

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF DECEMBER 2, 2009

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Francesca Loftis, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

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AGENDA ITEM #2F: OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE STUDY FOR THE GREENSTONE COUNTRY
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Draft Greenstone Country Community Services District Municipal Service Review; and
2. Continue the Public Hearing until the January 27, 2010 meeting to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the Greenstone Country Community Services District governing board and the public to review and comment on the Municipal Services Review. Staff will return this item in January for final action and adoption.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Municipal Service Review (MSR) is required by State Law to serve as a guidance document for any future boundary changes to the Greenstone Country Community Services District. An administrative draft of this document was distributed to the District Board of Directors for review. Comments received from the agency were incorporated into the study.

BACKGROUND

This study analyzes the agency's ability to provide existing and future residents with wastewater, recreation, drainage and law enforcement services within its service area. The MSR was prepared to meet the requirements and standards of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH). The Service Review was prepared using the Service Review Guidelines prepared by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

The fundamental role of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is to implement the CKH Act (found in Government Code §56000, et seq.), consistent with local conditions and circumstances. LAFCO's decisions are guided by the CKH Act. This MSR will assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect the Greenstone Country Community Services District.

The MSR found that the Greenstone Country CSD is currently providing adequate services to its residents. The District provides wastewater, recreation, drainage and law enforcement services, at a level consistent with the residents' expectations, as identified by the Greenstone Country CSD Board of Directors. Specifically, the MSR provided agency analysis based upon the six factors of analysis contained in OPR's Service Review Guidelines referenced above:

1. Growth and population projections for the affected area.
2. Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs or deficiencies.
3. Financial ability of agencies to provide services.
4. Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities.
5. Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.
6. Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, as required by commission policy. On January 30, 2008, the Commission adopted the following determination as the sixth factor to study: "The potential effect of agency services on agricultural and open space lands."

Throughout the analysis portions of the report, LAFCO staff did not identify any substantial areas for improvement or current issues faced by the agency that needed to be addressed or resolved as a part of this Municipal Service Review.

LAFCO staff would like to thank the members of the Greenstone Country Community Services District for their assistance in preparing this report. A complete list of references is included in the back of the MSR.

Attachment:

Attachment A: Draft Greenstone Country Community Services District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project #2009-06) *(on CD)*