

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF JANUARY 27, 2010

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 #5: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW, MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR THE AUDUBON HILLS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, LAFCO PROJECT NO.
2009-03

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and discuss the information related to the municipal services review and sphere of influence update for the Audubon Hills Community Services District;
2. Open the public hearing on this matter;
3. Accept the statutory exemption from environmental review as the appropriate environmental review;
4. Adopt the municipal service review and sphere of influence update for the Audubon Hills Community Services District; and
5. Direct staff to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

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 Audubon Hills CSD. State Law also requires that a municipal service review for an agency be performed before the Commission can update a sphere of influence (SOI). The Commission opened the public comment period on the Draft MSR/SOI at the December 2, 2009 Commission meeting; however no comments were received from the CSD Board or the public. The Final MSR and affirmation of the current SOI is now returned to the Commission for final adoption.

BACKGROUND

This study analyzes the agency's ability to provide existing and future residents with roadway maintenance 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 Audubon Hills Community Services District.

The MSR found that the Audubon Hills CSD is currently providing adequate services to its roadways. The roads are maintained at levels consistent with the residents' expectations, as identified by the Audubon Hills 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. 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 MSR. Based on the MSR's findings, staff recommends the affirmation of the current sphere of influence for the Audubon Hills CSD, which is concurrent to district boundaries.

LAFCO staff would like to thank the members of the Audubon Hills CSD for their assistance in preparing this report. A complete list of references is included in the back of the MSR.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Audubon Hills CSD Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project #2009-03)

Attachment B: Notice of Exemption

Attachment C: LAFCO Resolution L-2010-02 adopting the environmental review and sphere of influence update for the Audubon Hills CSD

Attachment C, Exhibit A: Proposed Audubon Hills CSD SOI Map