

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF AUGUST 24, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

TO: John Hidahl, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: Erica Sanchez, Interim Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #8: OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR
THE DRAFT SMALL TO MEDIUM WATER DISTRICTS
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE UPDATE (LAFCO PROJECT NO. 2021-02)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Open the public hearing and comment period to receive comments on the Draft Small to Medium Water Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update; and
2. Continue the public hearing and comment period until September 28, 2022 to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the governing boards of the reviewed agencies and the public to review and comment on the study. Staff will return this item at the September 28, 2022 meeting for final action and adoption.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The fundamental role of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is to implement the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH Act, found in Government Code §56000, et seq.), consistent with local conditions and circumstances. The CKH Act requires that El Dorado LAFCO update the spheres of influence (SOIs) for all agencies within El Dorado County, it also requires that a municipal service review (MSR) for an agency be performed before the Commission can update an agency's SOI. This MSR-SOI Update satisfies all of the requirements under the CKH Act.

BACKGROUND

The Small to Medium Water Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (MSR-SOI Update) examines the following three small to medium sized agencies that provide water and wastewater services in El Dorado County:

- Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD)

- Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD)
- South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD)

The study analyzes the agencies' ability to provide existing and future residents with water, wastewater, and other related services within their respective service areas. Ultimately, the MSR-SOI Update will serve as a guidance document for any future boundary changes to the studied agencies.

The MSR/SOI Update was prepared to meet the requirements and standards of the CKH Act, and will assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect the agencies.

Municipal Service Review Determinations

In order to prepare and to update the agency's spheres of influence, the Commission must conduct a service review and prepare a written statement of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- Growth and population projections for the water agency service areas;
- Disadvantaged unincorporated communities;
- Present and planned capacity of public facilities;
- Financial ability of each agency to provide services;
- Opportunities for shared facilities;
- Accountability for government service needs; and
- The potential effect of each agency services on agricultural and open space lands.

The MSR-SOI Update is organized according to these determinations listed above for each agency. Information regarding each of the above issue areas is provided within each agency's section.

Sphere of Influence Determinations

In determining the SOI for an agency, LAFCO must consider and prepare written determinations with respect to five factors as outlined in Government Code §56425(e). These factors are as follows:

1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands;
2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area;
3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide;
4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency; and
5. The present and probable need for public facilities and services (including sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection) of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing Sphere of Influence.

Based on the information and analysis presented in the MSR-SOI Update, the consultants and LAFCO staff are recommending that the SOIs for the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District and the South Tahoe Public Utility District be reaffirmed with no changes at this time.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period for the Draft MSR-SOI Update will begin on August 24, 2022. The Final MSR-SOI Update will be brought back to the Commission at the September 28, 2022 meeting for consideration and approval.

Public comments can be submitted and heard up to the conclusion of the September 28, 2022 hearing; however, in order to allow the consultants sufficient time to review comments and potentially incorporate them into the Final MSR-SOI Update, written comments are requested as early as possible. The 35-day public comment period should allow sufficient time and opportunity for the agencies and the public to review the report and submit comments. Please submit comments to: lafco@edlafco.us or El Dorado LAFCO, 550 Main Street, Suite E, Placerville, CA 95667.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Draft Small to Medium Water Purveyor Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update