

CALAFCO Proposed Amendments to G.C. Section 56133

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- (a) A city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional ~~boundaries~~ boundary only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission ~~in the affected county~~. The commission may delegate approval of requests made pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c)(1) below to the Executive Officer.
- (b) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional ~~boundaries~~ boundary but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization.
- (c) If consistent with adopted commission policy, ~~The~~ commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional ~~boundaries~~ boundary and outside its sphere of influence under any of the following circumstances:
- (1) ~~To~~ respond to an existing or impending threat to the public health or safety of the residents of the affected territory if both of the following requirements are met:
- (1) ~~(A)~~ (A) The entity applying for ~~the contract~~ approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.
- (2) ~~(B)~~ (B) The commission has notified any alternate service provider, including any water corporation as defined in Section 241 of the Public Utilities Code, or sewer system corporation as defined in Section 230.6 of the Public Utilities Code, that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.
- (2) To support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, subject to approval at a noticed public hearing that includes all of the following determinations:
- (A) The extension of service or service deficiency was identified and evaluated in a municipal service review prepared by the commission pursuant to section 56430.
- (B) The effect of the extension of service would not result in adverse impacts on open space or agricultural lands or result in adverse growth inducing impacts.
- (C) A later change or organization involving the subject property and the affected agency is not feasible or desirable based on the adopted policies of the commission.
- (d) The executive officer, within 30 days of receipt of a request for approval by a city or district ~~of a contract~~ to extend services outside its jurisdictional boundary, shall determine whether the request is complete and acceptable for filing or whether the request is incomplete. If a request is determined not to be complete, the executive officer shall immediately transmit that determination to the requester, specifying those parts of the request that are incomplete and the manner in which they can be made complete. When the request is deemed complete, the executive officer shall place the request on the agenda of the next commission meeting for which adequate notice can be given but not more than 90 days from the date that the request is deemed complete, unless the commission has delegated approval of ~~those~~ requests made under this section to the executive officer. The commission or executive officer shall approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the ~~contract for~~ extended services. If ~~the contract is~~ the extended services are disapproved or approved with conditions, the applicant may request reconsideration, citing the reasons for reconsideration.
- (e) This section does not apply to ~~contracts or agreements solely involving~~ two or more public agencies where the commission determines the public service to be provided is an alternative to, or substitute for, public services already being provided by an existing public service provider and where the level of service to be provided is consistent with the level of service contemplated by the existing service provider.
- (f) This section does not apply to ~~contracts for~~ the transfer of nonpotable or nontreated water.
- (g) This section does not apply to ~~contracts or agreements solely involving~~ the provision of surplus water to agricultural lands and facilities, including, but not limited to, incidental residential structures, for projects that serve conservation purposes or that directly support agricultural industries. However, prior to extending surplus water service to any project that will support or induce development, the city or district shall first request and receive written approval from the commission in the affected county.
- (h) This section does not apply to an extended service that a city or district was providing on or before January 1, 2001.
- (i) This section does not apply to a local publicly owned electric utility, as defined by Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, providing electric services that do not involve the acquisition, construction, or installation of electric distribution facilities by the local publicly owned electric utility, outside of the utility's jurisdictional boundaries.
- (j) The application of this section rests solely within the jurisdiction of the commission in the county in which the extension of the service is proposed.