

SAN BERNARDINO LAFCO APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION FORM

INTRODUCTION: The questions on this form and its supplements are designed to obtain enough data about the application to allow the San Bernardino LAFCO, its staff and others to adequately assess the proposal. By taking the time to fully respond to the questions on the forms, you can reduce the processing time for your proposal. You may also include any additional information which you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, or attach any relevant documents.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **NAME OF PROPOSAL:** Reorganization to include Annexations to the San Bernardino County Fire District, its North Desert Services Zone and Service Zone FP-5

2. **NAME OF APPLICANT:** City of Adelanto

APPLICANT TYPE: ☐ Landowner ☒ Local Agency
☐ Registered Voter ☐ Other _____

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3. **GENERAL LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** City of Adelanto, CA

4. **Does the application possess 100% written consent of each landowner in the subject territory?** YES ☐ NO ☒ If YES, provide written authorization for change.

5. **Indicate the reason(s) that the proposed action has been requested.**

The City of Adelanto has been operating under a contract agreement with San Bernardino County fire for the provision of all fire protection services. In 2019 the City of Adelanto started the process of annexing into the Fire District and thereafter passed Resolution 21-23 to initiate annexation into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District to improve public safety services. By joining the County Fire District, the City aims to optimize fire services to Adelanto residents and businesses by integrating into Fire district processes, thus reducing overhead of administering a separate contract agreement. This reorganization is intended to provide more effective, reliable, and financially sustainable emergency response capabilities, ensuring better protection of public health and safety in the west side of San Bernardino County.

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL

1. **Total land area of subject territory (defined in acres):**
City incorporated=33,842 acres

(Source: 6th cycle of Housing Element)

2. **Current dwelling units within area classified by type (single-family residential, multi-family duplex, four-plex, 10-unit], apartments)**

Housing Type	No. of Units
Single Family Detached	6772
Single Family Attached	180
Multiple Family 2-4 Units	571
Multiple Family 5+ Units	567
Mobile Homes	496
Boat, RV, Van	0

(Source: 6th cycle of Housing Element)

3. **Approximate current population within area:**

38,046 (Source: 2020 Decennial Census)

4. **Indicate the General Plan designation(s) of the affected city (if any) and uses permitted by this designation(s):**

Residential Zones
Airport Park (AP)
Desert Living (DL-5) (1du/ 5ac)
Desert Living (DL-9) (1du/ 9 ac)
Desert Living (DL-2.5) (1du/2.5 ac)
Mixed Use (MU)
Medium Density Residential (R-M12)
Single Family Residential (R-S1)
Single Family Residential (R-S5)
Single Family Residential (R-1)
High Density Residential (R3-30)
Medium Density Residential (R3-8)

Non-Residential Zones
Airport Development District (ADD)
Business Park (BP)
Commercial (C)
Light Manufacturing (LM)
Light Manufacturing Cannabis Only (LMCO)

Manufacturing/Industrial (MI)
Open Space (OS)
Public Utilities (PU)

San Bernardino County General Plan designation(s) and uses permitted by this designation(s):

N/A

5. **Describe any special land use concerns expressed in the above plans. In addition, for a City Annexation or Reorganization, provide a discussion of the land use plan's consistency with the regional transportation plan as adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 65080 for the subject territory:**

No changes are anticipated under the proposed annexation, as the level of service and local impact remain the same through this administrative change.

6. **Indicate the existing use of the subject territory.**

Residential, commercial, office, industrial, parks and public facilities.

What is the proposed land use?

There is no change to the proposed land uses that would result following the reorganization and sphere of influence amendment.

7. **Will the proposal require public services from any agency or district which is currently operating at or near capacity (including sewer, water, police, fire, or schools)?** YES ☐
NO ☒ If YES, please explain.

8. **On the following list, indicate if any portion of the territory contains the following by placing a checkmark next to the item:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land Uses | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Preserve Designation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Williamson Act Contract | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area where Special Permits are Required |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other unusual features of the area or permits required: <u>Areas adjacent to Southern California Logistics Airport and the Adelanto Airport require special permits</u> | |

9. **Provide a narrative response to the following factor of consideration as identified in §56668(p):**
The extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice. As used in this subdivision, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services:

The proposed annexation of the City of Adelanto into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District promotes environmental justice by ensuring the fair and equitable provision of essential public services to a historically underserved population. Adelanto is a disadvantaged community characterized by a low median family income and a high poverty rate, making access to reliable emergency services especially critical. The annexation will provide all residents—regardless of race, culture, or income—with improved fire protection and emergency medical services through better resource allocation, increased operational efficiency, and enhanced response times.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Provide general description of topography.

Adelanto is a city located in San Bernardino County, in the Victor Valley region of the western Mojave Desert in Southern California, United States.

Coordinates: Approximately 34.5828° N latitude and 117.4092° W longitude

Elevation: About 2,871 feet (875 meters) above sea level

Area: Roughly 56 square miles (145 km²)

Desert Climate & Landscape: Adelanto is situated in the high desert, characterized by arid conditions, sparse vegetation, and wide open spaces. The terrain is generally flat to gently rolling, with desert scrub and Joshua trees as typical flora.

Surroundings:

- To the north: Open desert and distant mountain ranges (such as the Shadow Mountains)
- To the south: The city of Victorville, unincorporated County, and the San Gabriel Mountains
- To the east: Other parts of the Victor Valley unincorporated and Victorville
- To the west: Rural desert lands and small unincorporated communities

2. Describe any existing improvements on the subject territory as % of total area.

Residential	68%	Agricultural	0%
Commercial	4%	Vacant	0%
Industrial	28%	Other	0%

(Source: San Bernardino County Data Explorer)

3. Describe the surrounding land uses:

NORTH: Unincorporated San Bernardino County

EAST: City of Victorville

SOUTH: Unincorporated San Bernardino County

WEST: Unincorporated San Bernardino County

4. Describe site alterations that will be produced by improvement projects associated with this proposed action (installation of water facilities, sewer facilities, grading, flow channelization, etc.).

None.

5. Will service extensions accomplished by this proposal induce growth on this site?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Adjacent sites? YES ☐ NO ☒ Unincorporated ☐ Incorporated ☐

6. **Are there any existing out-of-agency service contracts/agreements within the area?**
YES ☐ NO ☒ If YES, please identify.
7. **Is this proposal a part of a larger project or series of projects?** YES ☐ NO ☒ If YES, please explain.

NOTICES

Please provide the names and addresses of persons who are to be furnished mailed notice of the hearing(s) and receive copies of the agenda and staff report.

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CERTIFICATION


As a part of this application, the City of Adelanto (the applicant) agree to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, proceeding brought against any of them, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it.

This indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, damages, penalties, fines and other costs imposed upon or incurred by San Bernardino LAFCO should San Bernardino LAFCO be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application.

As the person signing this application, I will be considered the proponent for the proposed action(s) and will receive all related notices and other communications. I understand that if this application is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the applicant and/or the real party in interest to indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached supplements and exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation 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.

DATE _____


SIGNATURE
Jessie Flores
City Manager, City of Adelanto

PLEASE CHECK SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS ATTACHED:

- ☒ ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT, REORGANIZATION SUPPLEMENT
- ☒ SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE SUPPLEMENT
- ☐ CITY INCORPORATION SUPPLEMENT
- ☐ FORMATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT
- ☐ ACTIVATION OR DIVESTITURE OF FUNCTIONS AND/OR SERVICES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS SUPPLEMENT

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