

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF JANUARY 22, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

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

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AGENDA ITEM #8: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW, MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR THE GRIZZLY FLATS
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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 Grizzly Flats Community Services District;
2. Open the public hearing on this matter;
3. Accept statutory exemption §15061(b)(3) from environmental review as the appropriate environmental review;
4. Adopt Resolution L-2014-02, adopting the municipal service review and sphere of influence update for the Grizzly Flats 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 Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD). 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 GFCSD Board and staff for review; all comments received were incorporated into the report. The Commission opened the public comment period on the Draft MSR/SOI at the October 23, 2013 Commission meeting; however, no additional comments were received from the GFCSD 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 GFCSD'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 GFCSD. 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, southeast 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 at the time and supports maintaining the coterminous SOI.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Final Grizzly Flats Community Services District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project No. 2012-02)

Attachment B: Resolution L-2014-02

Attachment B, Exhibit A: GFCSD SOI Map