

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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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 #5:** PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL MUNICIPAL  
SERVICES REVIEW FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND  
POWER SERVICES

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Draft Water, Wastewater and Power Services Municipal Services Review;
2. Incorporate any additional comments received not already included in the report; and
3. Adopt the Environmental Review, the Final Water, Wastewater and Power Services Municipal Services Review and its enclosed determinations addressing the nine factors of a municipal service review in accordance with Government Code §56425.

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

The Municipal Service Review (MSR) is required by State law to serve as a guidance document for any boundary changes to the agencies that provide water, wastewater and/or power services in El Dorado County. A draft of this document was presented to the Commission on October 24, 2007 and has been distributed to the agency administrators, their governing boards and the public for their review and comment. Any comments or questions received by LAFCO staff have been incorporated into the document before the Commission meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This MSR was prepared for all of the agencies that provide water, wastewater and/or power services in El Dorado County. This study analyzes the agencies' ability to provide existing and future residents with said services within their respective boundaries. 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. 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 be used to determine the sphere of influence for Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD) and assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect the following agencies:

- Cameron Estates CSD
- City of Placerville
- El Dorado Hills CSD
- El Dorado Irrigation District (EID)
- Georgetown Divide PUD (GDPUD)
- Greenstone Country CSD (GCCSD)
- South Tahoe PUD (STPUD)

It also contains information of interest on three public agencies that provide service in El Dorado County but are under the jurisdiction of other LAFCOs:

- Kirkwood Meadows PUD (Alpine LAFCO)
- McKinney Water District (Placer LAFCO)
- Tahoe City PUD (Placer LAFCO)

Generally speaking, finances, service capacity and capability varied from agency to agency. The larger districts (EID and STPUD) had more financial resources to draw from to fund capital improvements than their medium-sized (GDPUD) or smaller cohorts (GFCSD and GCCSD). Regarding water specifically, all of the water purveyors were pursuing additional water rights to ensure adequate supply beyond 2020.

During the public comment period, only the El Dorado County Water Agency submitted written comments; however, several clarifications were submitted by South Tahoe PUD and the City of Placerville. The comments were incorporated as appropriate.

### Changes Between the Draft Water, Wastewater and Power Services MSR and the Final Water, Wastewater and Power Services MSR

#### *Executive Summary (Chapter 1)*

- Included additional information on growth estimates from the EDCWA *Water Resources Development and Management Plan*
- Included information provided by EDCWA on water supply and demand for consistency with *Water Resources Development and Management Plan* (November 2007), including firm yield and safe yield
- Included additional information on groundwater use and potential demand from areas not served by a municipal water agency
- Updated Water and Wastewater Service Summary Tables per information provided by agencies

*City of Placerville (Chapter 2)*

- Included additional information provided by the City on services, capital projects, financing and rate structures

*El Dorado Irrigation District (Chapter 3)*

- Included additional information provided by EDCWA on firm yield and safe yield of EID water supplies for consistency with *Water Resources Development and Management Plan* (November 2007)
- Corrected information on the 2005 SMUD-El Dorado Agreement
- Clarified that the adequacy of future water supplies to meet projected demand is contingent upon EID executing a new water contract for Folsom Lake water, acquiring new water rights for the SMUD UARP and the construction of recycled water seasonal storage, as shown in EID's Urban Water Management Plan 2005 Update
- Clarified discussion on EID's wastewater services

*Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (Chapter 4)*

- Included additional information provided by EDCWA on firm yield and safe yield of GDPUD water supplies for consistency with *Water Resources Development and Management Plan* (November 2007)
- Added operation losses and latent demand to water demand projections, resulting in demand exceeding firm yield supply beginning in 2010
- Clarified that an additional 18,533 AF/Yr will be needed at buildout to meet projected demand per EDCWA demand projections, and when safe yield is considered, 20,233 acre feet should be planned for

*Grizzly Flats Community Services District (Chapter 6)*

- Included additional information provided by EDCWA on GDPUD water supplies and demand for consistency with *Water Resources Development and Management Plan* (November 2007)
- Clarified that additional seasonal storage of at least 361 acre feet is needed to meet expected demand at buildout

*South Tahoe Public Utility District (Chapter 7)*

- Included additional information provided by the District on services, population, finances, and service rates
- Included additional information on the status of the Lukins Brothers Water Company

*Other Districts (Chapter 8)*

- Included additional information on private water purveyors within the vicinity of the El Dorado County/Placer County border on Lake Tahoe

Carolyn Schaffer from Dudek & Associates will present some of the report's findings in more detail during the meeting.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

A complete list of references is included in the back of the MSR. LAFCO and Dudek staff would like to thank the various governing boards and their staff for their assistance as well as staff from the El Dorado County Water Agency.

#### Attachments

Attachment A: Water, Wastewater and Power MSR (on CD)