

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

TO: John Hidahl, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: Erica Sanchez, Interim Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #8: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE DRAFT
SMALL TO MEDIUM WATER AND WASTEWATER
DISTRICTS MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE UPDATE (LAFCO PROJECT NO. 2021-02)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

1. Receive and discuss the information related to the Small to Medium Water and Wastewater Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update;
2. Open the public hearing on this matter;
3. Accept statutory exemption §15061(b)(3) from environmental review as the appropriate environmental review;
4. Adopt Resolution L-2022-08, adopting the municipal service review and updates to the spheres of influence for the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District and the South Tahoe Public Utility District; and
5. Direct staff to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

State Law requires that the Commission update the spheres of influence for all agencies within El Dorado County, it also requires that a municipal service review for an agency be performed before the Commission can update an agency's sphere of influence. This municipal service review and sphere of influence study and its adoption satisfies all of the requirements under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000.

BACKGROUND

The Small to Medium Water Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update (MSR-SOI Update) examines the following three small to medium sized agencies that provide water and wastewater services in El Dorado County:

- Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD)
- Grizzly Flats Community Services District (GFCSD)
- South Tahoe Public Utility District (STPUD)

The study analyzes the agencies' ability to provide existing and future residents with water, wastewater, and other related services within their respective service areas. Ultimately, the MSR-SOI Update will serve as a guidance document for any future boundary changes to the studied agencies.

The MSR/SOI Update was prepared to meet the requirements and standards of the CKH Act, and will assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect the agencies.

Municipal Service Review Determinations

In order to prepare and to update the agency's spheres of influence, the Commission must conduct a service review and prepare a written statement of its determinations with respect to each of the following:

- Growth and population projections for the agency service areas;
- Disadvantaged unincorporated communities;
- Present and planned capacity of public facilities;
- Financial ability of each agency to provide services;
- Opportunities for shared facilities;
- Accountability for government service needs; and
- The potential effect of each agency services on agricultural and open space lands.

The MSR-SOI Study is organized according to these determinations listed above for each agency. Information regarding each of the above issue areas is provided within each agency's section.

Sphere of Influence Determinations

In determining the SOI for an agency, LAFCO must consider and prepare written determinations with respect to five factors as outlined in Government Code §56425(e). These factors are as follows:

1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands;
2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area;
3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide;
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; and

5. The present and probable need for public facilities and services (including sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection) of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing Sphere of Influence.

Based on the information and analysis presented in the MSR-SOI Study, the consultants and LAFCO staff are recommending that the SOIs for the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, the Grizzly Flats Community Services District and the South Tahoe Public Utility District be reaffirmed with no changes at this time.

Public Review

The 35-day public review period for the Water and Wastewater MSR-SOI was opened on August 24, 2022. Public outreach soliciting comments on the study included a press release and a circulated notice of availability. The press release was sent to the Mountain Democrat, the Georgetown Gazette, and the Tahoe Tribune for publication. The notice of availability was posted online on the LAFCO website and sent to GDPUD, GFCSD and STPUD with a request that they also post it on their websites, and posted on bulletins at the LAFCO office and County Building A. Additional public comments can be submitted and heard up to the conclusion of the September 28, 2022 hearing for consideration and approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Final Small to Medium Water and Wastewater Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study
- Attachment B: Draft Resolution L-2022-08 and Exhibit A SOI Maps