

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## *AGENDA OF AUGUST 24, 2016*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

**TO:** Ken Humphreys, Chair, and  
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation  
Commission

**FROM:** José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

**AGENDA ITEM #4D:** OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT  
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE STUDY FOR THE GOLDEN WEST COMMUNITY  
SERVICES DISTRICT (LAFCO PROJECT NO. 2015-04)

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Draft Golden West Community Services District Municipal Service Review; and
2. Continue the Public Hearing until the September 23, 2016 meeting to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the Golden West Community Services District governing board and the public to review and comment on the Municipal Services Review. Staff will return this item in September for final action and adoption.

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

This Municipal Service Review (MSR) is required by State Law to serve as a guidance document for any future boundary changes to the Golden West Community Services District (Golden West CSD of GWCSO). State Law also requires that a MSR be performed before the Commission can update an agency's sphere of influence. An administrative draft was given to the District General Manager for initial review. Comments from the Board of Directors and GWCSO staff were submitted and incorporated into the report contained in this item. The District and the general public will have until the end of the public comment period on September 23, 2016 to submit comments for the Final MSR.

#### **BACKGROUND**

This study analyzes the agency's ability to provide existing and future residents with road services 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 Golden West Community Services District.

The MSR found that the Golden West CSD has substantially corrected most, if not all, of the issues found in the *2007 Streets and Highways MSR*. The roads were maintained at levels consistent with the residents' expectations, as identified by the Golden West 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, as adopted by the Commission in January 2008.

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 Municipal Service Review.

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GWCSO's sphere of influence is currently "positive," meaning the District could expand in the future. However, given that the parcels currently in GWCSO's do not use any of the District's roadways for access, LAFCO staff recommends that the SOI be shrunk so that it will be coterminous with the District's service boundaries.

Attachment:

Attachment A: Draft Golden West Community Services District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project No. 2015-04)