



RUNNING SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT  
RUNNING SPRINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**Plan for Service and Fiscal Impact Analysis**

**LAFCO \_\_\_\_\_  
Reorganization to include Annexation to the Running Springs Water District**

In 2019, the Running Springs Water District (District) entered into a Wastewater Transportation, Treatment and Disposal Agreement with the County of San Bernardino County Service Area No. 79 (CSA 79), a County Service Area for Green Valley Lake which is located within the sphere of influence of the District. On July 17, 2019, the CSA 79 Special Advisory Committee met with the Running Springs Water District Board of Directors and requested that the District consider annexing the CSA 79 into the District's jurisdictional boundary in order to continue wastewater service and to provide for a more logical, efficient and effective delivery of the services provided by the District. This proposed reorganization only includes wastewater services.

The District desires that the proposed reorganization be subject to the standard terms and conditions imposed by the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") and to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) Running Springs Water District will fix the Green Valley Lake community wastewater rates at their current level (Connection Fee \$5,336.22 and User Rate \$65.77 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit per month) for the first five years and account for the area as a separate enterprise fund barring any unforeseen circumstances that would require additional revenue; current wastewater rates for Running Springs Water District are: Connection Fee \$5,815 and User Rates \$54.08 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit per month plus \$0.0105 per cubic foot of water usage);
- 2) Depending on the timing of LAFCO approval of the proposed reorganization, Running Springs Water District will arrange for the Green Valley Lake community wastewater rates to be placed on the San Bernardino County property tax roll at the expense of Running Springs Water District's separate enterprise fund for the Green Valley Lake community;
- 3) After the initial 5 year period, a rate study will be prepared and the Green Valley Lake community will be merged with the existing Running Springs Water District wastewater enterprise such that a uniform wastewater rate will be applied for all wastewater customers of Running Springs Water District at that time;
- 4) Running Springs Water District will not assume any of CSA 79's pension liability. CSA 79 may withhold from transfer to Running Springs Water District a portion of its existing wastewater reserve funds to fund CSA 79's pension liabilities through LAFCO's issuance of the Certificate of Completion for the reorganization, with the method of calculation and the amount withheld to be determined and agreed to by both CSA 79 and Running Springs Water District;

- 5) CSA 79 R-1 funds for road services will transfer to the new CSA 70 road district zone, once formed;
- 6) All application fees and any other costs associated with the LAFCO reorganization will be paid for with CSA 79 reserve funds;
- 7) The remaining CSA 79 wastewater reserve funds, not withheld to cover CSA 79's pension liabilities, will be transferred to Running Springs Water District and be placed in a separate enterprise fund;
- 8) No additional Board of Director seats will be added to Running Springs Water District;
- 9) Running Springs Water District will enter into a new agreement as a permittee for a Special Use Permit with the United States Forest Service (USFS) for encroachment of the gravity sewer line under Green Valley Lake Road within the USFS;
- 10) Running Springs Water District acknowledges and agrees to the LAFCO requirement imposing legal indemnification as outlined in Policy 3 of Chapter 2 of the Accounting and Financial Section of its Policy and Procedure Manual;
- 11) Running Springs Water District will continue to provide out of district sewer service to Snow Valley, which is consistent with the sphere of influence, and will be billed based off an equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) count; and

### **Description of Services:**

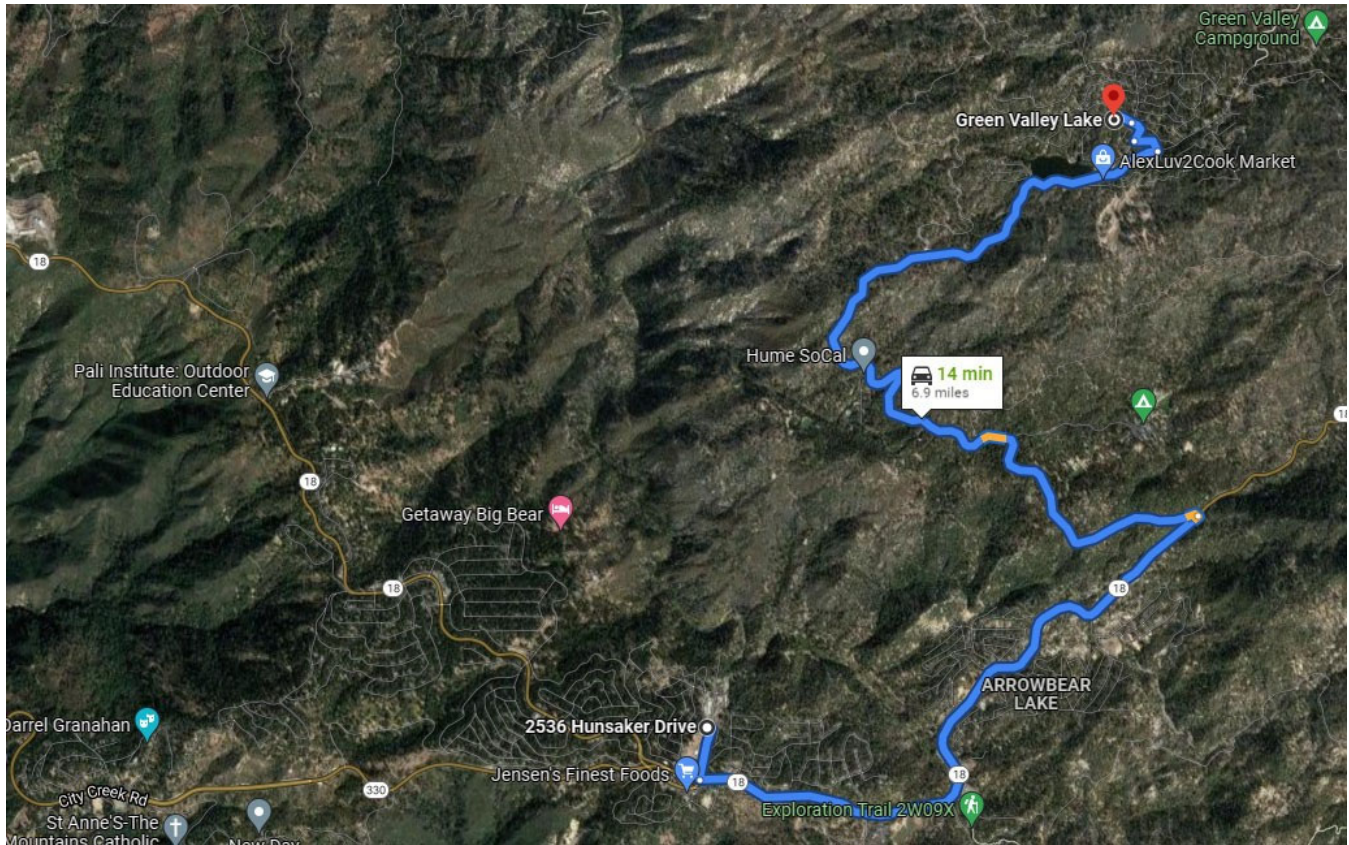
#### **Water**

Water service in the Green Valley Lake community is currently provided by the Green Valley Mutual Water Company and will continue to be provided by the Green Valley Mutual Water Company.

#### **Wastewater**

Wastewater collection service is currently provided by CSA 79 and would be transferred to the District. Wastewater transportation, treatment and disposal services are currently provided by an outside service agreement Between the District and CSA 79 and would continue. There is adequate capacity in the existing wastewater collections and treatment systems for the continued operation by the District.

The District's existing wastewater collections division building is located at 2536 Hunsaker Way, Running Springs, CA 92382 which is less than seven miles from Green Valley Lake. The District's main office and Board room is located at 31242 Hilltop Blvd. in Running Springs.



Current staffing includes a Wastewater Collections Lead Operator and two Wastewater Collections Operators one of which resides in Green Valley Lake. There are also six additional operators available as support staff if needed. The Operations Manager and General Manager are also certified operators. District staff and management will initially plan to operate the Green Valley Lake wastewater collection system with existing staff and evaluate if there is a need to add any additional staff or equipment.

Available equipment includes:

- 2020 Video Inspection Van
- Hydro jetting sewer collection cleaning equipment
- Two backhoes
- One wheel loader
- Two compressors with jackhammers, welders and other ancillary tools
- Multiple utility pickup trucks, snowplows and a skid steer Bobcat.
- Two snow cats

The District also contracts with various contractors and vendors for additional services and equipment on an as-needed and emergency basis such as emergency bypass pumping equipment, combination sewer cleaning/vactor equipment, construction services for emergency sewer repairs, etc.

It is the District's understanding that there is a United States Forest Service (USFS) Special Use Permit (SUP) for encroachment of the gravity sewer line under Green Valley Lake Road within the USFS and that this SUP would need to be renewed with the District as the permittee.

The existing agreement with Snow Valley for sewer service would also need to be transferred to the District.

### **Fire Protection**

Fire Protection Service is currently under the Jurisdiction of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its Mountain Service Zone and will continue to be provided by the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its Mountain Service Zone.

### **Ambulance Emergency Medical Service (EMS)**

Running Springs Fire Department (RSFD) currently does and will continue to provide Advance Life Support (ALS) Ambulance EMS to the Green Valley Lake community, which is already within the RSFD Exclusive Operating Area (EOA 19). Ambulance EMS is provided by one or more of three ambulance units, and if necessary, a Squad that is equipped with an additional Paramedic and rescue gear and a local CalFire Unit that is stationed at the Running Springs Fire Station No. 51 to assist with EMS services or rescue.

### **Road Services**

Road services will continue to be provided by the County of San Bernardino.

### **Timing and Improvements**

The wastewater services described above are currently being provided and no additional infrastructure is required.

### **Fiscal Impact Analysis**

This annexation is for the Green Valley Lake community/CSA 79 which is within the District's sphere of influence. There will be no additional financial burden placed on the District to annex and continue providing wastewater services to this territory. The revenues anticipated would be sufficient to cover the expenses for wastewater services.

There is not anticipated to be any significant fiscal impact due to the fact that the Running Springs Water District already provides wastewater and emergency medical services to the territory.

All costs of operating and maintaining the District wastewater facilities will be recovered through rates and fees charged annually on the San Bernardino County property tax roll to the Green Valley Lake community property owners. The annexing territory will be included within the existing jurisdictional service boundaries of the District.

The County is in the process of updating the fiscal impact analysis report.

**All fees for the LAFCO Reorganization, Annexation and Detachment process to be paid by the CSA 79.**

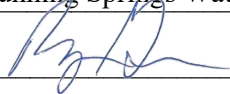
**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and the documents attached present the data and information required to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Ryan Gross, P.E.

Title: General Manager

Organization: Running Springs Water District

Signature: 

Date: 4/22/2022