

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF APRIL 28, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ken Humphreys, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

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AGENDA ITEM #5: PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW, MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND SPHERE OF
INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR COUNTY SERVICE AREA 2

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission receive and discuss the information related to the County Service Area 2 Municipal Services Review and Sphere of Influence Update (CSA 2 MSR/SOI), open the public hearing on the matter, accept statutory exemption §15061(b)(3) from environmental review and adopt Resolution L-2010-09, adopting the MSR and updating the CSA 2 SOI to affirm the existing sphere.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The CSA 2 MSR was one of the eleven scheduled MSRs for FY 2009-10. The Draft CSA 2 MSR/SOI was opened up for public comment at the March 24, 2010 Commission meeting. Comments were received from the El Dorado County Department of Transportation (Attachment B), which were incorporated into the Final MSR. The Final MSR and affirmation of the current SOI is now returned to the Commission for final adoption.

The MSR found that the two zones of benefit within CSA 2 provide adequate road maintenance that is consistent with the residents' expectations. LAFCO staff did not identify any substantial areas for improvement or current issues faced by the agency that needed to be addressed or resolved as a part of this MSR. The MSR did note, however, that CSAs 2 and 9 are both empowered to provide road services and have overlapping boundaries. Consolidation of the two CSAs into a single county service area may allow greater efficiency for the administration of funds, given the shared staff and duplication of services. Department of Transportation staff has discussed the overlap and possible consolidation with LAFCO staff; however, initiation of any change of organization would require a resolution of petition by the Board of Supervisors, as the governing body for CSA 2. Based on the MSR's findings, staff recommends the affirmation of the current sphere of influence for County Service Area 2, which is

concurrent to district boundaries. An alternative to the affirmation of the existing sphere is to designate a “zero” sphere for CSA 2 in anticipation of it being consolidated with CSA 9; however, please note that this option is not discussed in the MSR/SOI and would be inconsistent with the recommendation in the report. To incorporate a “zero” sphere determination would require sending the report back to staff to update it accordingly.

BACKGROUND

Municipal service reviews are required by state law to serve as a guidance document for future boundary changes and as a precursor to sphere of influence updates. This MSR analyzes CSA 2’s ability to provide existing and future residents with roadway maintenance and will assist the Commission and its staff when considering actions that will affect CSA 2.

The MSR was prepared to meet the requirements and standards of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH). The fundamental role of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is to implement the CKH Act (found in Government Code §56000, et seq.), consistent with local conditions and circumstances. LAFCO’s decisions are guided by the CKH Act.

The service review was prepared using the Service Review Guidelines prepared by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research. Specifically, the MSR provided agency analysis based upon the following six factors of analysis contained in the guidelines:

1. Growth and population projections for the affected area.
2. Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs or deficiencies.
3. Financial ability of agencies to provide services.
4. Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities.
5. Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.
6. The potential effect of agency services on agricultural and open space lands.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Final CSA 2 MSR/SOI Update (LAFCO Project No. 2009-08)

Attachment B: El Dorado County Department of Transportation letter

Attachment C: Resolution L-2010-09

Attachment C, Exhibit A: CSA 2 SOI Map