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EL DORADO LAFCO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NUMBER L-2008-25

**Update to the El Dorado Irrigation District
Sphere of Influence**

LAFCO Project No. 2007-12-U

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 Government Code Section 56430, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence, the Commission conducted a Service Review for West County Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Related Services and adopted a written statement of determinations on July 28, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the agencies reviewed were the Cameron Park Community Services District, the El Dorado Hills Community Services District, the El Dorado Irrigation District, Holiday Lake Community Services District and Springfield Meadows Community Services District, among others; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 56430, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence, the Commission conducted a Water, Wastewater and Power Municipal Services Review and adopted a written statement of determinations on January 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the agencies reviewed were Cameron Estates, El Dorado Hills, Greenstone Country, and Grizzly Flats Community Services Districts; Georgetown Divide, Kirkwood Meadows, South Tahoe and Tahoe City Public Utility Districts; El Dorado Irrigation District; McKinney Water District; and the City of Placerville; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 56430, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence, the Commission conducted a General Government Services I Municipal Services Review and adopted a written statement of determinations on February 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the agencies reviewed were Arroyo Vista, Cameron Estates, Cameron Park, Cosumnes River, El Dorado Hills, Fallen Leaf Lake, Greenstone, Holiday Lake, Lakeview, Showcase Ranches and Springfield Meadows Community Services Districts; Georgetown Divide, Kirkwood Meadows, South Tahoe and Tahoe City Public Utility Districts; El Dorado Irrigation District; the Cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe; County Service Areas 2, 3, 5 and 9; Georgetown Divide Recreation District; and Tahoe Paradise Resort Improvement District; 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 February 27, 2008 for consideration of the environmental review and the draft sphere of influence update for El Dorado Irrigation 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 27, 2008, at the time and place specified in the Notice, at the Executive Officer's recommendation and by unanimous consent of the Commission, action on the El Dorado Irrigation District draft sphere of influence update was deferred until the next regularly scheduled LAFCO hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set a public hearing for March 26, 2008 for consideration of the environmental review and the draft sphere of influence update for El Dorado Irrigation 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 March 26, 2008 the draft 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 draft 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 reviews.

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. 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.

EID covers extensive areas of El Dorado County. Land uses include residential, commercial, agricultural and others. Land uses within the District change based on planning within individual communities located within the District's boundaries. EID is involved in development planning and has the opportunity to review and provide input regarding planned projects.

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

Most of the projected residential, industrial and commercial demand for water, wastewater and, where applicable, recycled water services will be along the General Plan's "community regions." These are the areas where the County will channel most of its growth; however, as underground water storage areas dry up because of climactic conditions, it is very possible that demand to tap into EID's water system will increase from single parcel landowners. In addition, an increase for raw and

irrigation water may also increase from the agricultural sector such as wineries and other operations proliferate in the County, particularly in the south region.

For parks and recreation service, EID is not the sole provider of recreational facilities within its area and recreation services are provided as an accessory service; therefore, there is no identified need for facilities.

Demand for EID's hydropower will probably increase exponentially because of the State's new directives that 20% of California's electrical power be generated from renewable sources. This should provide EID with a stable source of revenue that has the potential to become very lucrative over the years.

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

EID is the only public water purveyor in the central western region of El Dorado County. Its current supply of water, wastewater capacity and recycled water, where available, should be sufficient to meet most of the projected growth in the County General Plan. However, while its sphere of influence is large, it is not probable that it can expand in the next 10 to 20 years to encompass all of the large geographic area contained within it given its current resources.

The recreational facilities of the District have been sufficient to meet the demands of the local and regional population to date, although population growth in the region will continue to increase demands on existing facilities.

EID's capacity and infrastructure to generate hydropower should be sufficient to provide a reliable source of electrical power on the open market.

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 covers extensive areas within El Dorado County. Annexations of individual properties and larger subdivisions occur regularly. The District did not indicate any specific areas planned for annexation in the near future, nor the need for sphere of influence or boundary adjustments.

Section 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(i)(2), the Commission does hereby establish the functions and classes of services provided by El Dorado Irrigation District as follows: water, wastewater, hydroelectric power, and parks and recreation services.

Section 5. The update to El Dorado Irrigation District's Sphere of Influence to affirm the current sphere is orderly, logical and justifiable.

Section 6. 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 7. The El Dorado Irrigation District's sphere of influence is updated to affirm its current sphere, as shown on the attached map, marked Exhibit B, 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 March 26, 2008 by the following vote of said Commission.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTENTIONS:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

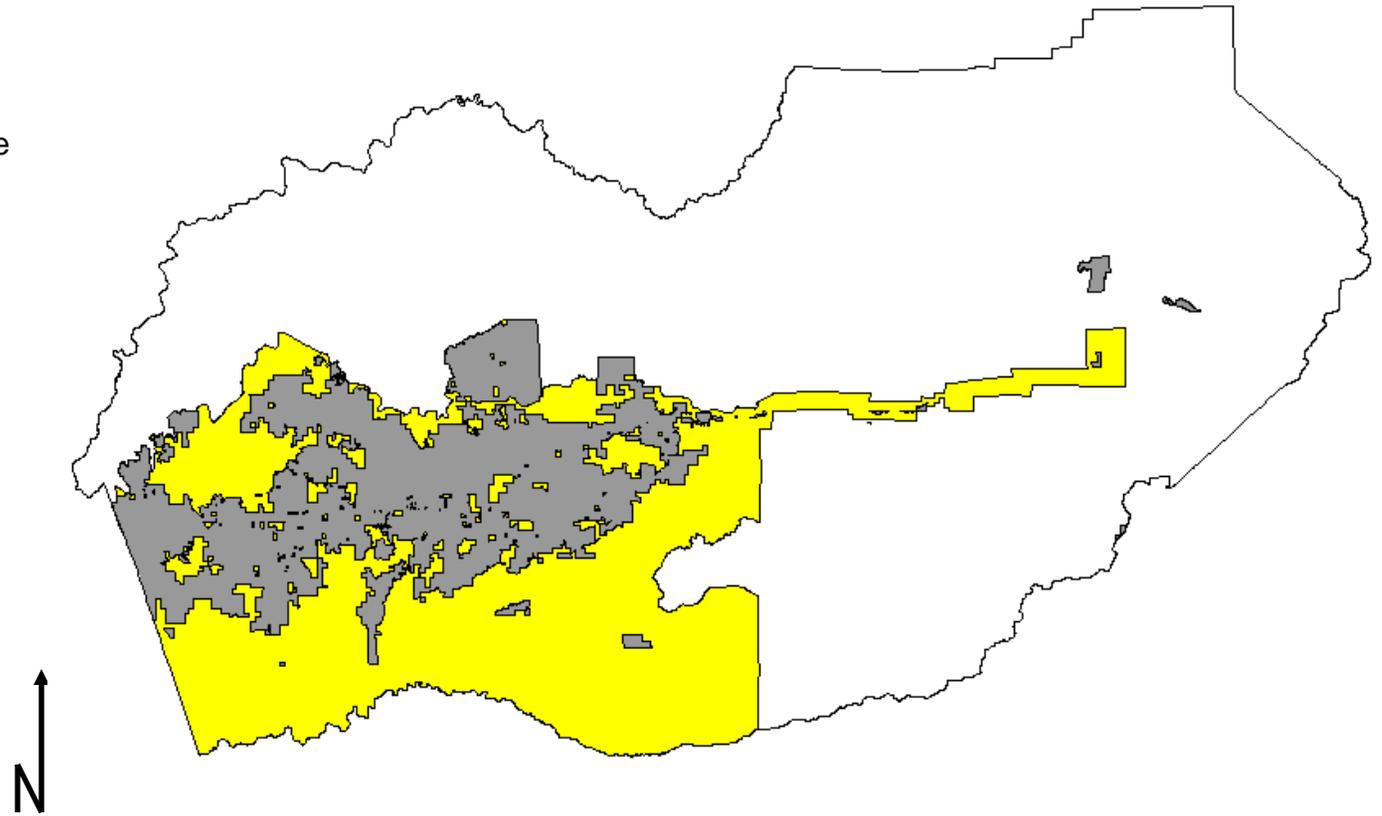
Clerk to the Commission

Chairperson

EXHIBIT A

Legend:

-  Service Area
-  Sphere of Influence



El Dorado Irrigation District

EXHIBIT A