

SUPPLEMENT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTION: The questions on this form are designed to obtain data about the specific sphere of influence amendment application to allow the Commission, staff and others to adequately assess the application. You may also include any additional information that you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, and/or include any relevant documents.

1. Please provide an identification of the agencies involved in the proposed sphere of influence change(s):

SPHERE EXPANSION
San Bernardino County
Fire Protection District

SPHERE REDUCTION
Yermo Community Services District

2. Provide a narrative description of the following factors of consideration as outlined in Government Code Section 56425. (If additional room for response is necessary, please attach additional sheets to this form.)

The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.

The primary land use in Yermo is Resource Conservation and the primary landowners are private and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Land Use Designation	Yermo CSD
Agricultural (AG)	0.7
General Commercial (CG)	0.0
Highway Commercial (CH)	0.4
Neighborhood Commercial (CN)	0.0
Rural Commercial (CR)	0.7
Floodway (FW)	1.2
Community Industrial (IC)	0.6
Institutional (IN)	0.2
Regional Industrial (IR)	0.8
Open Space (OS)	0.8
Resource Conservation (RC)	27.7
Rural Living (RL) *	15.3
Multiple Residential (RM)	0.0
Single Residential (RS)	0.2
Special Development (SD)	0.0
Total	48.6
units in square miles	
* Rural Living is 1 unit to 5, 20 or 40 acres	
source: County Land Use Services Department	

Landowner	Yermo CSD
Private	25.7
U.S. Bureau of Land Management	20.6
County of San Bernardino	1.4
United States of America	0.0
State of California	0.9
Total	48.6
units in square miles	
source: County Land Use Services Department	

The planned land uses will not change as a result of annexation. This annexation is a change in administrative billing and contracting, not representing any changes from an operations or for development purposes.

The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

The Yermo Community Services District (Yermo CSD) currently relies on a volunteer fire department that has experienced significant operational challenges, including limited volunteer staffing availability, difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, aging infrastructure, non-operational fire apparatus, limited availability of compliant personal protective equipment, and insufficient financial resources to sustain modern fire and EMS operations. As a result, the community does not maintain consistent emergency response capability or a continuously staffed fire engine available for emergency response.

Annexation into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) will transfer responsibility for fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical response (EMS) excluding ambulance transport, and all-hazard emergency response to an established regional fire protection agency with the personnel, equipment, training, and financial resources necessary to provide dependable emergency services. The proposal will integrate Yermo CSD into SBCFPD's regional services delivery model, improving operational reliability, enhancing firefighter and public safety, strengthening automatic and mutual aid capabilities, and providing greater resilience during major emergencies.

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.

The community is predominantly classified as disadvantaged with the predominant residential land use being Rural Living. Economic communities include the service industries adjacent to the interstate.

The present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated community, as defined by Govt. Code Section 56033.5, within the existing sphere of influence.

The community is predominantly classified as disadvantaged.

Yermo CSD operates an all-volunteer fire department with one active station, although there is one inactive station. The active station is the south station, which is adjacent to the Yermo CSD office and community center. The Yermo CSD lacks a fire master plan or operational plan to reference in order to provide information on ISO ratings, personnel training and certifications, facility additions or upgrades, and short and long-term goals.

3. If the sphere of influence amendment includes a city sphere of influence change, provide a written statement of whether or not agreement on the sphere change between the city and county was achieved as required by Government Code Section 56425. In addition, provide a written statement of the elements of agreement (such as, development standards, boundaries, zoning agreements, etc.) (See Government Code Section 56425)

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4. If the sphere of influence amendment includes a special district sphere of influence change, provide a written statement: (a) specifying the function or classes of service provided by the district(s) and (b) specifying the nature, location and extent of the functions or classes of service provided by the district(s). (See Government Code Section 56425(i))

San Bernardino County Fire Protection District:

Structural, watershed, prevention, inspection, suppression, weed abatement, hazardous materials services, rescue, first aid, ambulance transportation, emergency response, and disaster preparedness planning.

5. For any sphere of influence amendment either initiated by an agency or individual, or updated as mandated by Government Code Section 56425, the following service review information is required to be addressed in a narrative discussion, and attached to this supplemental form (See Government Code Section 56430):
- a. Growth and population projections for the affected area.
 - b. Location and characteristics of disadvantaged unincorporated communities within or contiguous to the sphere of influence.
 - c. Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs or deficiencies, including those associated with a disadvantaged unincorporated community.
 - d. Financial ability of agencies to provide services.
 - e. Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities.
 - f. Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.

Reference the following:

LAFCO 3231 – Countywide Service Review for Fire/ Emergency Medical Services/Dispatch (2020)

LAFCO 3282 – Countywide Service Review for Local Parks and Recreation (2026)

If additional sheets are submitted or a separate document provided to fulfill Item #5, the narrative description shall be signed and certified by an official of the agency(s) involved with the sphere of influence review as to the accuracy of the information provided. If necessary, attach copies of documents supporting statements.

CERTIFICATION

As a part of this application, the City/Town of _____, or the _____ District/Agency, Yermo CSD (the applicant) and/or the _____ (real party in interest - landowner and/or registered voter of the application subject property) agree to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, proceeding brought against any of them, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it.

This indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, damages, penalties, fines and other costs, imposed upon or incurred by San Bernardino LAFCO should San Bernardino LAFCO be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application.

As the person signing this application, I will be considered the proponent for the proposed action(s) and will receive all related notices and other communications. I understand that if this application is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the applicant and/or the real party in interest to indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above present the data and information required to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE 10/17/2020

Lucette Becknell

SIGNATURE

Lucette Becknell

Printed Name of Applicant or Real Property in Interest
(Landowner/Registered Voter of the Application Subject Property)

Yermo CSD Board Director

Title and Affiliation (if applicable)

CO-APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District ("SBCFPD") and the Yermo Community Services District ("Yermo CSD") are jointly submitting the proposed reorganization described in this application and are collectively referred to as the "Co-Applicants." Each Co-Applicant executes this certification separately and solely on its own behalf.

The proposed reorganization includes, among other related actions, the annexation of the subject territory to SBCFPD and the divestiture of specified fire protection and emergency service functions from Yermo CSD. Consistent with Government Code sections 56654 and 56824.12, Yermo CSD is the initiating special district with respect to the proposed divestiture of Yermo CSD's authority to provide the functions and classes of service identified in the Divestiture of Function/Service Supplement.

As part of this application, each Co-Applicant, acting separately on its own behalf, agrees to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding brought against any of them for the purpose of attacking, setting aside, voiding, or annulling approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document accompanying it.

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Each undersigned representative, on behalf of the public agency identified below, further certifies that:

1. The undersigned is authorized by the governing body of the identified agency to execute and submit this application and certification on the agency's behalf.
2. The statements, information, and supporting materials furnished by, or attributable to, that agency are true and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief.
3. The identified agency acknowledges San Bernardino LAFCO's indemnification requirements applicable to this application and understands that LAFCO may impose an indemnification requirement as a condition of approval.
4. Nothing in this certification authorizes either Co-Applicant or its representative to bind the other Co-Applicant or to certify facts, commitments, or information solely within the responsibility or control of the other Co-Applicant.

The Co-Applicants may designate a single primary administrative contact for purposes of coordinating LAFCO notices and communications. Such designation is for administrative convenience only and does not alter the respective legal status, responsibilities, or authority of either Co-Applicant with respect to any component of the proposed reorganization.

Date:

Signature:

Daniel R. Munsey, Fire Chief/Fire Warden

San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

Date:

10/17/2026

Signature:

Lucette Becknall

Lucette Becknall, Yermo CSD Board Director