



September 26, 2022

City of Coachella
c/o Angela M. Zepeda, City Clerk
53990 Enterprise Way
Coachella, CA 92236

RE: LAFCO 2021-06-1,2,3,4,&5-Countywide City Municipal Service Review and
Sphere of Influence Reviews and Potential Amendments: City of
Coachella (Removal)

You are hereby notified that the above named proposal was approved by the Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission at a public hearing held on July 28, 2022. A copy of Resolution No. and 17-22 including the map amending the sphere of influence for the City is attached for your records.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth R. Valdez
Commission Clerk

cc: Dr. Gabriel Martin, City Manager, City of Coachella - email
Gabriel Perez, Development Services Director, City of Coachella - email
Scott Bruckner, Executive Office - email
Kecia Harper, Clerk of the Board - email
Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor, 1st District - email
Karen Spiegel, Supervisor, 2nd District - email
Chuck Washington, Supervisor, 3rd District - email
V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor, 4th District - email
Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor, 5th District - email

1 RIVERSIDE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

2 RESOLUTION NO. 17-22

3 REVIEWING AND AMENDING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE

4 CITY OF COACHELLA (REMOVAL)

5 LAFCO 2021-06-1,2,3,4&5

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7 BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED by the Riverside Local Agency
8 Formation Commission ("Riverside LAFCO" or "the Commission") in
9 regular session assembled on July 28, 2022, that the sphere of
10 influence determination as set forth in LAFCO 2021-06-1,2,3,4&5
11 Countywide Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Review
12 and Potential Amendments - City of Coachella (removal) as depicted
13 in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part hereof, has been
14 reviewed and amended.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND FOUND THAT:

16 1. The Commission has initiated this review pursuant to
17 Government Code section 56425.

18 2. Whereas a municipal service review that included the
19 subject agency was prepared and reviewed by this Commission pursuant
20 to Government Code section 56430 and determinations were made
21 thereon on July 28, 2022.

22 3. The sphere of influence amendment is exempt from the
23 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA
24 Guidelines section 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty
25 that there is no possibility that the amendment may have a
26 significant effect on the environment.

27 4. The written Statement of Determinations attached hereto
28 as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to

1 Government Code section 56425(e) is adopted.

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Riverside Local Agency
3 Formation Commission, that this Commission shall consider the open
4 space area east of the city limits as depicted in Exhibit "A"
5 attached hereto, as being removed from the sphere of influence of
6 the City of Coachella, it being fully understood that the amendment
7 of such sphere of influence is a policy declaration of this
8 Commission based on existing facts and circumstances, which
9 although not readily changed, may be subject to review and change
10 in the event a future significant change of circumstances so
11 warrants.

12 5. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a certified
13 copy of this resolution to each subject agency.

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Michael M. Vargas, Chair

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18 I certify the above resolution was passed and adopted by the
19 Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission on July 28, 2022.

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Gary Thompson, Executive Officer

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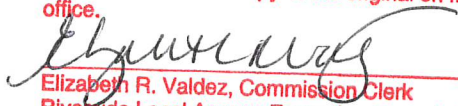
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25 The foregoing instrument is certified, under penalty of
26 perjury, to be a true copy of the original on file in this
office.

FORM APPROVED LEGAL COUNSEL

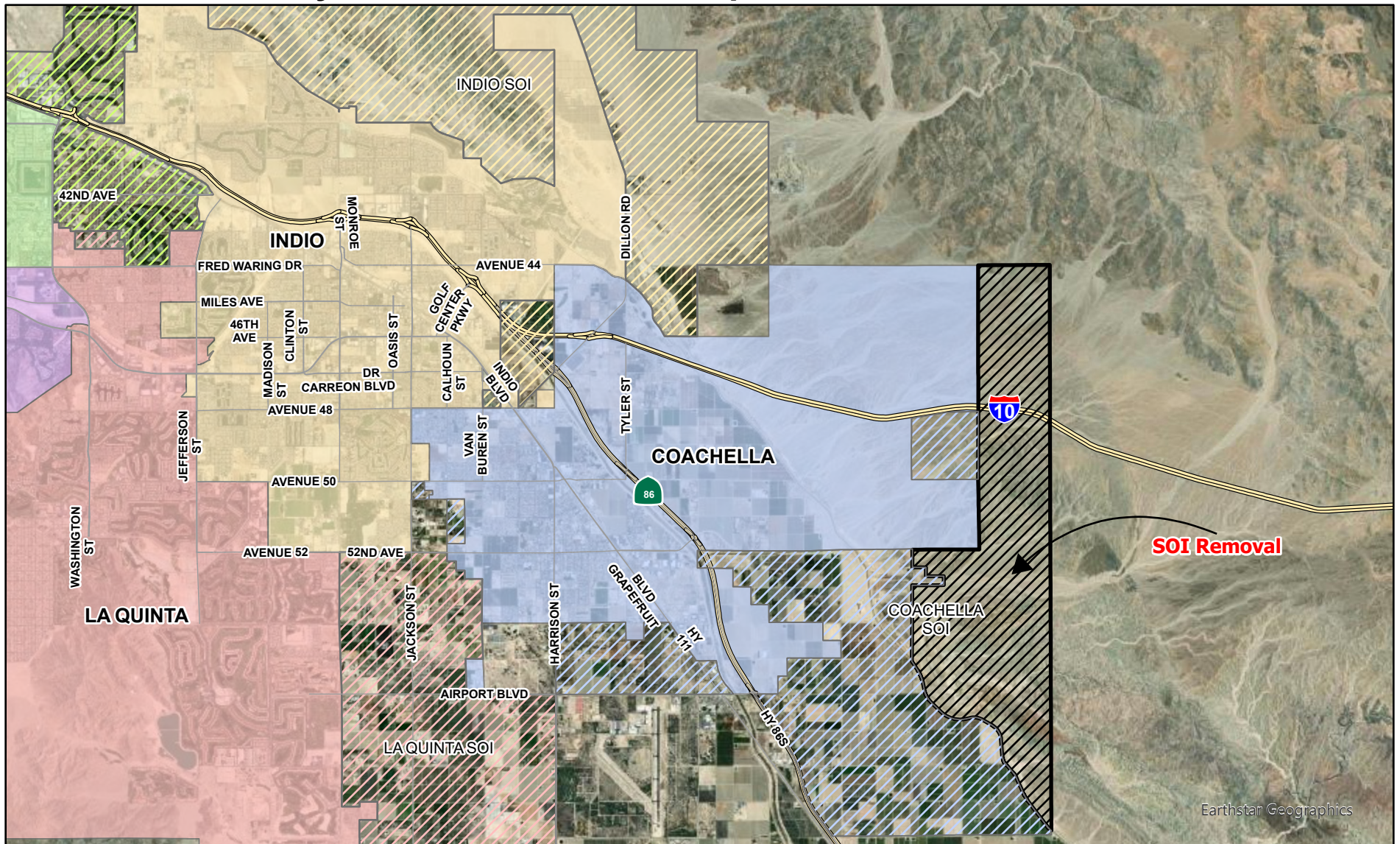
Melissa R. Cushman

BY: Melissa R. Cushman

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Elizabeth R. Valdez, Commission Clerk
Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission
28 Executed on September 26, 2022 at
Riverside, California

City of Coachella and Sphere of Influence

Exhibit "A"



Data Sources: County of Riverside; LAFCO

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Miles

LAFCO 2021-06-1,2,3,4&5
Countywide City Municipal Service Review
and Sphere of Influence Reviews



Disclaimer: The information shown is intended to be used for reference and general display purposes only and is not to be used as an official map.

Author: Crystal Craig & Michael Henderson
Map Revised on 08/03/2022

Legend

Coachella SOI Removal

Cities

City of Coachella

City of La Quinta

City of Indio

City Spheres

Coachella SOI

La Quinta SOI

Indio SOI

Commission Amended SOI: July 28, 2022

Exhibit “B”
STATEMENT OF DETERMINATIONS
City of Coachella (Removal)

Based on the information, issues, and analysis presented in the Final MSR/SOI Report, which is available for examination upon request at the Riverside LAFCO office, 6216 Brockton Avenue, Suite 111-B, Riverside, CA 92506, the following determinations were adopted by the LAFCO Commission pursuant to Government Code section 56425(e):

1. THE PRESENT AND PLANNED LAND USES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL AND OPEN SPACE USES:

The only SOI amendment staff is recommending at this time is removing the existing SOI area to the east per the City of Coachella’s request. This change is merely technical and likely non-controversial. Refer to Exhibits “SR9a & SR9b” with the hatched black lines of the staff report to the Final MSR/SOI Report, which can be examined upon request at the Riverside LAFCO office.

2. THE PRESENT AND PROBABLE NEED FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE AREA:

Due to the topography features in this area and seismic issues that make the area difficult and costly for future development.

3. THE PRESENT CAPACITY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ADEQUACY OF PUBLIC SERVICES WHICH THE AGENCY PROVIDED OR IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE:

The area identified by the City of Coachella within the eastern portion of Coachella’s SOI is for future conservation land use in the City of Coachella’s 2035 General Plan.

4. THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN THE AREA:

Staff has identified to the west of the City limits the Vista Santa Rosa Community Council boundaries and to the south the County’s Thermal Community Plan as depicted on Exhibits “SR9a and SR9b” of the staff report to the Final MSR/SOI Report.

5. FOR AN UPDATE OF A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF A CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES PUBLIC FACILITIES OR SERVICES RELATED TO SEWER, MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER, OR STRUCTURAL FIRE PROTECTION, THE PRESENT AND PROBABLE NEED FOR THOSE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF ANY DISADVANTAGED UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES (DUCS) WITHIN THE EXISTING SPHERE OF INFLUENCE:

Riverside LAFCO has determined that there are no DUCs within the eastern portion of Coachella’s SOI nor any adjacent within the eastern SOI boundary.