

Figure 3: FCSD Wastewater Service Profile

FCSD				
Wastewater Service Configuration and Demand				
Service Configuration				
Service Type	Service Provider(s)			
Wastewater Collection	FCSD			
Wastewater Treatment	FCSD, private septic systems			
Wastewater Disposal	FCSD			
Recycled Water	None			
Service Area¹				
Collection:	Within FCSD's bounds			
Treatment:	Within FCSD's bounds			
Recycled Water	NA			
Sewer Connection Regulatory/Policies²				
Only those landowners that originally paid for the system in 1999 have a right to connect to the system. As of 2019, there were 21 landowners that had the right but had not yet connected to the system. Two owners connected in 2019.				
Onsite Septic Systems in Service Area				
All landowners within the District have onsite septic systems.				
Service Demand FY 12³				
	Connections			Flow (gallons)
Type	Total	Inside Bounds	Outside Bounds	Average⁴
Total	50	50	0	3,611
Residential	50	50	0	3,611
Commercial	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0
Projected Demand (in gallons per day)				
	2005⁵	2015	2025	Build-Out
Avg. dry weather flow	3,611	NP	NP	NP
Peak wet weather flow	3,611	NP	NP	NP
Note:				
(1) Accuracy of these numbers cannot be guaranteed as no update was provided by the District in 2013.				
(2) Accuracy of these numbers cannot be guaranteed as no update was provided by the District in 2013.				
(3) Accuracy of these numbers cannot be guaranteed as no update was provided by the District in 2013.				
(4) The District does not regularly monitor the meters to the leach field system. The County provided a 3.5 year daily average flow (2006).				
(5) Based on the 3.5 year average day demand. The District reported that since the collection system is pressurized, there should be no significant difference between dry and wet weather flows.				

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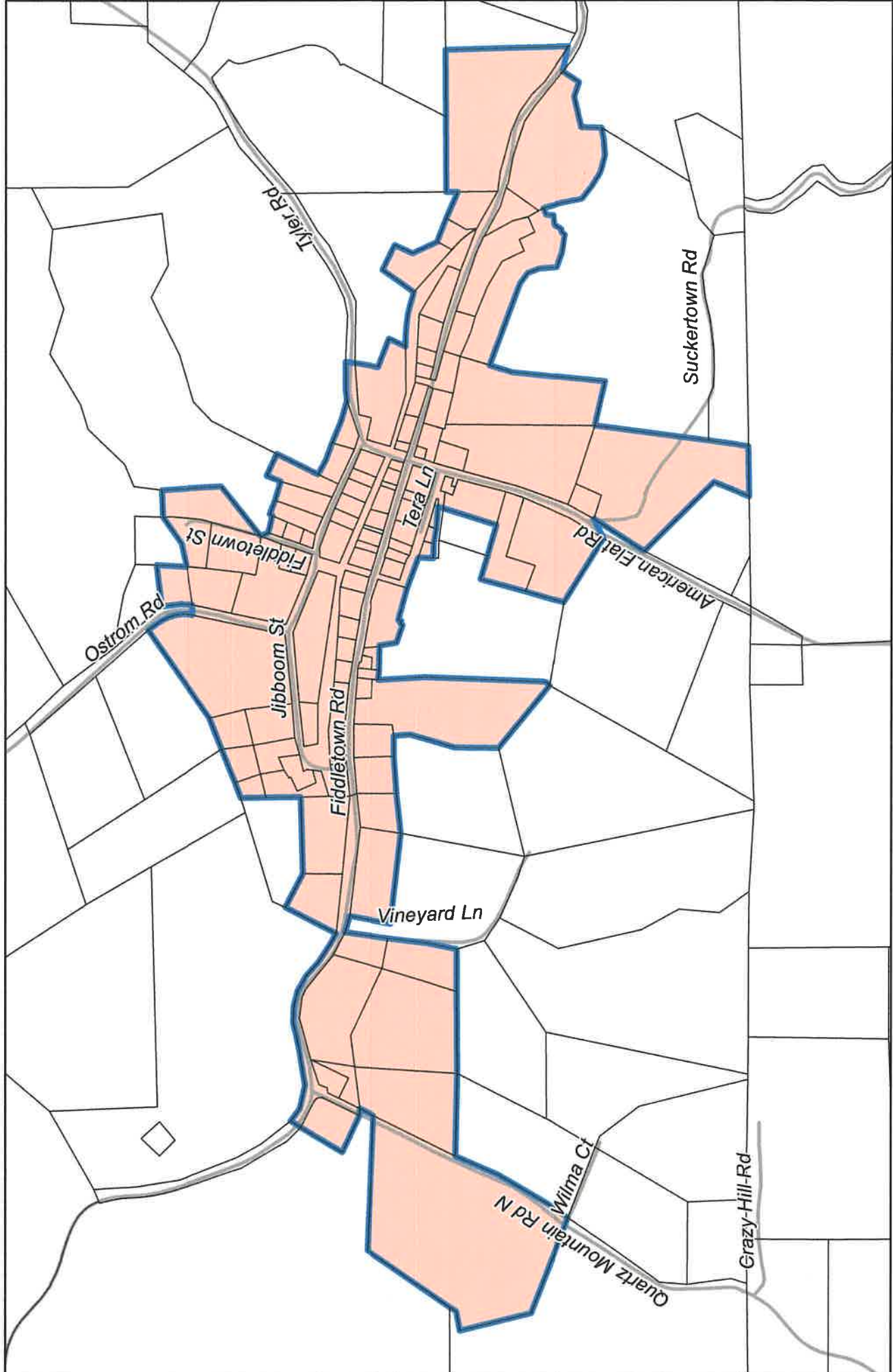
FCSD			
Wastewater Infrastructure			
Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Infrastructure			
System Overview			
Treatment level: A majority of treatment is completed in individual onsite septic systems. The treatment level is unknown. the soil.			
Facility Name	Capacity	Condition	Yr Built
Fiddletown Leach field	0.02 mgd	Fair	1999
Infrastructure Needs and Deficiencies			
downslope monitoring well, repair or replacement of three flow monitoring devices, repair of a broken valve box, removal of berry growth and fallen trees, and re-priming of all dosing siphons in use.			
Wastewater Collection & Distribution Infrastructure			
Collection & Distribution Infrastructure			
Sewer Pipe Miles	1.5	Pump stations	7
Other: Individual septic systems on each parcel.			
Infrastructure Needs and Deficiencies			
The County did not identify any collection infrastructure needs with the exception of posts to clearly mark inspection pipes.			
Infiltration and Inflow			
The extent of infiltration and inflow is unknown, as the District and County do not monitor the flow of the effluent. The County did not report any infrastructure needs regarding the condition of the pipelines that may affect infiltration and inflow. The County indicated that as the system is pressurized, dry weather and wet weather flows are likely not significantly different.			
Wastewater Regional Collaboration and Facility Sharing			
Regional Collaboration			
The County transferred ownership of the leach field system to the District. The District regularly maintains the infrastructure and leach field properties with paid outside contractors.			
Facility Sharing Opportunities			
The District did not identify opportunities for future facility sharing opportunities.			
Note: The majority of information contained in this chart is from the 2008 MSR, the District did not provide an update in 2013.			

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FCSD			
Wastewater Service Adequacy, Efficiency & Planning			
Regulatory Compliance Record, 2008-2012			
Formal Enforcement Actions	NP	Informal Enforcement Actions	NP
Service Adequacy Indicators			
Sewer Overflows 2012 ¹	NP	Sewer Overflows 2011 ²	NP
Treatment Effectiveness Rate ³	NA ⁴	Sewer Overflow Rate ⁵	NP
Total Employees (FTEs)	0	Response Time Policy ⁶	ASAP
Employees Certified?	NA	Response Time Actual	Within 24 hours
Source Control and Pollution Prevention Practices			
The District did not report any source control practices.			
Collection System Inspection Practices			
No inspection practices were reported by the District.			
Service Challenges			
The District reported challenges related to occasional maintenance of the system with an entirely volunteer staff.			
Wastewater Planning			
Plan	Description	Planning Horizon	
Wastewater Master Plan	None		
Wastewater Collection Plan	None		
Capital Improvement Plan	None		
Sanitary Sewer Management Plan	None		
Emergency Plan	None		
Notes:			
(1) Total number of overflows experienced (excluding those caused by customers) in 2012 as reported by the agency.			
(2) Total number of overflows experienced (excluding those caused by customers) in 2011 as reported by the agency.			
(3) Total number of non-compliance days in 2012 per 365 days.			
(4) Septic systems are not required to maintain the same treatment levels as sewer systems.			
(5) Sewer overflows (excluding those caused by customers) per 100 miles of collection piping.			
(6) Agency policy, guidelines or goals for response time between service call and clearing the blockage.			

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FCSD			
Wastewater Rates and Financing			
Wastewater Rates-Ongoing Charges FY 12 ¹			
	Rate Description	Avg. Monthly Charges	Demand ²
Residential	Flat Monthly: \$25.00	\$25.00	250 gpd
Rate Zones			
None			
Rate-Setting Procedures			
Policy Description: Rates were last set by the County when the system was installed. The District planned to update the rates once the system was transferred from the County to the District. As of 2019, the District has not raised the rates.			
Last Rate Change ³	1999	Frequency of Rate Changes	Never changed
Wastewater Development Fees and Requirements			
Connection Fee Approach	All parcels adjacent to Dry Creek or too small to install a private septic system are required connect to the system. Each parcel paid the connection fee at the time the system was installed to cover the cost of the system. Some parcels only paid for a right to hook up later.		
Connection Fee Timing ⁴	Paid at the time the system was installed in 1999.		
Connection Fee Amount ⁵	Residential: \$15,000		
Land Dedication Req.	None		
Development Impact Fee	None		
Wastewater Enterprise Reven FY 19		Expe FY 19	
Source	Amount	%	Amount
Total	\$28,075	100%	Total \$6,878
Rates & Charges	NP	NP	Administration
Property Tax	NP	NP	O & M
Grants	NP	NP	Capital Depreciation NP
Interest	NP	NP	Debt NP
Connection Fees	NP	NP	Other NP
Other - Refund	NP	NP	
Notes:			
(1) Rates include wastewater-related service charges and strength and flow charges. Average monthly charges calculated based on average consumption. Rates are rounded for presentation. These numbers are from 2008, no update was provided in 2013.			
(2) Wastewater use assumptions by customer type were used to calculate average monthly charges. Assumed use levels are 250 gallons per home per day, and are consistent countywide for comparison purposes.			
(3) Accuracy cannot be guaranteed.			
(4) Accuracy cannot be guaranteed.			
(5) Connection fee amount is calculated for a single-family home.			



- Fiddletown CSD SOI
- Fiddletown CSD
- Parcel
- County Road



Fiddletown Community Services District

Boundary and Coterminus Sphere of Influence

Map created July, 2019 for Amador LAFCO by:
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 Amador County Transportation Commission
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AGENDA ITEMS #11

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES
FROM: ROSEANNE CHAMBERLAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER)
SUBJECT: ADOPTION/AMENDMENT OF A ZERO SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR RIDGEWOOD ACRES
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2019-03, LAFCO PROJECT #307
DATE: MEETING AUGUST 15, 2019

DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND

In January 2019, the commission continued its action on a sphere amendment for Ridgewood Acres Community Service District. The district was interested in evaluating its options to privatize the road maintenance for the 32 parcels it serves.

The commission, in January 2019, reviewed the Municipal Services Review (MSR) for Ridgewood Acres. The report identified numerous challenges to the administration and operation of the district. Determinations identified the government restructuring option of privatizing the road maintenance in the area served by the district. Since that time the district, with the assistance of Supervisor Frank Axe, LAFCO staff and others, has worked diligently to evaluate its options. Recently, a majority of landowners within the district consented to the dissolution of the district and formation of a non-governmental organization for road maintenance. The district board is proceeding with the drafting of a road association agreement with the continued assistance of Supervisor Frank Axe and private legal counsel.

The analysis and complete profile for the district is contained in the 2019 Municipal Services Review and is made a part of the record of this action by reference.

CEQA

LAFCO is the lead agency for the project. The Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and determined that it is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15061(b)(3) of the Public Resources Code, in that there is no change in services or service demand and no possibility that the project could have a negative effect on the environment (Notice of Exemption attached).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Hold the public hearing and determine a zero sphere of influence for Ridgewood Acres Community Services District.
2. Find that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) and direct staff to prepare a Notice of Exemption pursuant the California Code of Regulations.
3. Adopt Resolution #2019-03 as revised from January 2019, making determinations and adopting a zero sphere of influence of the Sunset Heights Community Services District.
4. Direct staff to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

Attachments: Resolution #2019-03 revised
Exhibit A: Determinations (No map)
Notice of Exemption

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RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND ADOPTING A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE RIDGEWOOD ACRES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

LAFCO RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-03

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act, commencing with §56000, et seq. of the Government Code, and specifically in accordance with §56425; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive municipal services review has been completed and was found by LAFCO to be adequate and complete on January 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a written statement of the functions and classes of services provided by the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District was filed with LAFCO in 2005 and no changes to these services have occurred since that time and include: Acquire, construct, improve, and maintain streets, roads rights-of-way, bridges, culverts, drains, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and any incidental works; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District has taken actions to proceed with dissolution of the district and intends to establish a private road association in the future; and

WHEREAS, at the times and in the form and manner required by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of the hearing by this Commission; and upon the date, time and place specified in said notice of hearing and in any order or orders continuing such hearing, the Commission has received, heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony related to the Sphere of Influence, including but not limited to comments, objections, the Executive Officer's written and oral report and recommendation, the environmental determination, the Municipal Services Review, previously adopted spheres of influence and proposed amendment to the historic sphere of influence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The adoption of the Sphere of Influence for the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) in that there is no possibility that the action taken by the Commission may have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Sphere of Influence of the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District is determined to be a zero sphere of influence and is approved to include no geographic area, in anticipation of the dissolution of the district. No map is attached.
3. Determinations with respect to the Sphere of Influence for the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District are set forth and described in the attached "Exhibit A" and are incorporated herein by this reference.
4. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to file a Notice of Exemption in compliance with

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the California Environmental Quality Act and local ordinances implementing the same.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 15st day of August, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Presiding Officer
Patrick Crew, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Mees, Commission Clerk
Amador Local Agency Formation Commission
Amador County, California

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Exhibit A TO LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND ADOPTING A ZERO SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE RIDGEWOOD ACRES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

1. No changes to the present and planned land uses in and around the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District are anticipated within the planning horizon of this sphere of influence, including agricultural and open space lands.
2. No changes in the present and probable need for public facilities and services in and around the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District are anticipated within the planning horizon of this sphere of influence.
3. The Board of Directors of the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District has secured a majority vote of the landowners to support dissolution of the district and formation of a private road association. Privatized services may be more cost effective and reliable than services currently provided by Ridgewood Acres Community Services District.
4. The Commission recognizes that the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District boundary currently includes parcels that do not receive services and are not assessed for services
5. The Commission recognizes that the District may not currently comply with most provisions of the laws governing the operations of community services districts.
6. The Commission recognizes that the Ridgewood Acres neighborhood is a community of social and economic interest and has not identified any other community of social and economic interest that is relevant to this sphere action.
7. The Commission recognizes that the Ridgewood Acres Community Services District boundary currently includes parcels that do not receive services and are not assessed for services.

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Notice of Exemption

TO: _____ Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
 County Clerk
County of Amador

FROM: Public Agency:
Amador LAFCO
810 Court Street, Jackson, 95642
Contact: 209-418-9377
amador.lafco@gmail.com

Project Title: Adopt a Zero Sphere of Influence for Ridgewood Acres CSD (RACSD)

Project Location - Specific: 1) RACSD is 4.5 miles from the intersection of SR49 and Ridge Rd;

Project Location - City: NA **Project Location - County:** Amador

Description of Project: Zero sphere of influence for RHECSD in anticipation of future exempt dissolution of the district.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Amador LAFCO

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Amador LAFCO

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial**
- Declared Emergency**
- Categorical Exemption** Section 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:**

Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15061(b)(3) of the Public Resources Code, no possibility that the project could have a negative effect on the environment.

Signature: _____ **Date:** 8/15/19 **Title:** Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency **Date received for filing at OPR:** _____
 Signed by Applicant

POSTED ON:

AGENDA ITEMS #12

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES
FROM: ROSEANNE CHAMBERLAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER)
SUBJECT: APPEAL OF FEES FOR FUTURE DISSOLUTION OF RIDGEWOOD ACRES CSD
DATE: MEETING AUGUST 15, 2019

BACKGROUND

Ridgewood Acres Community Services District (RACSD) expects to apply to LAFCO for a dissolution of the district in the near future. The Municipal Service Review identified issues and challenges facing the district and the government restructuring option of privatizing the road maintenance in the area served by the 32-parcel district.

Recently, a majority of landowners within the district consented to the dissolution of the district and the creation of a non-governmental association for road maintenance. The district board is proceeding with a road association agreement and a vote on the agreement. The Commission is considering a zero sphere of influence elsewhere on this agenda as a precursor to the dissolution.

COSTS

Staff estimates the LAFCO costs for dissolution of Ridgewood Acres CSD would not exceed \$820, and could be lower.

Total district revenues were \$3,246 in FY 18. The costs of the dissolution and formation of a private road association will be a significant hardship for the district. LAFCO project processing costs are directly charged to applicants based on time and materials for each project. The projected costs of the dissolution would include notice, staff time, copies and postage.

Published notice for a LAFCO hearing typically costs \$150. Assuming that other items on the agenda will also require published notice, the pro rata cost share for the dissolution would not be more than \$50. Mailed notice (copies and postage) for landowners and registered voters could cost \$50. Copies and postage for filings and distribution of the final action is less than \$20.

There is no filing fee to submit the dissolution to the State Board of Equalization. No fees are charged for filing the Notice of Exemption.

Staff work/cost can be minimized, with a projected maximum cost of \$5-700. This amount is based on recent dissolutions of CSA#3 and #7, and previous dissolution of CSA#2 and Rabb Park Community Services District.

ADOPTED POLICIES

2.2.2 Appeal of Fees {tc “2.2.3 Appeal of Fees” \I 3 }

Absent compelling circumstances, the Commission will not normally adjust or waive deposits and/or fees. (Approved May 27, 2004). LAFCO fees may be appealed before the Commission.

Appeals shall be submitted in writing with the application and contain specific justification for the request. The appeal will be considered at the next LAFCO hearing.

Project processing will not begin until a fee determination is rendered by LAFCO.

The Commission may waive, defer or reduce fees based on the determination that the payment of such fee will result in undue and extra hardship to the applicant that is not caused by the applicant's own action, and where it can be demonstrated that the project is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare (§56383 (d) & (f)).

The Commission will consider the budget impacts of any fee waivers or reductions.

DISCUSSION

The district's limited revenues have made it difficult, if not impossible, to comply with the requirements of being a government agency. The district will incur unavoidable costs to develop a road association and the necessary agreement to implement it. The district has submitted a request for fee waiver, attached hereto.

In the long term, the dissolution is in the public interest and will reduce LAFCOs ongoing costs for the preparation of Municipal Service Reviews, spheres of influence, routine district assistance, mapping, etc. Following dissolution, recurring work will be reduced in the county assessor's office and county auditor's office, including financial reviews, tax rate area maintenance, etc.

The dissolution represents a small but permanent public benefit in the overall cost of government within Amador County. These benefits outweigh the short-term small effect on the LAFCO budget. There is sufficient funding within the adopted budget to cover the cost of the dissolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission grant the appeal of LAFCO fees for the future dissolution of Ridgewood Acres CSD.

Attachment:

Letter from Ridgewood Acres CSD

RIDGEWOOD ACRES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RIDGEVIEW DRIVE

SUTTER CREEK, CA 95685

PATTI MILLER, PRESIDENT – (209) 296-5120 OR KANDPMILLER@VOLCANO.NET
MONICA BENNION, SECRETARY – (209) 625-6654 OR MOCHAMIX79@GMAIL.COM

August 7, 2019

Amador Local Agency Formation Commission
PO Box 22-1292
Sacramento, CA 95822-1922

Amador Local Agency Formation Commission
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

Re: Ridge Wood Acres Community Services District – Request for Fee Waiver

Dear Amador LAFCO Commission,

Please accept this letter as our request for a fee waiver of the LAFCO processing costs related to the dissolution of Ridge Wood Acres Community Services District due to financial hardship.

Should you require any additional information pertaining to the request or the dissolution, please contact me at (209) 625-6654.

Sincerely,



Monica Bennion
RACSD Secretary



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June 21, 2019

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request to Sign AB 1822
Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) respectfully requests that you sign **Assembly Bill 1822** (Assembly Local Government Committee) which is now before you for action. **AB 1822** makes changes and clarifications to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which governs the work of local agency formation commissions. These changes are necessary as commissions implement the Act and small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. **AB 1822** makes several minor technical changes, corrects obsolete and incorrect code references, and makes minor updates to outdated sections. Without making any policy changes, the revised language greatly clarifies the laws and eliminates outdated and confusing language, thereby creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

Because this legislation helps insure that the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state, and clearer to all who use the Act, we respectfully urge you to sign **AB 1822**.

Yours sincerely,

Roseanne Chamberlain
Executive Officer, Amador LAFCo

cc: Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
Jimmy MacDonald, Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
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