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AGENDA OF JANUARY 30, 2008

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 #8: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND UPDATES TO THE
SPHERES OF INFLUENCE FOR GRIZZLY FLATS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and discuss the information related to the update of the sphere of influence (SOI) for Grizzly Flats Community Services District by making the SOI almost coterminous with district boundaries;
2. Open the public hearing on this matter;
3. Accept the statutory exemption from environmental review as the appropriate environmental review;
4. Adopt the update to the sphere of influence for Grizzly Flats CSD; and
5. Direct staff to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

State Law requires that the Commission update the spheres of influence for all agencies within El Dorado County by January 1, 2008. State Law also requires that a municipal service review for an agency be performed before the Commission can update a sphere of influence. Earlier in this agenda the Commission had the opportunity to consider and adopt the "Water, Wastewater and Power Municipal Services Review." That study serves as the foundation for this sphere update.

BACKGROUND

The Water, Wastewater and Power Municipal Services Review reviewed eleven agencies, including four community services districts (CSDs), four public utility districts, one water district, one irrigation district and one city. Of these agencies, the MSR yielded one sphere of influence update because all of the agencies, except for Grizzly Flats CSD, were multi-purpose agencies requiring at least one other MSR to fully study the agencies' respective performances. The spheres of influence for the remaining agencies will be brought for the Commission's consideration in February and March.

The MSR found that Grizzly Flats CSD is operating well; however, water demands exceed the safe yield of available supply because the District has limited storage capacity. This problem can be exacerbated during multiple dry years. While the District is actively pursuing grants and other sources of funding to expand the reservoir, this capital improvement project is not expected to be completed for a few years. For that reason, LAFCO staff believes that the District's current sphere of influence, which allows it to expand into more than twice its current size, is not supportable. In addition, LAFCO staff believes that reducing the Grizzly Flats CSD SOI to be almost coterminous with its boundaries should prevent unreasonable expectations from landowners outside of the current service area, thereby providing the agency with time as it pursues additional storage capacity and, if need be, additional water rights.

The Grizzly Flats CSD Board of Directors was notified by mail of this recommendation in a letter dated December 7, 2007 and your Executive Officer made a verbal presentation to CSD Board on December 11, 2007. The Board unanimously supported LAFCO staff's recommendation.

In determining the sphere of influence for each local agency, Government Code §56425(e) requires the Commission to consider and prepare a written statement of determinations with respect to four factors. In addition, LAFCO Policy 4.4 requires the Commission to review certain topics before making sphere of influence determinations. The agency profile of Grizzly Flats CSD, a review of the Policy 4.4 topics and the §56425(e) determinations, maps and draft resolution are included in Attachments A and B.

Attachments

- Attachment A: Grizzly Flats CSD SOI Memo
- Attachment B: Grizzly Flats CSD SOI Resolution