

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF OCTOBER 24, 2007

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ted Long, Chairman, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #4: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL
SERVICES REVIEW FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND
POWER SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Open the Public Hearing to receive comments on the Draft Water, Wastewater and Power Services Municipal Services Review; and
2. Continue the Public Hearing until the December meeting to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the governing boards of the agencies and the public to review and comment on the Municipal Services Review. Staff will return this item in December for final action and adoption.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Municipal Services Review (MSR) is required by State law to serve as a guidance document for any boundary changes to the agencies that provide water, wastewater and power services in El Dorado County. An “administrative draft” of this document was distributed to the staff and the administrators of the pertinent agencies for their review and comments. Any comments received from them were incorporated into the document before the Commission meeting.

BACKGROUND

This MSR was prepared for all of the agencies that were authorized to provide water, wastewater and power services in El Dorado County. This study analyzes the agencies’ ability to provide existing and future residents with said services within their respective boundaries. 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.

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 be used to determine the sphere of influence for Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD) and assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect the following agencies:

- Cameron Estates CSD
- City of Placerville
- El Dorado Hills CSD
- El Dorado Irrigation District (EID)
- Georgetown Divide PUD (GDPUD)
- Greenstone Country CSD (GCCSD)
- South Tahoe PUD (STPUD)

It also contains information of interest on three public agencies that provide service in El Dorado County but are under the jurisdiction of other LAFCOs:

- Kirkwood Meadows PUD (Alpine LAFCO)
- McKinney Water District (Placer LAFCO)
- Tahoe City PUD (Placer LAFCO)

Generally speaking, finances, service capacity and capability varied from agency to agency. The larger districts (EID and STPUD) had more financial resources to draw from to fund capital improvements than their medium-sized (GDPUD) or smaller cohorts (GFCSD and GCCSD). Regarding water specifically, all of the water purveyors were pursuing additional water rights to ensure adequate supply beyond 2020. The MSR found that the larger districts had adequate supply for normal and multiple year scenarios for the next eight to fifteen years.

Unfortunately, staffs from South Tahoe PUD and the City of Placerville were unable to submit all of their requested changes in time for the packet mail-out. Consequently, there are pieces of information that are missing from their respective sections on the attached report. The completed draft STPUD and Placerville section will be distributed separately at a later date.

At this time, staff recommends opening the public hearing and continuing it until the December 5, 2007 meeting. Staff also recommends that the Commission open a public comment period until November 13, 2007 to allow the public and other agencies an opportunity to review and submit comments on the report.

Carolyn Schaffer from Dudek & Associates will present some of the report's findings in more detail during the meeting.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

A complete list of references is included in the back of the MSR. LAFCO and Dudek staff would like to thank the various governing boards and their staff for their assistance as well as staff from the El Dorado County Water Agency.

Attachment A: Water, Wastewater and Power MSR (on CD)