

APPROVED
EL DORADO LAFCO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER L-2023-06

**Update to the Greenstone Country Estates Community
Services District Sphere of Influence
LAFCO Project No. 2022-03**

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 governs the organization and reorganization of cities and special districts by local agency formation commissions established in each county, as defined and specified in Government Code §56000 et seq. (unless otherwise indicated all statutory references are to the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, §56425 et seq. provides that the local agency formation commission in each county shall develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county, and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the spheres of influence, as more fully specified in §56425 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, §56430 requires that local agency formation commissions conduct a municipal service review (MSR) prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of actions to establish or update a sphere of influence (SOI) in accordance with §56076 and §56425; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §56430, in order to prepare and update the sphere of influence, the Commission conducted a municipal service review of the Greenstone Country Community Services District and adopted a written statement of determinations in conjunction with this sphere of influence update on June 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer reviewed the sphere of influence update pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and recommended that the project is exempt from CEQA under §15061(b)(3) because it is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA, and, based thereon, the Executive Officer prepared a Notice of Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set a public hearing for June 28, 2023 for consideration of the environmental review and the sphere of influence update for the Greenstone Country Community Services District and caused notice thereof to be posted, published, and mailed at the times and in the manner required by law at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the date; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2023 the sphere of influence update came on regularly for hearing before LAFCO, at the time and place specified in the Notice; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, LAFCO reviewed and considered the sphere of influence, and the Executive Officer's Report and Recommendations; each of the policies, priorities and factors set forth in Government Code §56425 et seq.; LAFCO's Policies and Guidelines related to spheres of influence, starting with Policy 4.0; and all other matters presented as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, at that time, an opportunity was given to all interested persons, organizations, and agencies to present oral or written testimony and other information concerning the proposal and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received, heard, discussed, and considered all oral and written testimony related to the sphere update, including but not limited to protests and objections, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document and determinations and the service review; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2023, at the time of its last review, the Commission established the functions and classes of services provided by the Greenstone Country Community Services District as follows: wastewater, park and recreation, drainage, and security services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does hereby make the following determinations regarding the proposal pursuant to Government Code §56425(e):

1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands.

Present land uses within GCCSD are primarily low density and rural residential, with some agricultural uses. Planned land uses are anticipated to remain the same. There are no current plans to amend the land use designations to allow for more intense development.

2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

Present needs for public facilities and services are currently being met. All public facilities have been constructed and paid for and the District has not indicated the need for additional facilities. Probable needs for future public facilities and services are not anticipated to vary significantly from present needs, though there could be a minimal increase in future demands if Greenstone Country was developed to full build out. GCCSD does not have any plans to expand its current service area.

3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

The present capacity of public facilities provided and maintained by GCCSD is adequate to serve the existing community, based on the current level of service expected by District residents. Private septic systems are installed by the landowner and the District does not own, operate, or have a wastewater system. Recreation, drainage, and security facilities are managed by the HOA with partial funding from the District.

4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.

GCCSD's service area includes the entire Greenstone Country Subdivision and no additional territory. The District is located in a rural region of El Dorado County, loosely between the Rescue Rural Center to the southwest and the Diamond Springs-El Dorado Community Region to the east. Nearby communities include Rescue, Gold Hill, the greater unincorporated Placerville area, and the Mortara Circle neighborhood.

5. For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.

GCCSD provides wastewater services in the form of private septic system inspections and water quality testing. While wastewater is a municipal service as defined in Government Code Section 56425(e)(5), LAFCO has not identified any disadvantaged communities within the District’s boundaries or its sphere of influence. As noted, wastewater treatment is provided by individual private septic systems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED, ORDERED AND FOUND:

Section 1. Each of the foregoing recitals is true and correct.

Section 2. The Notice of Exemption prepared by the Executive Officer is approved as the appropriate environmental document for this project.

Section 3. Pursuant to Government Code §56425(i)(2), the Commission does hereby establish the functions and classes of services provided by the Greenstone Country Community Services District as follows: wastewater, parks and recreation, drainage, and security services.

Section 4. The update to the Greenstone Country Community Services District sphere of influence to affirm the current sphere is orderly, logical and justifiable.

Section 5. The Executive Officer is directed to file a Notice of Exemption under §15061(b)(3) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and local ordinances implementing the same.

Section 6. The Greenstone Country Community Services District sphere of influence is updated to affirm its current sphere as shown on the attached map, marked Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting of said Commission, held June 28, 2023 by the following vote of said Commission.

	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Commissioner Clerici	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Hidahl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Turnboo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Veerkamp (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Wallace	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Wilde	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alt. Commissioner Gotberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alt. Commissioner Hodson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ATTEST:


Shiva Frentzen, Executive Officer


Brian Veerkamp, Chair

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EXHIBIT A

