

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## *AGENDA OF MARCH 28, 2012*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

**TO:** Ron Briggs, Chair, and  
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation  
Commission

**FROM:** José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

**PREPARED BY:** Erica Sanchez, Policy Analyst

**AGENDA ITEM #3E:** OPEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT  
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE STUDY FOR THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE  
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive the Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study for the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District and open the Public Hearing to receive comments; and
2. Continue the Public Hearing until the May 23, 2012 meeting to allow sufficient time and opportunity for the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District governing board and the public to review and comment on the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study. Staff will return this item in May for final action and adoption.

### **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 a MSR be performed before the Commission can update an agency's sphere of influence. An administrative draft of this document was distributed to GDPUD staff for review, no comments have been received.

### **BACKGROUND**

This study analyzes the agency's ability to provide water, wastewater and hydroelectric power 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 the GDPUD. Specifically, the MSR provided agency analysis based upon the six factors of analysis contained in OPR's Service Review Guidelines referenced above:

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.

#### District Profile

The Georgetown Divide Public Utility District was formed in 1946 to serve the communities of the Georgetown Divide area, including Georgetown, Garden Valley, Kelsey, Greenwood, Cool, Pilot Hill, Quintette and Volcanoville. GDPUD's service area is approximately 119 square miles with an estimated population of 10,000 residents. The District's sphere of influence encompasses an additional 176 square miles to the east and south of the District's boundary.

GDPUD is empowered to provide water, wastewater and hydroelectric power generation services. GDPUD provides treated water to nearly 3,600 customers and untreated water to 400 customers for irrigation. The District also provides wastewater services for the on-site septic systems and Community Disposal System within the Auburn Lake Trails community. In addition, GDPUD has an agreement with a private entity to re-power, operate and maintain the District's Tunnel Hill and Buckeye Hydroelectric Plants.

Throughout the analysis portions of the report, LAFCO staff did not identify any substantial areas for improvement or current issues faced by the District that needed to be addressed or resolved as a part of this review. The MSR found that GDPUD is adequately providing services to its customers, planning for future water supply options and addressing current infrastructure needs.

#### Attachment:

Attachment A: Draft Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (LAFCO Project #2011-07)