

## **Board of Supervisors**

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**Press Release** 

## CASTRO VALLEY CANYONLANDS ANNEXATION APPROVED FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES INTO CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

Castro Valley, California – On Thursday, June 25, 2015, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) protest hearing was held at the Castro Valley Library. Neither the landowners nor registered voters reached the threshold to trigger an election or terminate the annexation proceedings. On Thursday, July 9, 2015, LAFCo voted to order the annexation of the Canyonlands into the Castro Valley Sanitary District.

"The County is not in the solid waste business. Therefore, I recommended that the Castro Valley Sanitary District take the lead in facilitating solid waste services for the Castro Valley Canyonlands and now this issue has been resolved," stated Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley.

## **Background**

On March 12, 2015, the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) considered and conditionally approved the annexation of the Castro Valley Canyonlands area into the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan). The annexation was an effort to continue solid waste service in the Canyonlands since the current waste hauler was discontinuing service. The area is open-market territory. Subsequently, CVSan submitted a request for reconsideration of that decision. On May 14, 2015, the Commission considered and again conditionally approved the annexation approving in-part and denying in-part CVSan's reconsideration request by adopting Resolution 2015-04, which superseded the prior in March. The resolution approves the potential for annexing approximately 15,641 acres of the Castro Valley Canyonlands into CVSan. The annexation area consists of a northerly portion generally extending from the northern county line southward nearly to Niles Canyon Road, generally north, east, and southeast of the urban portion of the unincorporated community of Castro Valley, and southerly portion which lies to the east of the unincorporated community of Fairview and the cities of Hayward and Union City. After adopting a resolution on May 14, 2015 approving the annexation, state law required that LAFCo conduct a 21-day-noticed protest hearing to allow landowners and registered voters to file written protests against the annexation. Dependent upon the number of landowner or registered voters received by LAFCo, the Commission could have taken one of the following actions:

- Order the annexation subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Commission's resolution of approval without an election if valid protests have been filed by less than 25% of registered voters or less than 25% of landowners who own less than 25% of the assessed value of land within the affected territory.
- Order the annexation subject to an election if either 25 to less than 50% of registered voters or 25% or more of the land owners who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land submit valid protests; or
- Terminate the proceedings if 50% or more of registered voters submitted valid protests.