

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## *AGENDA OF JUNE 24, 2009*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM #5:** **CONSIDER REQUEST FROM DIAMOND SPRINGS-EL  
DORADO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REGARDING THE  
ISSUE OF PROVIDING SERVICE OUTSIDE OF DISTRICT  
BOUNDARIES**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission provide direction to the Executive Officer regarding a request from Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD to address the governing board of El Dorado County FPD.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND**

Over the past year, the Diamond Springs-El Dorado County FPD (DSP) has attempted to negotiate with the El Dorado County FPD (ECF) to settle a dispute regarding ECF's provision of fire services in territory that is currently within DSP's boundaries. Specifically, the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians entered into a contract with ECF for the latter entity to provide fire suppression and emergency medical services in both the Rancheria land, including the Red Hawk Casino. Currently, the Rancheria land is within DSP's service area.

Under State Law, agencies may not extend services outside of their territory without LAFCO approval. For an agency to do so, the options are limited either to enter into an out-of-agency service agreement (OOA) or to annex those lands into their service area. To date, ECF has done neither. DSP contends that ECF needs to go through the proper process to adjust their boundaries if ECF would like to continue providing services outside of their district lines. To date, ECF has declined DSP's offer to negotiate a settlement outside of the courts. The DSP Board of Directors has requested that the Executive Officer appear before the ECF's Board to request that ECF return to the negotiating table.