

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER L-2021-08

Update to the Sierra Oaks Community Services District Sphere of Influence

LAFCO Project No. 2020-05

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 governs the organization and reorganization of cities and special districts by local agency formation commissions established in each county, as defined and specified in Government Code §56000 et seq. (unless otherwise indicated all statutory references are to the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, §56425 et seq. provides that the local agency formation commission in each county shall develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county, and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the spheres of influence, as more fully specified in §56425 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, §56430 requires that local agency formation commissions conduct a municipal service review (MSR) prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of actions to establish or update a sphere of influence (SOI) in accordance with §56076 and §56425; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §56430, in order to prepare and update the sphere of influence, the Commission conducted a municipal service review of the Sierra Oaks Community Services District and adopted a written statement of determinations in conjunction with this sphere of influence update on February 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer reviewed the sphere of influence update pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and recommended that the project is exempt from CEQA under §15061(b)(3) because it is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA, and, based thereon, the Executive Officer prepared a Notice of Exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set a public hearing for February 24, 2021 for consideration of the environmental review and the sphere of influence update for the Sierra Oaks Community Services District and caused notice thereof to be posted, published and mailed at the times and in the manner required by law at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the date; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021 the sphere of influence update came on regularly for hearing before LAFCO, at the time and place specified in the Notice; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing, LAFCO reviewed and considered the sphere of influence, and the Executive Officer's Report and Recommendations; each of the policies, priorities and factors set forth in Government Code §56425 et seq.; LAFCO's Policies and Guidelines related to spheres of influence, starting with Policy 4.0; and all other matters presented as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, at that time, an opportunity was given to all interested persons, organizations, and agencies to present oral or written testimony and other information concerning the proposal and all related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Commission received, heard, discussed, and considered all oral and written testimony related to the sphere update, including but not limited to protests and objections, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document and determinations and the service review; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2007, at the time of its last review, the Commission established the functions and classes of services provided by the Sierra Oaks Community Services District as follows: road maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission does hereby make the following determinations regarding the proposal pursuant to Government Code §56425(e):

1. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands.*

Present land uses within the District include rural residential uses and one commercial use. The District is fully developed consistent with the land use designation and zoning. No changes in the planned land uses are anticipated. The District is not looking to expand.

2. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.*

Present needs for public facilities and services are currently being met. Probable needs for public facilities and services are not currently anticipated to vary from present needs, as future demands are expected to remain the same. The District is not looking to expand road services beyond the maintenance of Sierra Oaks Drive or to expand its service boundaries. The District is also not looking to provide additional services beyond road maintenance. In addition, because the District is fully built out, there should not be an increase in the service demand for the District.

3. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.*

The present capacity of public facilities provided is adequate to serve the existing community for the short term. The report noted that revenues are not keeping up with the rising costs of providing services and the Board of Directors should strategize for the next step, if it has not done so already.

4. *The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.*

There are no social or economic communities of interest in the area. Nearby communities include the El Dorado area.

5. *For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.*

Not applicable to SOCSO since this district does not provide water, wastewater or fire services. While Sierra Oaks CSD does not provide any municipal services as defined in Government Code 56425(e)5, LAFCO has not identified any disadvantaged communities within the District's boundaries or on its sphere of influence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED, ORDERED AND FOUND:

Section 1. Each of the foregoing recitals is true and correct.

Section 2. The Notice of Exemption prepared by the Executive Officer is approved as the appropriate environmental document for this project.

Section 3. Pursuant to Government Code §56425(i)(2), the Commission does hereby establish the functions and classes of services provided by the Sierra Oaks Community Services District as follows: road maintenance services.

Section 4. The update to the Sierra Oaks Community Services District sphere of influence to affirm the current sphere is orderly, logical and justifiable.

Section 5. The Executive Officer is directed to file a Notice of Exemption under §15061(b)(3) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and local ordinances implementing the same.

Section 6. The Sierra Oaks Community Services District sphere of influence is updated to affirm its current sphere as shown on the attached map, marked Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting of said Commission, held February 24, 2021 by the following vote of said Commission.

	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	NOT VOTING
Commissioner Bass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner Hidahl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Commissioner Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Commissioner Thomas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alt. Commissioner Morrison	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alt. Commissioner Saunders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alt. Commissioner Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alt. Commissioner Turnboo	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATTEST:

Executive Officer

Chairperson