

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## *AGENDA OF DECEMBER 6, 2006*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

**TO:** Ted Long, Chairman, and  
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation  
Commission

**FROM:** José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

**AGENDA ITEM #2e: REVISION OF MSR SCHEDULE**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the revised Municipal Service Review (MSR) Schedule as noted below.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION**

A revision of the MSR Schedule is necessary so that the Commission would be able to determine the sphere of influence for most of the agencies in El Dorado County by the legislative deadline of January 1, 2008.

#### **BACKGROUND**

As the Commission is aware, State Law indicates that an agency's sphere of influence may not be adopted or updated until a municipal services review (MSR) has been conducted to determine how well an agency is providing all of its services. At the June meeting, the Commission adopted the following MSR Schedule:

- Water, Wastewater, Power
- Road and Road Maintenance
- Cemetery Services
- Drainage, Solid Waste, Mosquito Abatement, Trail Maintenance, and Lighting and Landscape Services
- Resource Conservation Districts
- General Government Services (Airport, Cable TV, CC&R Enforcement, Library, and Transportation Services)
- East County Parks, Open Space and Recreation Services

Using this schedule, it is possible for LAFCO staff to determine when an agency would be ready to have its sphere of influence (SOI) updated. While the goal remains to complete all MSR and SOI updates by the legislative deadline of January 1, 2008, it is possible that El Dorado LAFCO may be unable to do so because of the amount of services that remain to be reviewed, the shortage of time and staff's limited resources. If the latter scenario occurs, the completion of as many SOI updates as feasible would ensure that the Commission would be able to update the SOIs for a significant amount of agencies by January 1, 2008 and that the number of MSRs and SOIs to be completed after that date remain small. By the time the current set of MSRs (Water, Wastewater and Power MSR, Road and Road Maintenance MSR and Cemetery Services) is completed, SOIs could be determined for 32 of the 59 agencies.

Upon reviewing the SOI schedule, it became apparent to LAFCO staff that the MSR Schedule should be modified to ensure that most agencies will be ready for their SOI update by January 2008. At the current schedule, the next two MSRs only yield an additional five agency SOIs. By modifying the MSR Schedule as proposed below, the next MSR would yield up to 16 more SOIs.

- Water, Wastewater, Power
- Road and Road Maintenance
- Cemetery Services
- General Services I – Component 1: Drainage, Parks, Open Space and Recreation, Lighting and Landscape Services  
Component 2: Law Enforcement, Mosquito Abatement, Solid Waste and Weed Abatement Services
- General Services II – Airport, Cable TV, CC&R Enforcement, Library and Transportation Services
- Resource Conservation Districts

The main difference between the adopted MSR Schedule and the Revised Schedule is the prioritizing of a countywide evaluation of Parks, Open Space and Recreation Services by including it in a "General Government Services" review over the MSR for the Resource Conservation Districts. The reason for the change in priority is that, even with the 2004 West County Parks, Open Space and Recreation Services MSRs, an additional 15 agencies remain to be evaluated for parks, open space and recreation services in the County. In contrast, there are only two districts with resource conservation powers. Consequently, staff believes that the revision of the MSR Schedule would further the goal of completing as many SOI updates as possible by January 1, 2008.