

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF MAY 23, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ron Briggs, 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 GEORGETOWN DIVIDE
PUBLIC UTILITY 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 Georgetown Divide Public Utility 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-2012-04, adopting the municipal service review and sphere of influence update for the Georgetown Divide Public Utility 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 Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD). State Law also requires that an MSR for an agency be performed before the Commission can update a sphere of influence (SOI). The Commission opened the public comment period on the Draft MSR/SOI at the March 28, 2012 Commission meeting. Comments were received and incorporated from the GDPUD General Manager. No comments were received from the public. The Final MSR and affirmation of the current SOI is now returned to the Commission for final adoption.

BACKGROUND

MSRs are required by state law to serve as a guidance document for future boundary changes and as a precursor to SOI updates. This MSR analyzes GDPUD's ability to provide customers within the District water, wastewater and hydroelectric power services and will assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect GDPUD.

The MSR was prepared to meet the requirements and standards of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH). 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.

The service review was prepared using the Service Review Guidelines prepared by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Specifically, the MSR provided agency analysis based upon the following six factors of analysis contained in the guidelines:

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.

GDPUD is currently in the process of retrofitting the Auburn Lake Trails Water Treatment Plant to design and install a new filtration system to bring the plant in compliance with state and federal surface water treatment regulations. Funding for the retrofit will come primarily from a \$5 million 40-year loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The loan was contingent upon the District implementing a \$7 surcharge on water bills, which recently passed the Proposition 218 process after failing to garner sufficient protest votes. The Walton Lake Water Treatment Plant was retrofitted between 2005 and 2009.

GDPUD appears to have sufficient staffing to conduct the District's business; however, the General Manager has expressed concern about current staffing levels and the recent loss of experienced professional employees, which has had an impact on the scope and timeline of the District's 2012 goals.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Final GDPUD MSR/SOI Update (LAFCO Project No. 2011-07)

Attachment B: Resolution L-2012-04

Attachment B, Exhibit A: GDPUD SOI Map