

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

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AGENDA ITEM #6: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL
SERVICES REVIEW FOR RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Draft Resource Conservation District Municipal Services Review; and
2. Continue the Public Hearing until the December 5, 2007 meeting to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the governing boards of the agencies and the public to review and comment on the Municipal Services Review. It is recommended that the Commission open a public comment period until November 13, 2007 to allow the public and other agencies an opportunity to review and submit comments on the report.

Staff will return this item in December for final action and adoption.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Municipal Services Review (MSR) is required by State Law to serve as a guidance document for any future boundary changes to the agencies that provide resource conservation services in El Dorado County. An “administrative draft” of this document was distributed to the three resource conservation districts in the County. All comments received from their staff were given full consideration and most were incorporated as appropriate into the document before the October Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

This MSR was prepared for all of the public agencies that provide resource conservation services in El Dorado County and analyzes the agencies’ ability to provide existing and future residents with said services within their respective service areas.

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 following agencies:

- El Dorado County Resource Conservation District
- Georgetown Divide Resource Conservation District
- Tahoe Resource Conservation District

Specifically, the MSR provides agency analysis based on the nine factors of analysis contained in OPR's Service Review Guidelines referenced above:

- 1) Infrastructure needs or deficiencies
- 2) Growth and population projections for the affected area
- 3) Financing constraints and opportunities
- 4) Cost avoidance opportunities
- 5) Opportunities for rate restructuring
- 6) Opportunities for shared facilities
- 7) Government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of consolidation or reorganization of service providers
- 8) Evaluation of management efficiencies
- 9) Local accountability and governance

The MSR found that the three districts provide a valuable informational service to landowners within their respective jurisdictions. Through sound management and collaborative efforts with other agencies, the districts appear to be adept at working toward their local resource conservation goals.

Although implementation of most of the suggestions is at the discretion of the respective governing boards, all of the recommendations provided in the report are intended to be realistic solutions for the agencies. It is staff's hope that this document will be a valuable planning tool not only for LAFCO, but for each of the resource conservation districts as well.

LAFCO staff would like to thank the resource conservation districts and their staff and the local staff from the National Resource Conservation Service, among others, for their assistance in preparing this report. A complete list of references is included in the back of the MSR.

Attachment A: Draft Resource Conservation District MSR (on CD)