

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF MARCH 22, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

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

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**AGENDA ITEM #4: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT MUNICIPAL
SERVICE REVIEW OF COUNTYWIDE FIRE PROTECTION
SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission continue the Fire Municipal Service Review (MSR) until LAFCO staff is able to produce a final informational study on fire protection services to the Commission. Staff also proposes that the Commission consider authorizing the Chair to send a letter to the remaining districts stressing the importance of a timely response to the draft MSR so that a final version may be completed; however, the Commission may have other recommendations on how best to receive the necessary information from these districts.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

While the Fire MSR is mostly complete, staff continues to await responses from two fire protection districts. Their cooperation is needed in order to generate a final report.

BACKGROUND

The intent of the Fire MSR is to analyze a fire protection district's ability to provide existing and future residents with fire protection, fire suppression and emergency medical services. The MSR is being prepared to meet the requirements and standards of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH). The Service Review is 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. The CKH Act guides LAFCO's decisions. This MSR will assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect the fire protection districts in El Dorado County.

LAFCO has sent preliminary analyses to each corresponding fire protection district in an attempt to receive feedback and technical comments. Staff has also requested that specific information regarding their districts be provided, yet has experienced difficulty with two districts that have, so far, not responded with the requested information. This information is essential to analyze and write determinations on their service capability based on factual information. LAFCO staff has sent a letter to each FPD that has responded so far notifying them of the delay. In addition, the other two FPDs were contacted to request a status on their portion of the MSR.