

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF OCTOBER 23, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Don Mette, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

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AGENDA ITEM #4C: OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT
GRIZZLY FLATS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE STUDY (LAFCO PROJECT NO. 2012-02)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive the Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Grizzly Flats Community Services District and open the Public Hearing to receive comments; and
2. Continue the Public Hearing until the December 4, 2013 meeting to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the Grizzly Flats Community Services District governing board and the public to review and comment on the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study. Staff will return this item in December for final action and adoption.

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 Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSO). State Law also requires that a MSR be performed before the Commission can update an agency's sphere of influence. An administrative draft of this document was distributed to the GFCSO Board and staff for review; all comments received have been incorporated into the report.

BACKGROUND

This study analyzes GFCSO's ability to provide water service 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 GDPUD. 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.

District Profile

The Grizzly Flats Community Services District was formed in 1987 to serve the community of Grizzly Flats in southern El Dorado County, south-east of Placerville. GFCSD is empowered to provide domestic water service and water for fire suppression for both structures and wildfires.

GFCSD's service area includes 1,228 parcels (approximately 2.7 square miles) with 607 metered connections, including 603 residential customers, a church, an elementary school, a post office and a U.S. Forest Service station.

The District's primary water supply is obtained through diversion of stream flows from the North Canyon and Big Canyon Creeks, which are tributaries to the North Fork Cosumnes River. Raw water from these sources is conveyed from the diversion points through GFCSD's piped Eagle Ditch to the District's raw water storage reservoir where it is treated to drinking water standards at the District's treatment facility. GFCSD also owns and maintains 150 fire hydrants, spread out within the District.

Throughout the analysis portions of the report, LAFCO staff did not identify any substantial areas for improvement or current issues faced by the District that needed to be addressed or resolved as a part of this review. The MSR found that GFCSD is adequately providing services to its customers and addressing water storage capacity needs. The District's sphere of influence was last updated in January 2008, when it was reduced to be coterminous with the GFCSD service area. The GFCSD Board unanimously supported the SOI reduction.

Attachment:

Attachment A: Draft Grizzly Flats Community Services District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project #2012-02)