

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Betts, Deputy Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4.1 – LAFCo File 14-02 – City of Chico - Boucher Street Annexation No. 6 (Continued open from the April 3, 2014 meeting)**

DATE: April 23, 2014, for the Meeting of May 1, 2014

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At its April 3, 2014 meeting, the Commission considered the proposed Boucher Street Annexation No. 6 to the City of Chico. The annexation was initiated by the owner of a single parcel via petition to LAFCo and staff recommended that the Commission expand the boundaries of the annexation to include sixteen additional parcels located on the west side of Boucher Street. The other alternatives discussed included only the single parcel requesting annexation and potentially expanding the annexation to the entire Chapman island.

Several landowners/residents of the territory spoke in opposition to the annexation and numerous letters objecting to the annexation were received at the meeting. At the April 3rd meeting, the Commission continued the hearing open until the Commission's May 1, 2014, meeting to allow time for LAFCo staff to review the written comments to determine the probability of a successfully protest of the annexation. There also was a timing issue related to the redevelopment of the store under permit from the County that was hoped to be resolved prior to the annexation becoming complete.

Staff recommends that the Commission continue the hearing open until the Commission's June 5, 2014, meeting. The continuance will allow the remodel of the market on the petitioned parcel ("Chinca's Market") to begin in earnest as the building permit for the remodel was recently issued by the Butte County Building Division. It is planned that the market remodel will be completed and the Certificate of Occupancy issued by the County prior to the Certificate of Completion for the annexation being recorded. Additionally, the continuance will allow additional time for LAFCo and the City of Chico to reach closure on the proposed Annexation and Sewer Extension and Annexation Agreement between the two agencies. The successful outcome of the Agreement will help inform the Commission's desired path forward with the Boucher Street annexation proposal.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Continue the hearing on LAFCo File 14-02 – City of Chico - Boucher Street Annexation No. 6 open until the Commission's June 5, 2014, meeting.