

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4.3 – Presentation of Butte LAFCO Website Update**

DATE: February 27, 2013 for the Meeting of March 7, 2013

Summary

The Butte LAFCO website (www.buttelafco.org) was last updated six years ago (2006) and was technologically speaking - aging. Given the greater dependence of citizens on internet accessible information, it was determined that the Commission website would benefit from an update to a more modern format. The update makes the website easier to design and augment by staff on the back end and offers a much more user friendly experience to the end user.

Staff engaged Matsom & Isom Technology Consulting to update the website at a reasonable cost and the site will also be hosted by them at their Chico location at a considerable monthly cost saving. Additional training and troubleshooting will also be easier to integrate if needed.

Function

The Butte LAFCO website will provide not only information related to the Commission's regular business (agendas, notices, contacts, FAQs, documents/forms/applications), it will also provide information related to the 41 special districts, 5 cities, the County and other local and state agencies of interest.

By way of example, a citizen in Oroville may have questions about sewer service and will be able to go to the Butte LAFCO website and see the sewer service providers, learn about their functions by reading the LAFCO Municipal Service Review and where they provide services currently and in the future by viewing the LAFCo agency maps and sphere of influence. The site will also provide direct links to the agency of interest and other agencies that may have some relationship such as the wastewater treatment plant (SCOR).

The website also addresses an issue identified in a number of small district MSR's where it was determined that some agencies do not have an internet presence and are not likely to do so. Staff anticipates that these smaller agencies will be captured to some extent by our website and to the degree possible, LAFCo can post information about these agencies that otherwise would not be available.

As with all websites, it is a process of evolution and adaption, and this new structure will allow the Butte LAFCo website to evolve for many more years.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept presentation and offer any observations.