

# County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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**Department:** Board of Supervisors

**4/5 Vote Not Required**

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**Board Date:**  
11/17/2009

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:** California-American Water Company Franchise Agreement.

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:** Resolution declaring intention to grant franchise to California-American Water Company, and setting date for public hearing.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT - None.**

**Explanation (if required):** None.

**Prior Board Action:** 10/20/09 - Approval of draft franchise agreement and resolution supporting potential Community Services District.

**Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:** None.

**Background:** On October 20, the Board approved a draft franchise agreement between the County of Sonoma and California-American Water Company (Cal-Am). The franchise agreement relates to the operations of a water system by Cal-Am in the Mark West-Larkfield-Wikiup area. In connection with the agreement, the Board also adopted a resolution evidencing its intention to pass through a portion of the franchise fees from Cal-Am to a new Community Services District in the Mark West-Larkfield-Wikiup area, subject to approval of the CSD by the Local Agency Formation Commission and voters in the area.

The Public Utilities Code contains formal requirements for the grant of a franchise. These include providing published notice and holding a public hearing before a franchise is granted, and adoption of an ordinance. The proposed resolution will commence the process required by the Code. Under the proposed resolution, a public hearing on the grant of the franchise will be held on December 8, 2009.

**Attachments:** Resolution.

**On File With Clerk:** None.

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**Board Action (If other than "Requested")**

**Vote:**