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RE: Buckeye Parcels Annexation to the Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District

LAFCO Project No. 2010-02

Dear Mr. Henriquez:

The application for the annexation of the Buckeye parcels to the Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District was reviewed by my Board of Directors during their regularly scheduled meeting which took place on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. At the conclusion of their discussions, my Board directed me to notify you of our opposition to the annexation.

As you know, Georgetown Fire Protection District was approved by the voters for the specific purpose of funding fire, EMS and rescue services to the Divide. If this annexation is allowed to occur as proposed, the fire district tax shares intended for public safety will be redirected to the Georgetown Divide Public Utilities District (GDPUD). This shift in tax shares is not necessary since GDPUD is an enterprise agency with the ability to fund new development projects through the application of fees and rates. Public safety agencies have been greatly impacted by the economic crisis, and it is essential that we protect the limited funding (revenue) sources we have.

We appreciate your time and consideration in this very important matter.

GREG SCHWAB, Fire Chief

C: Georgetown Fire Protection District Board of Directors Gayle Erbe-Hamlin, EDC Chief Administrative Officer Hank White, GDPUD Manager

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