

EL DORADO LAFCO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER L-2010-02

**Update to the Audubon Hills Community Services District
Sphere of Influence**

LAFCO Project No. 2009-03

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 Sections 56000 et seq. (unless otherwise indicated all statutory references are to the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, Section 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 Sections 56425 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Section 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 Sections 56076 and 56425; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 56430, in order to prepare and update the sphere of influence, the Commission conducted a Municipal Service Review of the Audubon Hills Community Services District and adopted a written statement of determinations in conjunction with this sphere of influence update on January 27, 2010; 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 Section 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 January 27, 2010 for consideration of the environmental review and the sphere of influence update for the Audubon Hills 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 January 27, 2010 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 Section 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 December 5, 2007, the Commission established the functions and classes of services provided by the Audubon Hills Community Services District as follows: road and road maintenance services; and

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

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

The majority of present land use within the Audubon Hills CSD is medium density residential; there is one 25-acre parcel within the service boundary that is currently undeveloped. Land uses surrounding the District are primarily agricultural and a golf resort to the west. The CSD and the surrounding area is within the Camino / Fruitridge Agricultural District. Development is restricted in agriculture districts and the CSD has no plans to expand, so there should be little, if any, new growth occurring in the area. Planned land uses are anticipated to remain the same.

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. Probable needs for public facilities and services are not currently anticipated to vary from present needs, as future demands are expected to remain the same.

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

The Audubon Hills CSD Board has taken a proactive approach with road paving, which will raise the District's maintenance expenditures in the coming years, but will ultimately result in decreased future expenditures compared with ongoing costs associated with chip sealing. The present capacity of public facilities provided is sufficient for the current level of service demanded.

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.*

Social or economic communities of interest in the area do not extend beyond the subdivision. A nearby community of interest includes the Camino area.

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 Section 56425(i)(2), the Commission does hereby affirm the functions and classes of services provided by the Audubon Hills Community Services District as follows: road and road maintenance services.

Section 4. The update to the Audubon Hills Community Services District's 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 Section 15061(b)(3) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and local ordinances implementing the same.

Section 6. The Audubon Hills Community Services District's 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 January 27, 2010 by the following vote of said Commission.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Interim Clerk to the Commission

Chairperson

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