

Update on the Reorganization of CSA 70/ W-1 and Annexation into the Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency

Not long after the 2013 W1 rate increase was approved, a "citizen's task force" of approximately ten (10) W1 customers assembled to begin more serious inquiries about an annexation into BDVWA. At the BDVWA Board of Directors Meeting November 19, 2013 the "citizen's task force" submitted approximately 70 new signatures in favor of the proposed reorganization. At the January 28, 2014 BDVWA Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted 5/0 to authorize staff to initiate an application for the reorganization to include annexations to BDVWA. The Board has also voted to establish a project budget of \$60,000 for expenses towards the project.

The application for annexation is submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) who oversees the process. It is expected that the land owners and registered voters will be contacted this fall with further information from LAFCO. See our website or call us for updates on the status of these proceedings. Our office number is 760-364-2315.



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Why could this change be good for both customers of BDVWA and County Service Area 70/Zone W-1?

The properties served by County Special Districts reside in the same community as those served by BDVWA. Consolidation would add an additional 9 square miles to existing Agency territory of 43 square miles. We believe that, based simply on "economy of scale", reorganization with Zone W-1 will result in more efficient and effective service, at a lower overall cost, to all customers as time goes on. Currently Zone W-1 is represented by the County Board of Supervisors who preside over all issues concerning the entire County of San Bernardino which reduces overall transparency and access to the elected body. In contrast, the BDVWA Board of Directors is focused solely on the water service needs of this community. Agency directors are elected from and must reside within the boundaries of the Agency, they are accessible and meetings are held locally.



BDVWA Office Hours are Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm

Transparency

The Board of Directors and agency staff agree on the importance of transparency in government. We listen and understand. Your voice is important to us. Our Board of Directors live in your community and are a part of your community. Most importantly you are also welcome to be part of the process.

Knowledge

Board of Director Meetings are held once a month at 1720 N. Cherokee Trail in Landers at 6:00 pm. Committee meetings are held every other month. All meetings are open to the public. Agenda Packets are available prior to all meetings. A financial audit is performed once a year to examine the financial transactions pertaining to the Agency. These reports are public information and available upon request.

Savings?

Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency strongly believes we will provide cost savings to you and your household. The numbers already speak for themselves (see rate chart) and with the new proposed rate increase introduced by County Special Districts to the County Service Area 70/Zone W-1 customers, we (BDVWA) will have the lower monthly service fee and lower water rates.

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THE AVERAGE COST OF SERVICE

COMPARISON

	BDVWA	County 70/W-1
Bi Monthly Service Fee	3/4" \$55	Bi Monthly Service Fee 3/4" \$58.72
Water Consumption	1" \$55	1" \$97.86
All measures of HCF	\$3.00	0-14 HCF \$4.77 14-80 HCF \$5.49 OVER 80 HCF \$6.31

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