

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 26, 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 #5: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND UPDATES TO THE
SPHERES OF INFLUENCE FOR THE HAPPY HOMESTEAD
AND KELSEY CEMETERY DISTRICTS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and discuss the information related to the update of the spheres of influence for the Happy Homestead and Kelsey Cemetery Districts;
2. Open the public hearing on this matter;
3. Accept the statutory exemption from environmental review as the appropriate environmental review;
4. Adopt the updates to the spheres of influence for these two agencies; 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 (SOI) 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. On September 26, 2007 the Commission will consider and adopt the Public Cemetery Services Municipal Services Review. That report will serve as the foundation for these sphere updates.

BACKGROUND

The 2006 Public Cemetery Services Municipal Services Review found that, as a whole, public cemetery providers offer adequate services to the residents of the county; however, fiscal issues bring to question the long-term viability of at least one agency. Rising maintenance and liability costs, aging cemetery infrastructure and insufficient funding have introduced financial challenges to almost all of the studied agencies.

For more specific information regarding the Happy Homestead and Kelsey Cemetery Districts, refer to Attachments A and B. In determining the SOI for each of these districts, 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 SOI determinations. The agency profiles of these districts, review of the Policy 4.4 topics and the §56425(e) determinations, maps and draft resolution are included in Attachments A and B. Each attachment has three parts; the agency profile and determinations, a map with the recommended SOI and the draft resolution.

Please note that these sphere updates are for those agencies which provide only public cemetery services. The SOI updates for other agencies studied in the Cemetery MSR, such as County Service Area 9 and the City of Placerville, will be presented when the studies for all of their remaining services are complete. Although El Dorado County General Services will not have an SOI update, it was included in this report since it provides equivalent services as public cemetery districts.

Attachments

Attachment A1: Happy Homestead Cemetery District SOI Memo

Attachment A2: Happy Homestead Cemetery District SOI Resolution

Attachment B1: Kelsey Cemetery District SOI Memo

Attachment B2: Kelsey Cemetery District SOI Resolution