## TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

## \*\*\*\* NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING \*\*\*\*

## BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE UPON APPLICATION FOR THE ALPAUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT FORMATION CASE# 1491

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 13th day of June, 2012, an application was filed with the Executive Officer of the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission for Alpaugh Community Services District Formation. The Executive Officer has fixed July 11, 2012, at 2:00 P.M., in the Administrative Building, Supervisors Chambers, County Civic Center, 2800 W. Burrel Ave, Visalia, CA, as the date, time and place of the public hearing upon said application.

The proposed project is a reorganization consisting of the formation of the Alpaugh Services District (CSD) and dissolution of the Tulare County Waterworks District #1. The community of Alpaugh is located in the southwest corner of the County of Tulare, California. The Tulare County Waterworks District #1 encompasses the townsite of Alpaugh. The proposed Alpaugh CSD generally borders the Homeland Canal to the west, the Avenue 80 and 72 alignments to the north, the Road 56 alignment to the east and the Avenue 48 and 40 alignments to the south for a total area of about 9,028 acres.

The Commission may, as a result of the hearing, approve boundaries for the proposed formation that differ from and/or include more or less territory than that described.

In 2003, the Tulare County Waterworks District #1 and the Alpaugh Irrigation District duly entered into a joint powers agreement pursuant to law -- whereby an organization referred to as the Alpaugh Joint Powers Authority ("JPA" or "the Authority") was formed for the purpose of facilitating the provision of domestic water service to customers of the two districts under one "district" governance authority. The proposed Alpaugh CSD would provide the provision of domestic water in place of the Alpaugh JPA.

The applicant, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors, has adopted a Notice of Exemption (NOE) where it was concluded that the proposed formation of the Alpaugh Community Services District constitutes a proposal for which it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed activity may have a significant effect on the environment, and thus, the proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the General Rule Exemption authorized by 14 California Code Regulations Section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). The Commission intends to adopt the NOE by reference unless evidence of significant environmental effects is submitted to the Commission on or before the public hearing.

Any registered voter or person owning land within the territory of the Tulare County Waterworks District #1 proposed to be dissolved and within the territory of the proposed formation of the Alpaugh CSD may file an official protest. Such protest must be made in writing and submitted to the address listed above prior to the conclusion of the hearing. The written protest must include your name, address, address of the land owned within the affected area if different from your residence, Assessor Parcel Number and LAFCO case number. The written protest must be dated. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to the date of publication of this notice, or submitted after the conclusion of the hearing, shall be disregarded for purposes of ascertaining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax.

If you challenge the Commission's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission at or prior to the public hearing.

State law requires this notice to be mailed to all landowners and registered voters owning or residing on land within the affected territory as well as to those landowners and registered voters owning or residing on land located within 300 feet of the proposal. To ascertain whether or not your property or residence is included in this proposal, please refer to the enclosed map.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the LAFCO office at (559) 623-0450.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

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