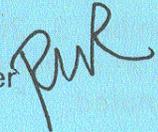


City of Costa Mesa

Inter Office Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: R. Michael Robinson, Planning & Redevelopment Manager 

DATE: December 16, 2002

SUBJECT: EASTSIDE ANNEXATION STATUS REPORT

On September 16, 2002 the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) held hearings on Costa Mesa's and Newport Beach's Eastside annexation applications. The hearing included thirteen different actions, including sphere of influence amendment applications from the Santa Ana Country Club and West Santa Ana Heights Area.

Listed below are summaries of LAFCO's actions on Costa Mesa's seven island annexation applications. Please refer to the attached Eastside Annexation Island Key Map for the location of the seven island applications. A summary of LAFCO's actions is provided in the attached status report summary.

Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6: LAFCO approved annexation of these areas under the Small Island Annexation provisions of Government Code section 56375.3. This section allows small islands less than 75 acres to be annexed without protest or election. Annexation of these areas will become effective July 1, 2003.

Areas 5A, 5B & 5C: LAFCO also approved annexation of these areas under the Small Island Annexation provisions. However, a legal challenge to this action was filed by a property owner in Area 5A. This lawsuit will be discussed in closed session at the December 16, 2002 Council meeting. Annexation proceedings for these areas are on hold pending resolution of the lawsuit.

Adjacent to these areas, LAFCO also approved an amendment to the sphere of influence to allow annexation of the Bay Knolls area to Newport Beach. LAFCO also approved detachment of 20 single-family homes along La Linda Place and five homes along Santa Isabel to allow these areas to be included in the Bay Knolls annexation.

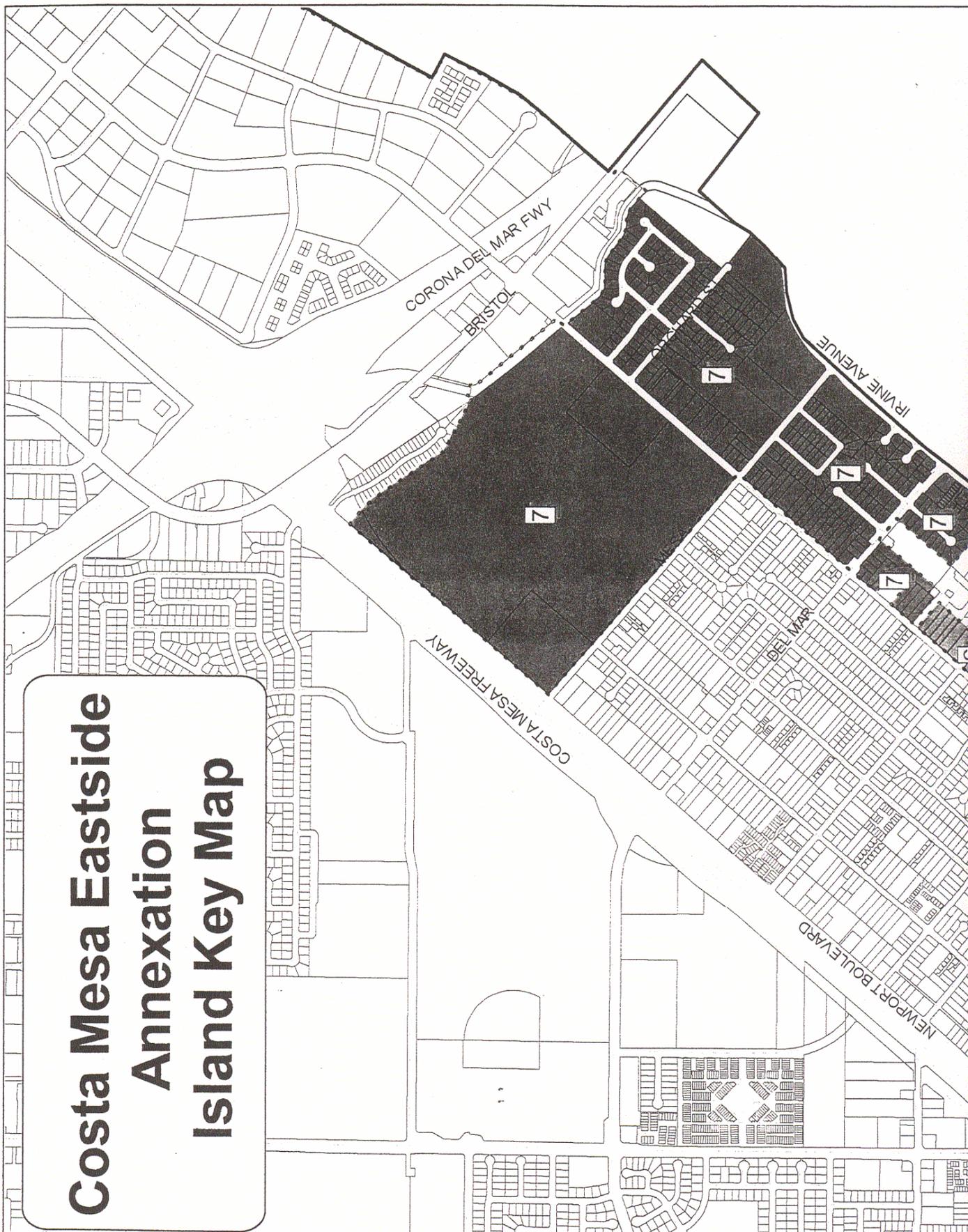
Area 7: Area 7 involved a number of applications and actions. As noted above, this included sphere of influence amendment applications from Santa Ana Country Club and the West Santa Ana Heights area. With regard to the Santa Ana Country Club, LAFCO denied the requested sphere of influence and approved annexation of this area to Costa Mesa. LAFCO also approved annexation of the largely residential neighborhood south of Mesa Drive to Costa Mesa. However, since these areas exceed 75 acres, they do not qualify for the Small Island Annexation provisions. Because of this, LAFCO set a 45-day protest period for these annexations. At the December 2, 2002 protest hearing, LAFCO received a majority (69%) protest from registered voters of these areas. Therefore, annexation of these areas was terminated.

With regard to West Santa Ana Heights, LAFCO continued action on the sphere of influence application for six months pending a pre-zoning decision by the City of Newport Beach. This item will be returned to LAFCO in March 2003 for further consideration.

Attachments: Eastside Annexation Island Key Map
Eastside Annexation Status Report Summary

cc: City Manager
City Attorney
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Public Services Director
City Clerk
Development Services Staff
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Costa Mesa Eastside Annexation Island Key Map



EASTSIDE ANNEXATION STATUS REPORT SUMMARY

AREA	STATUS/COMMENTS
1	Approved; Annexation effective 7/1/03
2	Approved; Annexation effective 7/1/03
3	Approved; Annexation effective 7/1/03
4	Approved; Annexation effective 7/1/03
5A, 5B, 5C	On hold pending resolution of legal challenge
6	Approved; Annexation effective 7/1/03
7	<p><u>Santa Ana Country Club:</u> Annexation terminated due to majority protest.</p> <p><u>South of Mesa:</u> Annexation terminated due to majority protest.</p> <p><u>West Santa Ana Heights:</u> Continued to LAFCO hearing in March 2003.</p>