



6.f.
10/28/2021

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Crystal M. Craig, Assistant Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF DISADVANTAGED UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES
(DUCs) WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**

As previously discussed by the Commission, Senate Bill 244 has imposed several new requirements and restrictions on LAFCOs, cities and counties. The focus of the legislation was underserved, lower income communities, dubbed by SB 244 as Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). DUCs are defined as inhabited territory that constitutes all or a portion of a community with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80 percent of the statewide annual median household income.

Among the provisions of SB 244 is a restriction against approval of a city annexation if there is a DUC contiguous to the area of the proposal, unless an application to annex the DUC has also been filed. The law also requires analysis of DUCs in conjunction with Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) reviews. Mapping the DUCs in conjunction with the current Countywide City MSR & SOI Reviews and Potential Updates report is critical, as they are a tool in aiding agencies in determining SOI updates.

This report presents the DUCs identified for all of Riverside County. The attached exhibits are the product of our Riverside LAFCO DUC Policy that is before the Commission on today's agenda (item 6.e.). The methodologies have been applied to unincorporated areas within Riverside County and the spheres of influence of all 28 cities in the Western Region, Pass/Mountain Region and Coachella Valley/Eastern Regions.

For each city that has a SOI containing at least one identified DUC an overview/vicinity map is provided, as well as a more detailed aerial view for each DUC. Community identities are also labeled all on the title of the map.

In addition, there is also a detailed aerial view for each DUC identified within the unincorporated areas. Community identities are titled map.

Subsequently, future municipal service reviews and sphere of influence reviews will include information on these DUCs, along with Unincorporated Islands and Pockets as previously identified by Riverside LAFCO and those adjacent to city SOIs.

It was noted in the previous staff reports dated on December 10, 2020; the U.S. Census Bureau released new five-year 2015-19 statistics. The State MHI is \$75,235. The qualifying income for a DUC is 80% of that figure, \$60,188. The attached maps are utilizing the latest U.S. Census Bureau 5-year data set.

The attached charts provide a listing of the DUCs identified for the entirety of Riverside County areas to date.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Review the designated DUCs as presented and recommended by staff.
2. Confirm the designated DUC boundaries for use in future analysis.

Respectfully submitted,



Crystal M. Craig
Assistant Executive Officer

Attachments:

- 1) Chart Summary of Riverside County City DUCs
- 2) Chart Summary of Riverside County Regional DUCs within Unincorporated Areas
- 3) Regional Maps of Cities, City Spheres, & DUCs in:
 - Western Riverside County
 - Coachella Valley Riverside County
 - Blythe Riverside County
- 4) City DUCs within the Western Region
- 5) City DUCs within the Pass/Mountain Region
- 6) City DUCs within the Coachella Valley/Eastern Region
- 7) Regional DUCs within Unincorporated Areas in the Western Region
- 8) Regional DUCs within Unincorporated Areas in the Pass/Mountain Region
- 9) Regional DUCs within Unincorporated Areas in the Coachella Valley/Eastern Region