by the Orcutt Fire Protection District instead of the County Fire Protection District. The primary reason for this request is that the Orcutt Fire Protection District station is physically located closer to the residences than the equivalent County Fire station.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Orcutt Fire Protection District Board of Directors has approved this annexation request and believes the District is capable of providing fire protection services to the School District and Stonegate residential project.

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: The Stonegate parcel currently pays 12% to the County Fire Protection District (\$5,171), while the other six parcels pay 8.7% (\$103). After the tax exchange is approved, the property taxes allocated for fire will be allocated to the Orcutt Fire Protection District instead of County Fire and based on the corresponding percentage for the Orcutt Fire Protection District, which is approximately 8%.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
N/A

**FTEs:**  
N/A

**Special Instructions:**

Direct the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of the resolution and minute order to Sharon Friedrichsen, County Executive Office; Claudia Ornelas, Auditor-Controller's Office and Bob Braitman, LAFCO.

**Attachments:**

- (1) A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara in the Matter of Providing for a Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax Revenues Pertaining to the Stonegate and Orcutt Union School District Reorganization: Annexation to the Orcutt Fire Protection District and Detachment from the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District (LAFCO 07-07)
- (2) Annexation Maps
- (3) Planning and Development Reportback

**Authored by:**

Stonegate/Union School District Reorganization

August 14, 2007

Page 3 of 3

Sharon Friedrichsen, County Executive Office, 568.3107

**cc:**

Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, Santa Barbara LAFCO

Chief Ron Bennett, Orcutt Fire Protection District

Chief John Scherrei, County Fire Protection District

Michael Ledbetter, Counsel

Claudia Ornelas, Auditor-Controller

Toni Damiano, Assessor

Sylvia Gonzales, Urban Planning Concepts