

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER L-2011-11**

### **Update to the Georgetown Divide Recreation District Sphere of Influence**

**LAFCO Project No. 2011-02**

**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 Sections 56000 et seq. (unless otherwise indicated all statutory references are to the Government Code); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 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 Sections 56425 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 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 Sections 56076 and 56425; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 56430, in order to prepare and update the sphere of influence, the Commission conducted a Municipal Service Review of the Georgetown Divide Recreation District and adopted a written statement of determinations in conjunction with this sphere of influence update on October 26, 2011; 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 Section 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 October 26, 2011 for consideration of the environmental review and the sphere of influence update for the Georgetown Divide Recreation 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 October 26, 2011 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 Section 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 February 27, 2008, at the time of its last review, the Commission established the functions and classes of services provided by the Georgetown Divide Recreation District as follows: park and recreation services; and

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

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

The Georgetown Divide Recreation District serves approximately 412 square miles, most of which is rural, except for the small community centers of Cool, Garden Valley, Georgetown, Greenwood, Kelsey and Pilot Hill. Present land uses range from low-density and rural residential to agricultural production and open space. Future land uses are anticipated to remain the consistent with current land uses; though, it is possible that some agricultural and timber production parcels may eventually be converted to residential uses in the future as the population grows.

**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 and probable needs are not anticipated to increase substantially, as future demands are expected to remain the same.

The District has expressed an interest in expanding to Coloma/Lotus so that it can better serve all residents on the Georgetown Divide. Given that there are currently

no park and recreation service providers in that area and the area was added to the District's sphere of influence in February 2008, potential annexation of the Coloma/Lotus area would be a logical extension of services. The expansion of District boundaries south to the South Fork of the American River would be a logical extension of service boundaries, given the topographical area.

**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 park and recreational facilities provided is adequate to serve the existing communities of the Georgetown Divide.

**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.***

The District serves various communities on the Georgetown Divide, including the towns of Georgetown, Greenwood, Cool, Pilot Hill, Kelsey and Garden Valley. The Coloma/Lotus community remains outside of the District's current service boundaries; however it was added to the District's sphere of influence in 2008. There are no social or economic communities of interest that require further Commission consideration for the recommended sphere update.

***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 Section 56425(i)(2), the Commission does hereby establish the functions and classes of services provided by the Georgetown Divide Recreation District as follows: park and recreation services.

Section 4. The update to the Georgetown Divide Recreation 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 Section 15061(b)(3) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and local ordinances implementing the same.

Section 6. The Georgetown Divide Recreation 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 October 26, 2011 by the following vote of said Commission.

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTENTIONS:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Interim Clerk to the Commission

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Chairperson

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