

## **County Service Area Number 5**

### Agency Profile

Located in the eastern portion of El Dorado County, abutting Lake Tahoe, County Service Area Number 5 (CSA 5) was formed by LAFCO Resolution No. 4-70. County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 171-70 established the CSA to provide drainage facility maintenance services in the Tahoe Cedars area. This is the only service provided by CSA 5.

### *Land Use Character*

CSA 5 is located in the Tahoe Basin, where land use is heavily regulated by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Most of CSA 5's service area falls under the residential planning area statement (PAS); however, a small pocket along Highway 89 has a "tourist area" PAS and the southwest corner is designated as a "conservation" PAS.

### *Levels of Service*

CSA 5 is empowered to provide drainage facility maintenance; however, the CSA provides service to one erosion control zone of benefit within its service area. No additional services are provided by this CSA but special licenses/permits are required for application of herbicides for weed abatement in the drainage zones since the District exists to assist in the effort to preserve Lake Tahoe's clarity. Because the same personnel provide weed abatement for both the drainage maintenance zones and all other County facilities, this results in no additional impact to the District.

Drainage and lighting facilities are planned and built on a subdivision by subdivision basis. As subdivisions are constructed, the CSA incorporates new drainage infrastructure into maintenance planning; however, a lack of demand for maintenance activities has resulted in stagnation among District operations. No monies have been expended on service provision within the last two years, and the only major source of expense has been an intergovernmental transfer to provide for road, drainage, and cemetery expenses.

### Commission's Policies and Guidelines

LAFCO Policy 4.4 requires the Commission to review the following topics before making sphere of influence determinations. The Commission's review of general government services addressed these requirements as noted below. All citations are from the *General Government Services / Municipal Services Review (GGSI)*, scheduled to be adopted on February 27, 2008.

**1. Service capacity, level and types of services currently provided by the agency, and areas where these services are provided**

Refer to pages 2.9-1 to 2.9-2, “III Infrastructure;” page 2.9-5, “VI Opportunities for Shared Facilities;” and page 2.9-8, “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Infrastructure” and “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Opportunities for Shared Facilities.”

**2. Financial capabilities and costs of service**

Refer to pages 2.9-2 to 2.9-5, “IV Financing and Rate Restructuring;” page 2.9-5 , “V Cost Avoidance Opportunities;” and page 2.9-8, “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Financing and Rate Restructuring” and “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Cost Avoidance Opportunities.”

**3. Topographic factors and areas of social and economic interdependencies**

Refer to page 2.9-1, “I Setting.”

**4. Existing and planned land uses, land use plans and policies, consistency with county and city general plans, and projected growth in the affected area**

Refer to page 2.9-1, “I Setting;” page 2.9-1, “II Growth and Population;” and page 2.9-8, “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Growth and Population.”

**5. Potential effects on agricultural and open space lands**

CSA 5’s boundaries mostly encompass residential areas, with small portions designated with either a “Tourist” PAS or a “Conservation” PAS. In either case, the drainage services provided by the District do not introduce growth-inducing effects or lead to the conversion of agricultural or open space resources.

**6. A description of the services that will be provided to any areas which may be added to the sphere and the timing and method for funding expansion of facilities or services**

Refer to pages 2.9-1 to 2.9-2, “III Infrastructure;” page 2.9-5, “VI Opportunities for Shared Facilities;” and page 2.9-8, “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Infrastructure” and “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Opportunities for Shared Facilities.”

**7. An analysis of the effects of a proposed sphere of influence on other agencies and their service capabilities:**

Refer to pages 2.9-5 and 2.9-6, “VII Government Structure and Management Efficiencies;” and page 2.9-9, “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Government Structure Options” and “X Municipal Service Review Determinations: Evaluation of Management Efficiencies.”

**DETERMINATIONS**

In determining the sphere of influence for each local agency, Government Code §56425(e) requires the Commission to consider and prepare a written statement of

determinations with respect to four factors. Staff recommends the following determinations for updating the sphere for Cameron Park CSD:

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

The land uses in the area of CSA 5 include residential, agricultural, commercial and other rural and urban land uses. Land uses within the CSA are not anticipated to change.

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

CSA 5, along with the other CSAs in the county, plans infrastructure improvements on a subdivision by subdivision basis. The CSA incorporates facilities which are part of subdivisions, into their maintenance planning.

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

CSA 5 provides adequate services and public facilities within its boundaries.

**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 DOT did not identify any social or economic communities of interest in the area of CSA 5. Meeks Bay is a nearby economic and social community of interest.

Based upon the information contained in this document, it is recommended that the CSA 5 Sphere of Influence be updated to affirm its current sphere, coterminous with its service boundaries, as shown in the map attached to Resolution L-2008-15.