

April 2, 2015

To: Shasta LAFCO Commissioners

Subject: CSA #6 - Jones Valley Water - Municipal Services Review Addendum

Shasta County Resolution 84-6 created the Community Advisory Boards (CAB) within the County Service Areas (CSA) structure. To quote in part: “WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta to assure maximum participation in the decision-making process by those affected by the Board’s decisions;” and.....

The California Legislature, when passing AB 2838 gave LAFCO the responsibility for implementing the Municipal Services Review (MSR) process and the Governor’s Office Of Planning And Research in MSR implementation *Guidelines*, established the importance of public participation as a tool for the public to participate more fully in local government decision making.

It is in the spirit of these documents that a team made up of CSA #6-Jones Valley Water-CAB members, community property owners, and including outside consultations, have created an Addendum to the CSA #6 MSR that was originally approved by the Shasta LAFCO Commission at a meeting held on December 18, 2014. LAFCO Commissioners are now being requested to approve the addition of the Addendum to the CSA #6 MSR Report and to direct LAFCO staff to add the document as the last exhibit identified in the MSR Table of Contents.

Steve Boyd, CSA #6 property owner and water ratepayer.

EXHIBIT _____

**ADDENDUM TO SHASTA LAFCO'S MUNICIPAL SERVICES REVIEW
FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA #6 - JONES VALLEY WATER**

Issues/Concerns

1.) Since giving support to the Elk Trail expansion of CSA #6, the relationship between the County and the Community Advisory Board has been deteriorating. Community members that are volunteering their time and resources to serve the local property owners/ratepayers and the County Water Administrators have met with unfavorable County remarks and actions.

2.) Financial documents and charges that affect the water rates charged by the County are unclear and not understood.

3.) County water losses in CSA #6 that have been paid for by the water ratepayers have been extremely high for years. 15,200,803 gallons lost reported by County for 2014.

4.) Monthly CSA #6/County meetings that were providing timely exchanges between County Public Works and the CAB have been changed by the County to quarterly, against the wishes of the CAB.

5.) The Silverthorn Subdivision with 73 home sites that are served by old 3" metal water piping and sub-standard fire protection needs an infrastructure up-grade.

6.) CSA #6 administrative focus has been co-mingled with other Public Works responsibilities that appear to have higher priorities.

Future Proposed Actions

1.) Encourage the Board of Supervisors, acting in their roll as the County Water Agency to confirm their recognition and acceptance of Resolution 84-6 that places value in the efforts of the CSA #6 Community Advisory Board.

2.) Work with the County to create clear, useful, and understandable financial documents that can be used by the CAB to make decisions and recommendations to County water administrators.

3.) Request that the County contract with a leak detection company to locate and identify the source of the continued excessive water losses. Have control meters strategically placed to isolate flow discrepancies. Then identify possible funding sources to make the necessary improvements. Funding and assistance resources are known and will be made available to the County.

4.) Continue the effort to return the quarterly CSA #6 meetings attended by the County to monthly meetings continuing to be held by the CAB. If this is not successful, then request time on the Board of Supervisor's Agenda to keep them informed (as the Shasta County Water Agency Board) of the CAB' monthly decisions and actions.

5.) Work closely with the County and homeowners to seek grant funding for Silverthorn infrastructure improvement.

6.) Shasta County's water future is critical to growth and quality-of-life. Continue to identify and research any option that will assist the County with improving CSA #6 water management.