

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

February 11, 2009 (Agenda)

<u>LAFCO 08-35</u>	Ward Annexation to County Service Area (CSA) L-100
<u>PROPONENT</u>	Charles and Linda Ward – landowners/petitioners
<u>ACREAGE &amp; LOCATION</u>	Approximately 3.73± acres located at 70 Holiday Drive in unincorporated Alamo (APN 198-111-037)
<u>PURPOSE</u>	Provide street lighting in conjunction with subdividing the property, constructing two new single family residential units, and to comply with a County condition of approval.
<u>SYNOPSIS</u>	

This is a proposal to annex territory into CSA L-100. A condition of approval of the land use permit requires annexation to CSA L-100, which provides street lighting services in the unincorporated area. The site is within the District's sphere of influence and inside the County Urban Limit Line.

PROPOSAL INFORMATION:

1. Land Use, Planning and Zoning - Present and Future:

The annexation area currently contains one existing single family residential unit. The landowner received approval from the County to subdivide the parcel into three lots and construct two new single family residential units.

The General Plan designation for the parcel is Single Family Residential – Low Density; the zoning is R-20 – Single Family Residential (minimum lot size: 20,000 sq. ft.).

Surrounding land uses include low density, single family residential to the east and north, the Westminster Retreat to the south, and parkland to the west.

The proposed uses are consistent with the County zoning and land use designations.

2. Topography, Natural Features and Drainage Basins:

The parcel elevation increases traveling from west to east. The area where the new houses are proposed is relatively flat. The topography to the north, south and east of the project site is flat. Directly west of the property are hillsides which form part of Las Trampas Ridge.

3. Population:

The addition of two single-family residential units will not have a significant impact on population.

4. Governmental Services and Controls - Need, Cost, Adequacy and Availability:

The plan for providing services within the affected territory, as required by Government Code §56653, is on file. The level and range of services will be similar to those provided by CSA L-100 to developed properties currently within its boundaries.

5. Assessed Value, Tax Rates and Indebtedness:

The area is within tax rate areas 66002 and 66009. The assessed value for the property is \$569,614 (2008-09 roll). Overall tax rates will not be changed by the annexation.

6. Environmental Impact of the Proposal:

In 2008, Contra Costa County, as Lead Agency, adopted an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the underlying land use project. The environmental document prepared by the County identifies potential impacts to biology, cultural resources and geology caused from the site development. Mitigation measures were adopted that reduce impacts to less than significant.

The LAFCO Environmental Coordinator reviewed the document and finds it adequate for LAFCO purposes. A copy of the document is available for review in the LAFCO office.

7. Landowner Consent and Registered Voters:

The property owner has given written consent to the boundary change. The annexing agency consents to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings. The territory is uninhabited, as there are fewer than 12 registered voters.

8. Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:

There are no conflicts with lines of assessment or ownership. A map to implement this change has been approved by the County Surveyor.

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION:

After consideration of this report and any testimony or additional materials that are submitted the Commission should consider taking one of the following options:

**Option 1**

Approve the annexation as submitted.

- A. Determine that Contra Costa County, as Lead Agency, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.
- B. Certify that the Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the CEQA document prepared by Contra Costa County.

- C. Adopt this report and approve the proposal, to be known as the Ward Annexation to County Service Area L-100, subject to the following terms and conditions:
1. Determine that the territory being annexed shall be liable for any authorized or existing taxes, assessments and charges comparable to properties presently within the annexing agency.
  2. Prior to recordation, the applicant shall deliver an executed indemnification agreement between the applicant and Contra Costa LAFCO providing for the applicant to indemnify LAFCO against any expenses arising from any legal actions challenging the annexation.
- D. Find: 1) the subject territory is uninhabited, 2) all affected landowners have consented to the annexation and 3) the annexing agency has consented to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings.
- E. Waive conducting authority proceedings and direct the staff to complete the proceeding.

**Option 2** Adopt this report and DENY the proposal.

**Option 3** If the Commission needs more information, CONTINUE this matter to a future meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

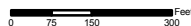
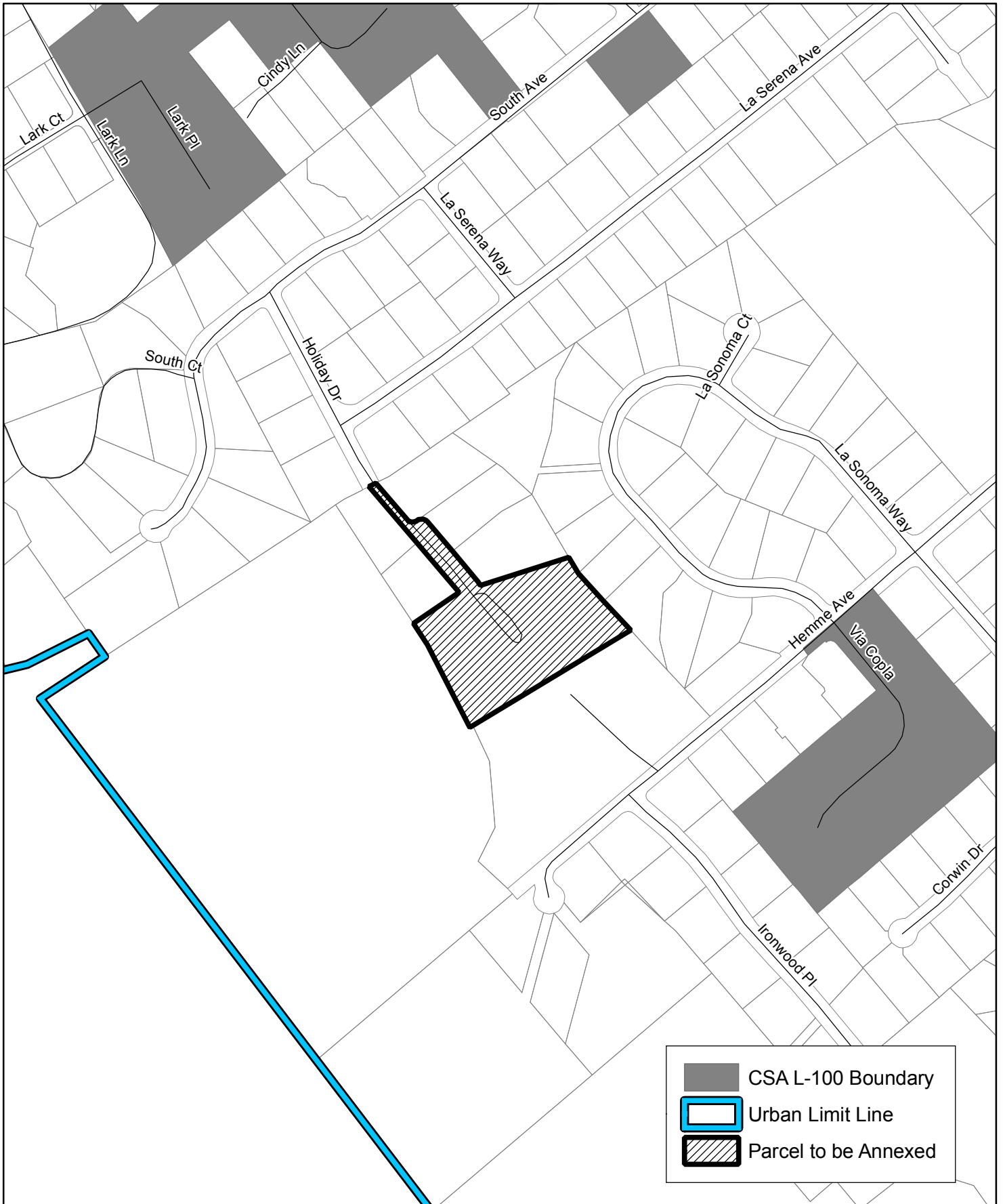
Approve Option 1.

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RESOLUTION NO. 08-35

**RESOLUTION OF THE CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE  
WARD ANNEXATION TO COUNTY SERVICE AREA L-100**

WHEREAS, the above-referenced proposal has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, at the time and in the manner required by law the Executive Officer has given notice of the Commission's consideration of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony related to the proposal including, but not limited to, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document or determination, Spheres of Influence and applicable General and Specific Plans; and

WHEREAS, information satisfactory to the Commission has been presented that no affected landowners/registered voters object to the proposed annexation; and

WHEREAS, the annexing agency has consented to waiving the conducting authority proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission determines the proposal to be in the best interests of the affected area and the total organization of local governmental agencies within Contra Costa County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

1. The Commission determines that Contra Costa County, as Lead Agency, adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project which is adequate for LAFCO purposes.
2. Said annexation is hereby approved.
3. The subject proposal is assigned the distinctive short-form designation:  
  
WARD ANNEXATION TO COUNTY SERVICE AREA L-100
4. Said territory is found to be uninhabited.
5. The boundaries of the affected territory are found to be definite and certain as approved and set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
6. The subject territory shall be liable for any authorized or existing taxes, charges and assessments comparable to properties within the annexing agency.

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7. Prior to recordation, the applicant shall deliver an executed indemnification agreement between the applicant and Contra Costa LAFCO providing for the applicant to indemnify LAFCO against any expenses arising from any legal actions challenging the annexation.
8. Satisfactory proof having been given that no affected landowners/registered voters oppose the annexation, and that the annexing agency has given written consent to the waiver of conducting authority proceedings, said conducting authority proceedings are hereby waived.
9. All subsequent proceedings in connection with this annexation shall be conducted only in compliance with the approved boundaries set forth in the attachments and any terms and conditions specified in this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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*I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of a resolution passed and adopted by this Commission on the date stated.*

Dated: February 11, 2009

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Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer