



TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO MEETING AGENDA
October 15 @ 2:00 P.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
2800 West Burrel Avenue
Visalia CA 93291

COMMISSIONERS:
*Juliet Allen, Chair
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Cameron Hamilton
Steve Worthley*

ALTERNATES:
*Dennis Mederos
Pete Vander Poel
Craig Vejvoda*

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Ben Giuliani

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2015 (Pages 1-2)**
- III. **Public Comment Period**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda and that is within the scope of matters considered by the Commission. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the LAFCO Commission at this time. So that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Commission may be limited at the discretion of the chair. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

IV. **New Action Items**

- 1. **LAFCO Case# 1518-P-317 City of Porterville Island Reorganization (Pages 3-16)**
[Public Hearing].....Recommended Action: Approval

The City of Porterville has submitted a request for the annexation of a 113.16 acre County island to the City. The Island is located west of North Main Street, east of Shadowood Street, south of Pioneer Ave and north of West Henderson Avenue. Detachment of the same area from CSA #1 is also recommended.

V. **Executive Officer's Report**

- 1. **Agriculture Report (Pages 17-20)**

Included in this report is an update to information presented to the Commission at the March 4, 2015 meeting regarding farmed acreage and agricultural production over time and a comparison of trends with other south San Joaquin Valley counties.

- 2. **ESA 2015-10 (Porterville) (Pages 21-22)**

Pursuant to Policy C-6, the Executive Officer approved one ESA between the City of Porterville and single parcel owner for the provision of domestic water.

NOTE: Persons wishing to speak on any of the agenda items who have made a political contribution of more than \$250 to any commissioner in the last twelve months must indicate this when speaking.

3. Legislative Update (No Page)

The Executive Officer will provide an update regarding the status of LAFCO related legislation.

4. Upcoming Projects (No Page)

The Executive Officer will provide a summary and tentative schedule of upcoming LAFCO projects.

VI. Correspondence

1. CALAFCO letter (Pages 23-24)

Enclosed is a letter from CALAFCO thanking Commissioner Allen for her service on the CALAFCO Board and attendance at the recent Annual Conference.

VII. Other Business

1. Commissioner Report (No Page)

2. Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas

VIII. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

1. November 4, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building.

IX. Adjournment

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TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Summary Minutes of the Meeting
September 9, 2015

Members Present: Allen, Hamilton, Worthley

Members Absent: Ishida, Mendoza

Alternates Present: Mederos, Vander Poel, Vejvoda

Alternates Absent: None

Staff Present: Giuliani, Echavarria, Blythe

Counsel Present: Tennenbaum

I. Call to Order

Chair Allen called the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. Approval of the June 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Upon motion by Commissioner Worthley and seconded by Commissioner Vander Poel, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of June 3, 2015.

III. Public Comment Period

Chair Allen opened and closed the Public Comment Session at 2:02 p.m. There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Calendar

1. LAFCO Case #1517-F-26 City of Farmersville Change of Organization

Chair Allen opened the Public Comment Session at 2:03 p.m.

Karl Schoettler, on behalf of the City of Farmersville, stated he was available to answer any questions.

Chair Allen closed the Public Comment Session at 2:04 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Vejvoda and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, the Commissioners approved LAFCO Case #1517-F-26 City of Farmersville Change of Organization.

VI. New Action Items

1. Reschedule the October 7th Tulare County LAFCO Meeting

EO Giuliani proposed that due to the October 7, 2015 LAFCO meeting time conflicting with the San Joaquin Valley Policy Conference, the October LAFCO meeting be rescheduled to Thursday, October 15, 2015.

Upon motion by Commissioner Vejvoda and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, the Commissioners approved rescheduling the October 7, 2015 Tulare County LAFCO Meeting to October 15, 2015.

VII. Executive Officer's Report

1. Legislative Update

EO Giuliani reported on the following state bills: AB 402 (Dodd), AB851 (Mayes), SB25 (Roth), SB239 (Hertzberg) and SB272 (Hertzberg).

2. Upcoming Projects

EO Giuliani stated at the October meeting, there will be an action item scheduled for the annexation of territory to the City of Porterville, as well as an update in context with the drought and water situation effecting agriculture.

X. Correspondence

1. Commissioner Report

Chair Allen provided a summary of the current legislative effort and concerns by CALAFCO. Chair Allen discussed the increase of costs for CALAFCO and stated there would be a dues increase to defray the costs. Chair Allen stated for Tulare County LAFCO, the increase in dues were approximately \$100 and there would not be an increase in the next two years.

Chair Allen informed the Commission she is no longer on the CALAFCO Board of Directors, however her participation will not change and she will still stay highly involved with CALAFCO matters.

2. Letters from the State Water Resources Control Board

EO Guiliani reported on the four letters sent from the State Wide Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to the City of Tulare, Pratt Mutual Water Company, and Soults Tract. EO Guiliani stated this was to begin the water system consolidation process, which was a direct result from SB 88.

XII. Other Business

1. Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas

None

XII. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be October 15, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

**TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

October 15, 2015

**LAFCO Case Number 1518-P-317
City of Porterville Annexation No. 475**

- PROPOSAL:** City of Porterville Reorganization
- PROPONENT:** The City of Porterville by resolution of its City Council
- SIZE:** 113.16 acres
- LOCATION:** The proposal consists of the annexation of a County Island located west of North Main Street, east of Shadowood Street, south of Pioneer Ave and north of West Henderson Avenue and detachment of the same area from CSA 1.
- SUMMARY:** The proposed annexation consists of a 100% surrounded, substantially developed County island. If the Commission finds that this island meets the requirements for the stream-lined island annexation provisions as listed in section 6 of the attached resolution, then the Commission must approve the annexation pursuant to GC §56375.3(a).

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NOS:

Itemized List of Parcels Lying Entirely Within Proposed Boundaries

247-010-005 & 006, 247-050-001 & 002, 247-060-001, 002, 004, 006 to 009, 012, 015 to 020, 247-170-001, 003, 005, 007 to 019, 024 to 027, 029 to 032, 247-180-003, 004, 016, 018 to 024, 035 to 037, 247-190-001, 015, 016, 247-200-001, 002, 006 to 011, 013, 014, 016, 017, 019, 022 to 030, 247-210-002 to 004, 006, 008, 011, 013 to 019, 023, 025 to 029, 032 to 041, 247-220-007, 008, 010 to 012, 017, 018 to 020, 022 to 026, 032 to 036, 038 to 044, 047, 049, 050 to 053, 247-260-003

Parcels Owned by Initiating Agency

247-050-007, 247-060-021, 247-170-033, 247-200-031, 247-210-012

- NOTICE:** Notice has been provided in accordance with GC §§56660 & 56661.

GENERAL ANALYSIS:

1. Land Use:

A. Site Information

	Existing	Proposed
Zoning Designation	RS-2 (65.65 acres), RM-2 (27.36 acres, CG	No Change
General Plan Designation	Low Density Residential (62.52 acres), Medium Density Residential (28.13), and Public Institutional (2.92 acres)	No Change
Uses	Rural Residential, Low Density Residential (approx. 212 residences total), Churches (2), General and Service Commercial (5)	No Change

B. Surrounding Land Uses and Zoning and General Plan Designations

The area is surrounded by City RM-2, CG, PO, PS and RS-2, zoning. The north has a vacant lot, to the south there are duplexes, offices, retail, and materials yard, to east there is rural residences and to the west there is single family residential, apartments and duplexes and a school.

C. Topography, Natural Features and Drainage

The site is generally flat with a subtle westward slope consistent with the terrain of the City of Porterville.

D. Conformity with General Plans and Spheres of Influence:

The entire site is within City and County-adopted Urban Development Boundaries and Sphere of influence.

2. Impact on Prime Agricultural Land, Open Space and Agriculture:

Williamson Act and Agricultural Preserves:

The site is not under a Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone contract.

Open Space Land Conversion (GC §56377):

The site is a zoned low Density Residential, Medium Density Residential and general and service commercial. The area is already mostly developed so there is little likelihood that annexation would result in significant growth. Uses are planned to remain the same. A land supply analysis is not warranted for this case.

3. Population:

Based on 2010 Census data, there are 513 people (162 housing units) in the annexation area. The County Elections Division has indicated that there are more than 12 registered voters in the proposed annexation area. Therefore, pursuant to GC §56046, the annexation area is inhabited.

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

Agency providing service

Service	Now	After	Method of finance
Police Protection	Tulare County Sheriff's Office	Porterville Police Department	Utility Users Tax will offset some costs of additional personnel needed
Fire Protection	Automatic Aid-City assist County with 1 engine + manning	Automatic Aid-County assist County with 1 engine + manning	General Fund, within existing budget
Water Supply	City water, private wells, private water companies	Same. Connection to City water will be available if requested.	Applicant/developer fees
Sewage Disposal	Individual septic systems, some City connections.	Same. Connections to City sewer will be available if requested Connection will be mandatory at such time as a property's septic system fails if a property is within ¼ mile of a City Trunk line	Applicant/ developer fees
Street Lighting	SCE provides some intersection lights	SCE/City of Porterville	Associated street improvements
Street Maintenance	County Maintained	City Maintained	Capital Improvement Program
Planning/Zoning	County of Tulare RMA	City of Porterville	Applicant/developer fees
Garbage Disposal	Western Waste Management	City of Porterville, although residents may continue to use Western Waste Mgmt. for up to five years after annexation	User fees
Other Services Code enforcement :	County of Tulare RMA	City of Porterville Fire Department	General Fund, Citation fees when applicable

Fire Inspection	County of Tulare RMA	City of Porterville Fire Department	Applicant/developer fees
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5. Boundaries and Lines of Assessment:

The boundaries of the proposal area are definite and certain and conform to the lines of assessment and ownership. A map sufficient for filing with the State Board of Equalization has been received from the proponent with the exception of including the detachment from CSA #1.

6. Assessed Value, Tax Rates and Indebtedness:

Upon completion of this annexation the area will be assigned to a new tax rate area. The total assessed valuation of the proposal area is as follows:

Land and Improvements	\$ 16,090,297
Estimated per capita assessed valuation	\$ 26,036

7. Environmental Impacts:

The City of Porterville is the lead agency for this proposal. The City prepared an initial study/environmental checklist and on the basis of that study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration was approved for use with this proposal. A copy of the document is included in the application materials.

8. Landowner and Annexing Agency Consent:

Cortese Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH) provides for an expedited process for cities to request LAFCOs to annex qualifying islands of unincorporated territory (GC56375.3). If the Commission finds that this island meets the requirements for the stream-lined island annexation provisions as listed in section 6 of the attached resolution, the protest hearing must be waived.

9. Regional Housing Needs:

Pursuant to GC §56668 (I), LAFCO shall consider the extent to which the proposal will assist the receiving city and the County in achieving its fair share of regional housing needs as determined by the appropriate council of governments. The extent of this proposal aiding the City in achieving its fair share of regional housing needs is limited due to the area being substantially developed.

10. Discussion:

County Islands

The annexation of the subject island will further LAFCO goals and policies, and serves to improve this disadvantaged community in many ways. The subject territory is substantially developed, fully surrounded, and an inhabited island of County jurisdiction in the City of Porterville and qualifies for the streamlined island annexation process and waiver of protest hearing pursuant to GC section 56375.3. Many of the properties within the subject island already receive city services, such as municipal water service and emergency response. The reasons supporting annexation of this island include creation of a more definitive and organized city boundary, efficient provision of government services, and to ensure the provision of services and facilities needed to accommodate planned population densities in the project area.

Combined Impact of Recent Island Annexations

Case	Islands	Acres	People	Housing Units	Road Miles
1513-P-314	1	96.3	588	155	1.4
1514-P-315	1	123.1	471	148	2.5
1515-P-316	3	121.6	871	281	1.9
1518-P-317	1	114.9	513	162	1.8
TOTAL	6	455.9	2,443	746	7.6

Detachment from County Service Area No. 1

As mentioned in previous Staff Reports, SB 1458, which rewrote the County Service Area Law, took effect January 1, 2009. The old version of the CSA Law provided for automatic detachment from a CSA whenever annexation to a city was approved. However, the rewritten version does not include this provision. It has been determined that detachment from CSA No.1 (which is County wide and excludes cities) should be specifically referenced in a city's resolution of application to LAFCO. The detachment wasn't mentioned in the original application submitted by the City of Porterville. However, it can still be included by Commission action and the City will need to provide an updated map and legal description including the detachment.

Services and Controls

Currently water is provided to many of the properties within the subject islands by the City of Porterville and others are on private wells. Of the 168 parcels in the subject area, 130 already receive City Water from the City.

The increased efficiency of police and fire services as well as utilities will improve property values, which in turn, statistically reduces crime rates and improves social interest.

The proposed island annexation seeks to mitigate and resolve a legacy of inefficient governmental structure.

Recommended Actions

It is recommended that this proposal be approved and that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Certify that the Commission has reviewed and considered the Negative Declaration approved by the City of Porterville for this project and find that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Find that the proposed annexation to the City of Porterville complies with the policies and priorities of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, GC §56377.
3. Find that the proposed annexation conforms to the criteria for "island" annexations as described in Government Code Section 56375.3 and find that the territory:
 - a. does not exceed 150 acres in size
 - b. comprises the entire island of unincorporated territory
 - c. was substantially surrounded by the City as of 1/1/2014
 - d. is substantially developed or developing
 - e. is not considered prime agricultural land as defined in Government Code Section 56064
 - f. will benefit from the annexation or is receiving benefits from the City
4. Pursuant to LAFCO Policy and Procedure Section C-1.2, find that:
 - a. The boundaries of the proposed annexation are definite and certain and conform to lines of assessment.
 - b. There is a demonstrated need for municipal services and controls and that the city has the capability of meeting this need.
 - c. There is a mutual social and economic interest between the residents of the city and the proposed annexation territory.
 - d. The proposed annexation is compatible with the City's General Plan.
 - e. The proposed annexation represents a logical and reasonable expansion of the annexing municipality.
5. Approve the annexation, to be known as LAFCO Case No. 1518-P-317, Porterville Annexation No. 475, subject to the following conditions:

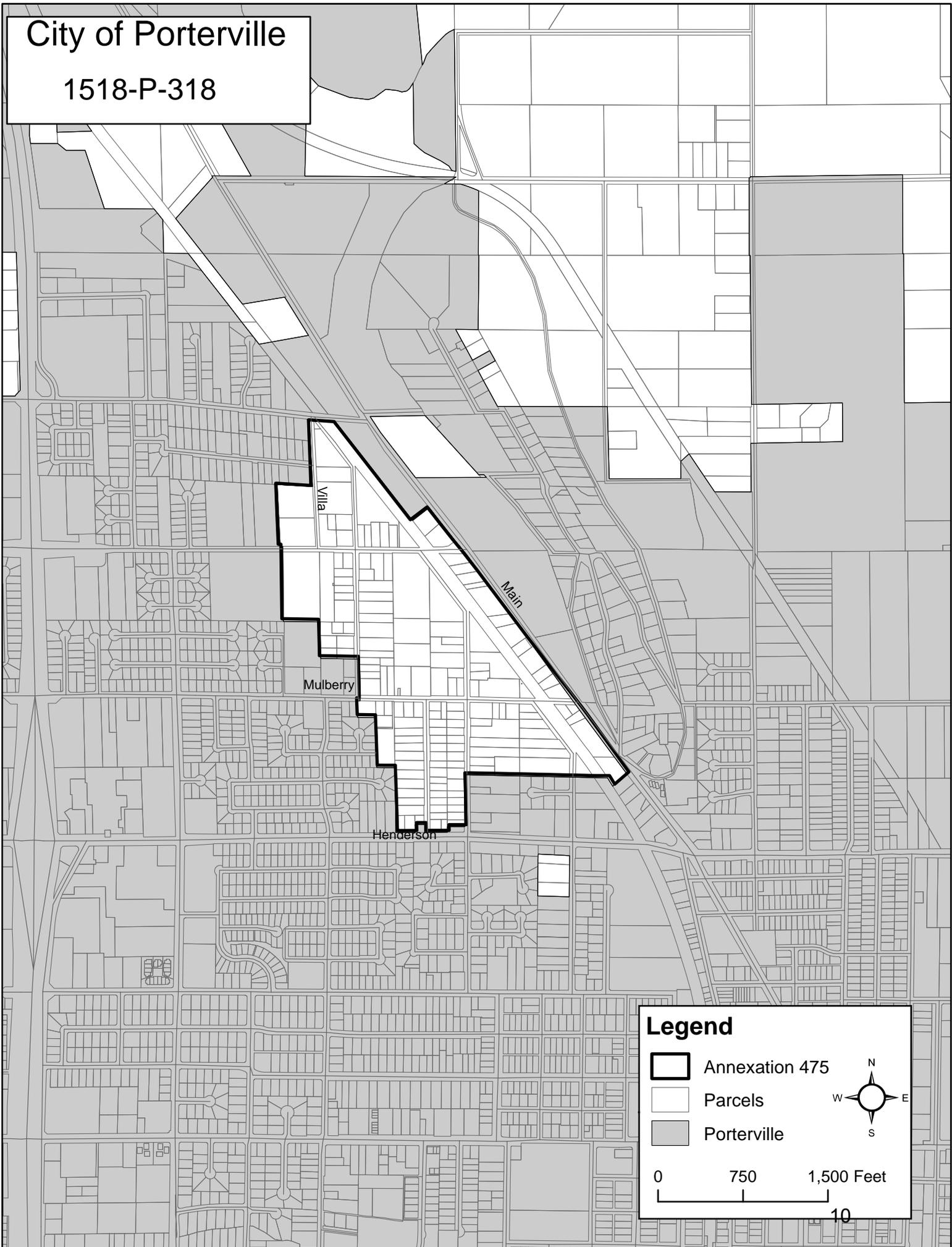
- A.) No change be made to land use designations or zoning for a period of two years after the completion of the annexation, unless the City Council makes a finding at a public hearing that a substantial change has occurred in circumstances that necessitate a departure from the designation or zoning.
 - B.) The Certificate of Completion shall not be recorded until corrections are completed to the map and legal description that include the detachment from CSA No.1
 - C.) The applicant must provide the required filing fee for the Statement of Boundary Change that is to be submitted to the BOE prior to the recording of the Certificate of Completion.
6. Waive the protest hearing for this proposal in accordance with Government Code section 56375.3(a) and order the change of organization without an election.
7. Authorize the Executive Officer to sign and file a Notice of Determination with the Tulare County Clerk.

Figures & Exhibits:

Figure 1 Site Location Map

City of Porterville

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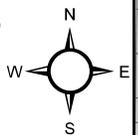


Legend

 Annexation 475

 Parcels

 Porterville



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BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Proposed Annexation)
To the City of Porterville and Detachment from)
CSA #1, LAFCO Case 1518-P-317,) **RESOLUTION NO. 15-XXX**
City of Porterville Annexation No. 475)

WHEREAS, application has been made to this Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Sections 56000 et seq.) for approval of a proposal to annex certain territories described in attached Exhibit “A” made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, this Commission has read and considered the Resolution of Application and application materials, the report of the County Surveyor and the Executive Officers report and recommendations of the Executive Officer, all of which documents and materials are incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2015 this Commission heard, received, and considered testimony, comments, recommendations and reports from all persons present and desiring to be heard concerning this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The information, material and facts set forth in the application, the report of the County Surveyor, and the report and recommendations of the Executive Officer (including any corrections), have been received and considered in accordance with

Government Code Section 56668. All of said information, materials, facts, reports and other evidence are incorporated by reference herein.

2. The Commission hereby finds that there is no substantial evidence that said annexation will have a significant effect on the environment, and certifies that the Commission has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Negative Declaration approved by the City of Porterville for the proposed annexation in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, prior to taking action on said annexation. Accordingly, said Negative Declaration is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

3. The Commission has reviewed and considered, in accordance with Government Code Section 56668, the information, material and facts presented by the following persons who appeared at the meeting and commented on the proposal:

XXXXXXX
XXXXXXX

4. All notices required by law have been given and all proceedings heretofore and now taken in this matter have been and now are in all respects as required by law.

5. Based upon the evidence and information on the record before it, the Commission makes the following findings of fact:

- a. This proposal is for the annexation of a surrounded unincorporated islands consisting of approximately 114 acres. The territory contains 171 parcels and is more than 80% developed with single family residences and commercial businesses.
- b. More than 12 registered voters reside in the affected territory, which is considered inhabited.
- c. The subject territory is within the Sphere of Influence of the City of Porterville.

- d. The unincorporated island existed as described above as of January 1, 2014, as provided in GC §56375.4.

6. The annexation is proposed by resolution of the City of Porterville, and meets the following requirements for annexation of unincorporated islands as set forth in Government Code Section 56375.3:

- a. The annexation was initiated on or after January 1, 2000.
- b. The annexation is proposed by resolution adopted by the affected city.
- c. The territory contained in the annexation meets all of the requirements set forth in GC §56375.3(b):
 - i. The territory does not exceed 150 acres in area and that area constitutes the entire island.
 - ii. The territory constitutes an entire unincorporated island located within the limits of a city.
 - iii. The territory is surrounded or substantially surrounded by the city which annexation is proposed.
 - iv. The territory is substantially developed or developing based on consideration of the availability of public utilities, the presence of public improvements or physical improvements upon the parcels.
 - v. The territory is not considered prime agricultural land, as defined by GC §56064.
 - vi. The territory will benefit from annexation or is receiving benefits from the annexing city.

7. Based upon the evidence and information on the record before it and the findings of fact made above, the Commission makes the following determinations:

- a. The boundaries of the proposed reorganization are definite and certain and conform to lines of assessment.

- b. There is a demonstrated need for municipal services and controls and that the city has the capability of meeting this need.
- c. There is a mutual social and economic interest between the residents of the city and the proposed annexation territory.
- d. The proposed annexation is compatible with the City's General Plan.
- e. The proposed annexation represents a logical and reasonable expansion of the annexing municipality.

8. The Commission hereby waives the protest hearing proceedings pursuant to Part 4 (commencing with GC §57000) entirely in accordance with Section 56375.3 (a) (1) of the Government Code and orders the annexation without an election.

9. The proposed annexation of the territory described in Exhibit "A," attached hereto, to the City of Porterville is hereby approved, subject to the following conditions:

- a. No change shall be made to land-use designations or zoning for a period of two years after completion of the annexation, unless the city council makes a finding at a public hearing that a substantial change has occurred in circumstance that necessitate a departure from the designation or zoning.
- b. The Certificate of Completion shall not be recorded until corrections are completed to the map and legal description that include the detachment form CSA No.1.
- c. The applicant must provide the required filing fee for the Statement of Boundary Change that is to be submitted to the BOE prior to the recording of the Certificate of Completion.

10. The following short form designation shall be used throughout these proceedings:

LAFCO Case No. 1518-P-317, City of Porterville Annexation No. 475

11. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of this resolution as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner_____,
seconded by Commissioner _____, at a regular meeting held on this 15th day of
October, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

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October 15, 2015

TO: LAFCO Commissioners, Alternates, Counsel

FROM: Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Agriculture Report

Background

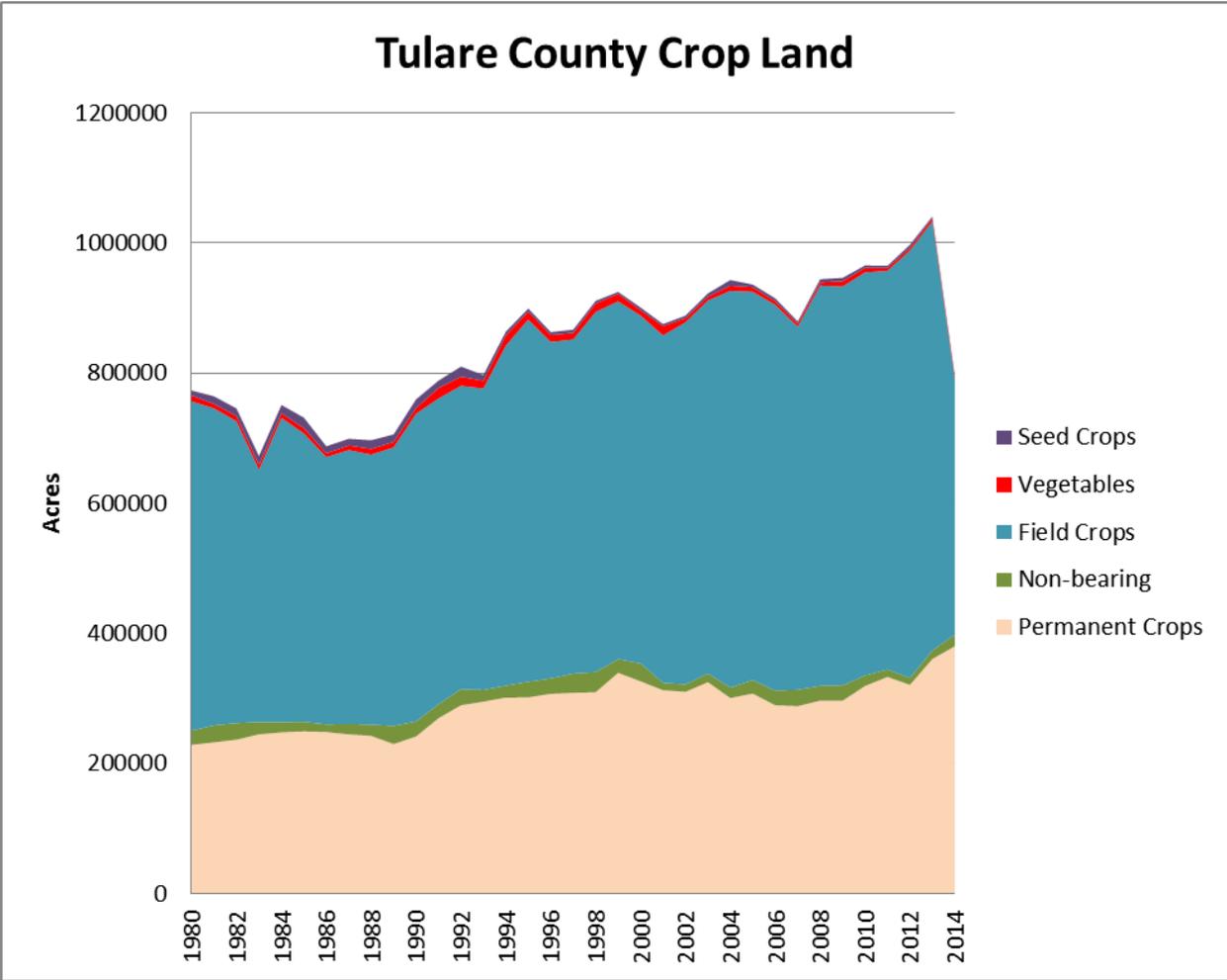
A report regarding agriculture was provided to the Commission at the March 4th meeting. The report reviewed farmed crop land and overall agricultural production value in Tulare County between 1980 and 2013. The 2014 Tulare County Annual Crop and Livestock Report was released in August. The new information from the Crop Report is included in this report. In addition, this report includes a comparison with other south San Joaquin Valley counties.

Discussion

Tulare County Crop Land

The following chart shows farmed acreage in Tulare County as reported by the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner from 1980 to 2014. While the value of agricultural production has continued to increase, topping \$8 billion for the first time, the effects of the drought can be seen in the 2014 Crop Report. For the first time, permanent crops (orchards and vineyards) account for more farmed acreage than non-permanent crops (field crops, seed crops and vegetables). Between 2013 and 2014, non-permanent crop acreage decreased by 40% (from 667,141 to 398,332 acres). Permanent crop acreage increased by almost 7% (from 373,858 to 398,407 acres). As a comparison, between 1980 and 2014, 20,399 acres of undeveloped land have been annexed to cities and urban service providing special districts.

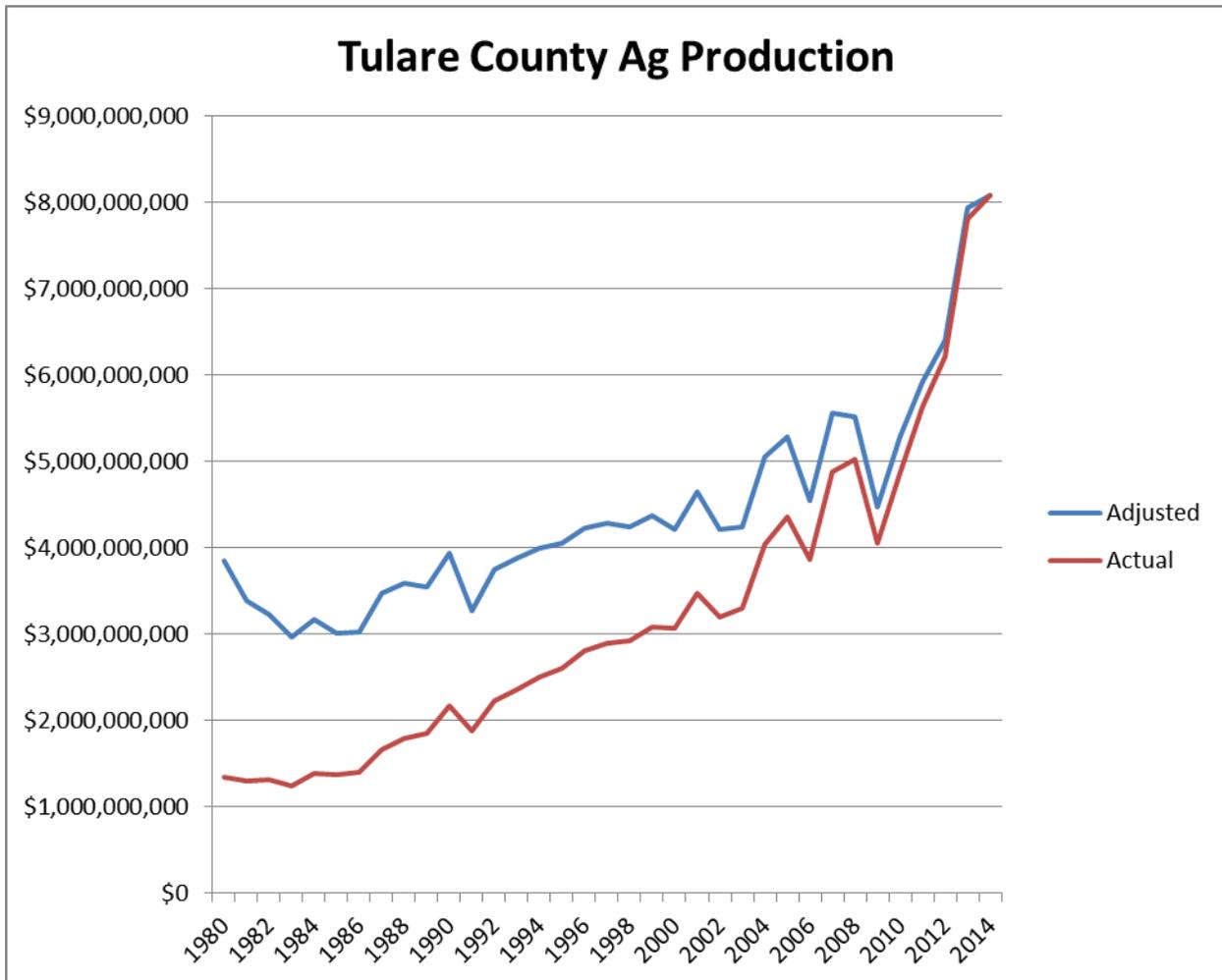
The acreage amount for non-permanent crops includes multiple crop yields from the same land (an acre of crop land as listed in the Ag Reports does not exactly equal an acre of physical land). The acreage amounts shown in the chart below does not include non-irrigated pastureland, fallow land, animal confinement facilities or associated agricultural uses such as creameries or packing houses.



Note: "Non-bearing" is planted permanent crops (orchard and vineyard crops) that are not yet producing.

Tulare County Agricultural Production

The following chart shows gross agricultural production in Tulare County as reported by the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner from 1980 to 2014. This includes crops produced on the land shown in the prior chart and also includes dairy production and livestock. The “Adjusted” amounts shown below are adjusted for inflation to 2014 dollars. After adjusting for inflation, agricultural production has increased from \$3.8 billion in 1980 to \$8.1 billion in 2014, an increase of 110%. Even with an increasing population in the County (245,738 in 1980 to 458,827 in 2014) and increased urbanization, the value of production has increased significantly during this time period.



South San Joaquin Valley Crop Land

The following charts compare crop land between the five southern San Joaquin Valley counties and the region as a whole. The trends are showing significant decreases in farmed agricultural land (specifically non-permanent crops) due mainly to the impacts of the drought and availability of irrigation water. However, permanent crop acreage is continuing to increase due mainly to the increased planting of high value crops such as almonds and pistachios.





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September 22, 2015

City of Porterville
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Re: Extraterritorial Service Agreement No. 2015-10 (City of Porterville/Ramsey)

This is to inform you that your request for an Extraterritorial Service Agreement, submitted to the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) on September 22nd, 2015, (ESA No. 2015-10), is hereby approved by the Executive Officer. Approval of this agreement is in accordance with Government Code Section 56133 and Tulare County LAFCO Resolution 94-07. The agreement permits the City of Porterville to provide municipal water service for existing development at 602 W. Westfield Avenue (APN 247-010-006). The affected parcel is also included in an area that has been approved for annexation by the City (Annexation #475, LAFCO Case 1518-P-317).

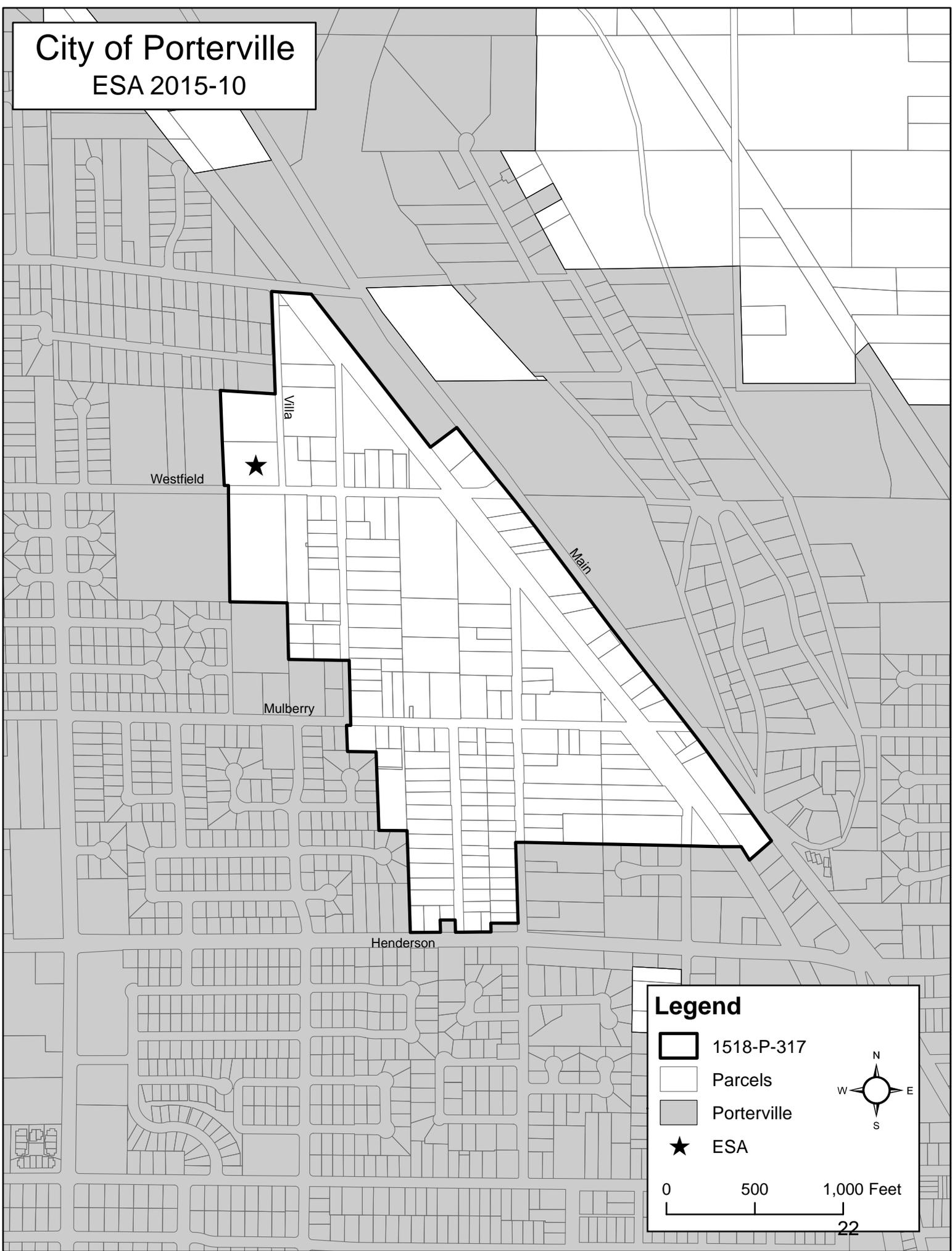
Should you have any questions, please contact me at 623-0450 or bgiuliani@tularecog.org.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer
Tulare County LAFCO

Cc: Brian Ramsey

City of Porterville ESA 2015-10



Legend

- 1518-P-317
- Parcels
- Porterville
- ★ ESA

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Dear Chair and Commission:

On behalf of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), I would like to thank your commission for allowing some of your members and/or staff the opportunity to attend the CALAFCO 2015 annual conference in Sacramento.

We know how lean budgets and resources are and understand that prioritizing expenditures can be difficult. Ensuring you and your staff have access to ongoing professional development and specialized educational opportunities, allows all of you the opportunity to better serve your commission and fulfill the mission of LAFCo. The sharing of information and resources among the LAFCo commissioners and staff statewide serves to strengthen the LAFCo network and creates opportunities for rich and value-added learning that is applied within each LAFCo.

We would also like to thank Chair Allen for her dedicated service to the CALAFCO Board of Directors these past several years. She will be missed on the Board.

Thank you again for your participation in the CALAFCO 2015 annual conference, I hope you found it a valuable experience. We truly appreciate your membership and value your involvement in CALAFCO.

Yours sincerely,



Pamela Miller
Executive Director



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