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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: June 21, 2005

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: DESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY OF LAKE MORENA AS A COLONIA
(DISTRICT: 2)

SUMMARY:

Overview

The County Board of Supervisors in years past has also designated the communities of Jacumba and Tecate as colonias. The Lake Morena Oak Shores Mutual Water Company requests that the County designate the community of Lake Morena as a colonia to help establish eligibility for grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and California Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements. Today's action will adopt a resolution that will designate the community of Lake Morena as a colonia.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR JACOB:

Adopt the resolution entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DESIGNATING THE COMMUNITY OF LAKE MORENA AS A COLONIA

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this proposal.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

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Community Development for infrastructure improvements. Today's action will adopt a resolution that will designate the community of Lake Morena as a colonia.

Lake Morena, California is a community located in southeastern San Diego County approximately 60 miles east of the City of San Diego. Lake Morena's featured destination is Lake Morena County Park. The Morena Reservoir lies in the middle of 3,250 acres of chaparral, oak woods, and grassland. In addition to these natural attributes, the newly renovated park features some of the most modern camping facilities in San Diego County. The lake is the highest (3,000 feet) and most remote of the city's reservoirs. Because of its location southwest of the Laguna Mountains, the park shows characteristics of desert, coastal, and mountain habitats. This chaparral woodland is home to a variety of animals. Bald eagles, mountain lions, rattlesnakes, and many migratory waterfowl can be observed in the remote wilderness.

The Lake Morena Oak Shores Mutual Water Company intends to address the deficiencies in its water wells, distribution system and potable water storage facilities. Their infrastructure is being overburdened due to an increase in population. This has led to an increase of usage, which ultimately leads to an insufficient volume to their system. Also, the water has endured a high source of nitrates, which is caused by local septic systems and grazing of the land. In the end, this will help in bringing their facility to modern day standards and address the deficiencies by improving the water quality and reinforcing the water distribution and storage infrastructure to adequately serve the community. The Water Company requests that the County designate the community of Lake Morena as a colonia to help establish eligibility for Rural Development Community Program grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Community Development Block Grants from the California Department of Housing and Community Development for infrastructure improvements.

The Lake Morena Oak Shores Mutual Water Company is pursuing an avenue to apply for and obtain funding under the colonia status. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and California Department of Housing and Community Development each have pools of money designated to assist colonias.

Lake Morena's unique location and community circumstances will help the community to obtain federal and state funding important to the public health, safety and welfare. I urge your support.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

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CONCURRENCE(S)

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Other Concurrence(s): N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: DISTRICT 2

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

CONTRACT NUMBER(S):

N/A