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TO: MEMBERS, FORMATION COMMISSION
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DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT-PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE UPDATE/MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW

Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that the Commission review this status report and provide comments to staff.

Summary: Enclosed for your review please find the Sphere of Influence Update and Municipal Service Review prepared by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the San Luis Obispo County Public Cemetery Districts. This status report is to bring the Commission up-to-date with regard to Sphere of Influence Update and Municipal Service Review prepared for the 11 Public Cemetery Districts in the County. The Sphere of Influence Update and Service Review were released for public review on September 15, 2010. These documents are available for a 30-day public review period. The Sphere of Influence Update and Service Review will be distributed to LAFCO Commissioners, Board of Supervisors, County Staff, Public Cemetery Districts, interested jurisdictions, and local libraries. The documents will also be available for review and downloading at our website; www.slolafco.com. A Public Notice of the 30-day Public Review Period was published in the Tribune on September 15th.

The Sphere Update recommends that the SOL's for all eleven (11) districts remain unchanged. Several other observations have been identified:

- Each cemetery is unique in its environment and setting offering places for reflection and quiet contemplation.
- Several communities in the County are not served by a public cemetery district, including; San Luis Obispo (served by private cemetery), Los Osos, Creston, Pozo, Avila Beach, Nipomo, California Valley, and a small area near Adelaida.
- The key hurdle to annexing areas into existing districts is limited funding to offset costs. Districts receive a portion of the property tax to offset expenses and have a well-developed fee schedule. Adding an area where the residents do not pay such a tax increment can be detrimental to a districts financial situation.

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- Neither the Estrella nor Adelaida districts receive a tax increment from the residents within their boundaries. This places these districts in a difficult financial and operational situation.

The table below is a summary of information regarding the public cemeteries in San Luis Obispo County. The table includes data about the acreage, population a district serves, the number of interments per year, the annual budget, and the endowment fund.

PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICTS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Cemetery District	Service Area/ SOI Acreage	Population	Interments Per Year	Annual Budget (\$)	Endowment Fund (\$)
Adelaida	104,365 0	1,001	0-2	0	unknown
Arroyo Grande	348,401 58,397	66,375	176	414,484	1,211,661
Atascadero	47,840 70,545	29,860	90	365,227	798,033
Cambria	152,677 0	7,731	40	148,469	86,927
Cayucos-Morro	112,016 0	17,850	48	279,622	320,775
Estrella	51,998 0	4,929	0-2	0	0
Paso Robles	142,884 61,367	35,880	120	568,851	1,189,700
San Miguel	113,766 0	4,553	10	85,385	32,134
Santa Margarita	141,909 43,090	4,381	24	34,763	16,013
Shandon	249,019 9,044	2,589	1-5	16,500	17,257
Templeton	63,886 0	10,671	25	397,514	76,329

Because no significant environmental impact has been identified in relation to this project, it has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Notice of Exemption will be filed after it is approved by LAFCO