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Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission  
651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553

**Special LAFCO Meeting**

Dear Commissioners:

**RECOMMENDATION**

Consider whether to hold a special LAFCO meeting/boat tour of the levee system in Contra Costa County.

**DISCUSSION**

On May 13, the Commission conducted a workshop and received a presentation relating to the Reclamation Services Municipal Service Review (MSR) report. This report focuses on those agencies providing levee maintenance and rehabilitation services in Contra Costa County.

Over 1,100 miles of levees protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The 13 reclamation districts in Contra Costa County have a significant role in the Delta levee system.

During the May 13 workshop, Commissioner McNair suggested that a boat tour of the Delta might provide the Commission with a unique perspective regarding the external levee system. Further, that such an opportunity may be beneficial prior to making decisions relating to the Reclamation MSR report and corresponding sphere of influence updates scheduled for July 8.

**LOGISTICAL ISSUES**

A few logistical issues may make such a boat tour for the entire Commission (or at least a majority of Commissioners) difficult to reconcile with the requirements of the Brown Act. For example, the Brown Act requires that a meeting be open to the public. The boat would have to be able to accommodate members of the public who wish to attend. Also, the Brown Act requires that a meeting be held in a place that does not prevent a disabled person from attending.

Some years ago the Commission took a field trip on land to view several levees; however, on that occasion the participating Commissioners traveled in several vehicles and assembled at certain, pre-noticed locations. Members of the public joined the Commissioners and staff at those locations and participated in the viewing and discussion.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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