

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF OCTOBER 23, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #7: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND THE FALLEN LEAF LAKE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE STUDY (LAFCO PROJECT NO. 2011-05)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and discuss the information related to the municipal services review and sphere of influence update for Fallen Leaf Lake 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-2013-15, adopting the municipal service review and sphere of influence update for Fallen Leaf Lake 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 Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District (FLL). State Law also requires that an MSR be performed before the Commission can update an agency's sphere of influence. The Commission opened the public comment period on the Draft MSR/SOI at the June 26, 2013 Commission meeting. No comments were received from the FLL Board of Directors, its staff 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 FLL's ability to provide fire suppression and parks and recreation services 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 FLL.

District Profile

The Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District was formed in 1982 to provide improved fire suppression and related services for the community surrounding Fallen Leaf Lake. Parks and recreation services were added to the CSD five years later. The CSD covers six square miles including densely wooded ridges and mountains. Access to the area is limited by terrain, weather and topography. The population within FLL fluctuates, from a low of 100 during the winter to 2,000 residents during the summer.

Fire service levels vary within the district. Structures closer to the lake that have accessible roads and access to water receive a higher service response from the fire department. However, service is difficult to provide to some remote "walk-in" cabins with no road access at all. The only recreational service provided by the District is the management of the marina and store, which the CSD contracts out to a private entity.

The main story for FLL is the funding level. The elimination of the Aid to Fire program means the District operates with a net \$60,000 less than it did prior to 2009. The FLL Board of Directors raised the District's special tax to the maximum level authorized by voters. But this increase only partially mitigates the loss of funding; it does not fully offset the Aid to Fire funds. To complicate matters, the permanent population is small relative to the total number of landowners within FLL, meaning that the Board of Directors could potentially have a small number of voters imposing its will on a much larger number of residents if and when special taxes are authorized.

Responses From the Public Comment Period

No responses were received from the public and no additional comments were submitted by FLL directors or their staff.

Attachment:

Attachment A: Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project #2011-05)

Attachment B: LAFCO Resolution L-2013-15