

FCSD							
Water Demand and Supply*							
Service Connections	Total	Inside Bounds	Outside Bounds				
Total	68	68	0				
Irrigation/Landscape	0	0	0				
Domestic	68	68	0				
Commercial/Industrial/Institutiona	0	0	0				
Recycled	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Average Annual Demand Information (Acre-Feet per Year) ¹							
	2000	2005	2010	2019	2020	2025	2030
Total	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Residential	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Commercial/Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irrigation/Landscape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water Sources							
Source	Type	Supply (Acre-Feet/Year)					
		Average	Maximum	Safe/Firm ²			
Not identified	Groundwater	18	194	48			
Supply Information (Acre-feet per Year) ³							
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Total	16	16	18	18	18	18	18
Imported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groundwater	16	16	18	18	18	18	18
Surface	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recycled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drought Supply and Plans							
Drought Supply (af)	Year 1: NP	Year 2: NP	Year 3: NP				
Significant Droughts	2012-2016, 2007-2009						
Storage Practices	Storage is for short-term emergencies only.						
Drought Plan	The District reported that it has had no problems with a shortage of water in dry years and implemented a water conservation plan in 2014; Plan for trucked-in water.						
Water Conservation Practices							
CUWCC Signatory	No						
Metering	Yes, but meters are monitored only in the summer.						
Conservation Pricing	Yes, between June 1 and October 1.						
Other Practices	The District sends out newsletters during the summer months to remind customers of ways to conserve. In addition, the District reported that it monitors usage in summer months to identify significant leaks.						
Notes:							
(*) Some connections are inactive. District indicates 2 connections have been cut off.							
(1) The District was unable to report the amount demanded annually, as it only monitors the meters between June 1 and October 1. Peak Day demand is 26,311 in July 2019. Approximately 800,000 gallons for August 2019.							
(2) Based on the Department of Health Services criteria for foothill groundwater, the firm yield is 25 percent of the tested pumping capacity.							
(3) Water supply projections are based on average annual demand, as there are no proposed developments within the District's service area.							

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Water Rates and Financing			
Domestic Water Rates-Ongoing Charges 2013			
	Rate Description	Avg. Monthly Charge	Consumption²
Residential	Base rate per month: \$60.00 (up to 10,000 gallons) \$2.00 for every additional 1,000 gallons <15,000 \$5.00 for every additional 1,000 gallons >15,000	\$60.00	250 gal/day
Special Rates			
Water rates are the same throughout the District.			
Rate-Setting Procedures			
Policy Description	FCSD evaluates costs and increases rates accordingly, as needed. To promote water conservation, the District charges metered rates June 1 - October 1.		
Most Recent Rate Change	January 2014	Frequency of Rate Changes	As needed
Water Development Fees and Requirements			
Connection Fee Approach	All new connections are charged a flat fee regardless of connection type to recoup time and capital costs associated with the new connection.		
Connection Fee Timing	After the building permit is approved.		
Connection Fee Amount	\$5,000/Single Family Unit		
Land Dedication Requirements	None		
Development Impact Fee	None		
Water Enterprise Revenue: FY 19			Expenditures FY 19
Source	Amount	%	Amount
Total	\$43,117	100%	Total \$60,231
Rates & charges	NP	NP	Administration NP
Assessment	NP	NP	O & M NP
Refund	NP	NP	Capital Depreciation NP
Interest	NP	NP	Debt NP
Connection Fees	NP	NP	Purchased Water NP
Other - County Loan	NP	NP	Capital Improvements NP
			Other NP
Notes:			
(1) Rates include water-related service charges and usage charges.			
(2) Water use assumptions were used to calculate average monthly bills. Assumed use levels are consistent countywide for comparison purposes.			
(3) The District provided financial information for LAFCO to identify water related revenues & expenditures in FY 18-19.			

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Water Service Adequacy, Efficiency & Planning Indicators			
Water Planning	Description		Planning Horizon
Water Master Plan	None		
UWMP	None, not required		
Capital Improvement Plan	None		
Emergency Response Plan	None		
Service Challenges			
The District did not report any service challenges; however, the District hopes to assess distribution system and lines in th near future.			
Service Adequacy Indicators (May not be directly relevant to limited part time staffing)			
Connections/FTE ¹	2,520	O&M Cost Ratio ²	NP
MGD Delivered/FTE	0	Distribution Loss Rate	Unknown
Distribution Breaks & Leaks	1	Distribution Break Rate ³	None
Response Time Policy	ASAP	Response Time Actual	Within 24 hours
Water Pressure Gravity	~40+ psi	Total Employees (FTEs)	0.25
Water Operator Certification			
The District is required to have a distribution system operator certified at D1 or above. The District's operator possesses a D1 certification.			
Drinking Water Quality Regulatory Information ⁴			
	#	Description	
Health Violations	0	None	
Monitoring Violations	0	None	
DW Compliance Rate ⁵	NP		
Notes:			
(1) Accurately updated in 2013.			
(2) Operations and maintenance costs (exc. purchased water, debt, depreciation) per volume (mgd) delivered.			
(3) Distribution break rate is the number of leaks and pipeline breaks per 100 miles of distribution piping as provided by District.			
(4) Violations since 1995, as reported by the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Information System and updated by the District			
(5) Drinking water compliance is percent of time in compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.			

WASTEWATER SERVICES

Nature and Extent

The community of Fiddletown relies on individual septic systems for wastewater disposal. Certain parcels along Dry Creek and parcels too small for a contained onsite septic system drain through a collection system into a community leach field. FCSD was authorized by LAFCO to provide wastewater services in 2006.¹⁶ There are 47 wastewater connections and an additional 13 parcels have rights to connect in the future.

The community leach field system located within FCSD bounds, previously owned by the County, was transferred to Fiddletown CSD in late 2010 following completion of the annexation of parcels receiving service.¹⁷ The leach field system includes wastewater collection and disposal services. FCSD maintains the leach field system and reported that no improvements have been needed or made to it since the transfer.¹⁸

FCSD collects all wastewater rates related to the system. Although district volunteers only occasionally provide necessary maintenance, such as vegetation removal after storms, the District reported approximately \$4,885 in sewer administration and operation costs in FY 19.

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the individual onsite septic systems, which provide a majority of the treatment process. The septic systems then connect to the community collection system.

Location

Wastewater services were previously provided within and outside of FCSD's bounds. The completion of LAFCO Project #257 annexed all property with sewer connections. Not every parcel within the District is permitted to connect to the community leach field system. A total of 47 parcels along Dry Creek, as well as certain neighboring properties too small for an individual septic system, are connected. An additional 13 have the right to connect to the system. Nearly every eligible parcel participated; the district estimates that approximately three or four did not participate.

Infrastructure

Key wastewater service infrastructure owned by the district includes the community leach field and 1.5 miles of PVC collection pipelines. The collection and disposal system was installed in 1999 by Amador County. The system was designed for a maximum of 78 parcels.¹⁹ Effluent is collected in individual onsite septic tanks where a majority of the

¹⁶ LAFCO Resolution 2006-03.

¹⁷ As reported by Mike Israel from Amador County via email in August 2013 and confirmed by Jane O'Riordan in January 2014 and August 2019.

¹⁸ As reported by Jane O'Riordan, January 2014.

¹⁹ Amador County, *Fiddletown Sewer System Description*, 1996, p. 3.

treatment occurs, then is collected into a shallow pressure-dosed drain field for percolation into the soil.

The District has completed most of the required and recommended repairs identified in the 2008 MSR. Two remaining issues include replacement of monitoring devices for the groundwater to verify no adverse impacts and placement of posts to facilitate locating inspection pipes. The District states that the monitor devices are not working and it does plan to replace them.

In the 2008 MSR, it was reported that there is a monitoring well network to ensure protection of nearby surface and subsurface waters; however, the District believes that no monitoring has been done.

There are no known defects in the sewer system. However, there have been routine breaks and repairs made in the line system that runs through town.²⁰ The District would like to perform a thorough assessment of the collection system in 2020 to identify specific needs.

Refer to the following tables for specifics on the District's wastewater system. Areas noted as "NP" indicate information for which the District did not provide an update during this MSR update process.

²⁰ Reported by Jane O'Riordan, July 3, 2019.

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/Policies				
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 12²				
	Connections			Flow (gallons)
Type	Total	Inside Bounds	Outside Bounds	Average³
Total	47	47	0	estimated 3,611
Residential	47	47	0	3,611
Commercial	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0
Projected Demand (in gallons per day)				
	2005⁴	2015	2025	Build-Out
Avg. dry weather flow	3,611	Not Monitored	NP	NP
Peak wet weather flow	3,611	Not Monitored	NP	NP
Note:				
(1) Information provided by District in 2019.				
(2) Information provided by District.				
(3) The District does not regularly monitor the meters to the leach field system and notes they are not working. The County provided a 3.5 year daily average flow (2008).				
(4) Indirectly 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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Wastewater Infrastructure			
Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Infrastructure			
System Overview			
Treatment level: A majority of treatment is completed in individual onsite septic systems. The District operates a community leach field; treatment level is unknown.			
Disposal method: All wastewater flow is disposed of in a community leach field to percolate into the soil.			
Facility Name	Capacity	Condition	Yr Built
Fiddletown Leach field	0.02 mgd	Fair	1999
Infrastructure Needs and Deficiencies			
Disposal infrastructure needs identified are flow & monitoring devices, assessment of collection system.			
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 District 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. Since 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 is responsible for the infrastructure and leach field properties, using paid outside contractors.			
Facility Sharing Opportunities			
The District did not identify opportunities for future facility sharing opportunities.			

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Wastewater Service Adequacy, Efficiency & Planning			
Regulatory Compliance Record, 2008-2012			
Formal Enforcement Actions	0	Informal Enforcement Actions	0
Service Adequacy Indicators			
Sewer Overflows 2012 ¹	0	Sewer Overflows 2011 ²	NA
Treatment Effectiveness Rate ³	NA ⁴	Sewer Overflow Rate ⁵	NA
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. There is no wastewater discharge.			
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 a volunteer and limited part time staff.			
Wastewater Planning			
Plan	Description	Planning Horizon	
Wastewater Master Plan	None	No Change in system	
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) .			
(2) Total number of overflows experienced (excluding those caused by customers).			
(3) Total number of non-compliance days not applicable to leach field treatment.			
(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 12¹				
	Rate Description	Avg. Monthly Charges	Demand²	
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 to 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			Expenditures FY 19	
Source	Amount	%	Amount	
Total	\$28,075	100%	Total	\$7,725
Rates & Charges	\$13,075	47%	Administration	\$4,885
Property Tax	\$0		O & M	\$1,250
Grants	\$0		Capital Depreciation	\$0
Interest	NP		Debt	\$0
Connection Fees	\$15,000	53%	Othe: Insurance	\$1,690
Other - Refund	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) No rate change since transfer from the County.				
(4) Connection charges likely due at time of connection.				
(5) Connection fee amount is calculated for a single-family home.				

SUMMARY OF DETERMINATIONS & FINDINGS

Growth and population projections

- ❖ Demand for services remains relatively constant for both water and wastewater services.
- ❖ Potential new connections for wastewater services are limited because the sewer system cannot be expanded. Demand for water services is also expected to remain relatively constant in the near future, as there are no planned or proposed developments within or adjacent to the District's boundary.

The location and characteristics of Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities within or contiguous to the agency's SOI

- ❖ There are no disadvantaged unincorporated communities within or adjacent to the District's service area based upon mapping information provided by the State of California Department of Water Resources.
- ❖ The County General Plan Housing Element further confirms that Fiddletown is not a disadvantaged community based on median household income. The community does not meet the criteria for disadvantaged unincorporated communities as defined by LAFCO policies.

Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs and deficiencies

- ❖ The existing water and wastewater facilities have the capacity to provide service to the current connections and to those parcels where the district has binding commitments to serve in the future. The water system can accommodate limited future growth and development within the boundaries. The wastewater system is not expandable and is not intended to serve additional connections. Any significant growth that requires wastewater services would necessitate a new sewer system.
- ❖ The District must appoint a general manager, as required by law.
- ❖ Internal tracking, monitoring and data collection for operations and system performance should be improved beyond the minimum requirements of outside regulators.
- ❖ The District should pro-actively begin long-term planning for all aspects of system management. Relying on the availability of grants and loans from other government agencies for capital and facility needs is not a substitute for responsible internal management for the sustainability of the water and wastewater systems.

- ❖ The wastewater treatment system is a passive system, however effective monitoring is necessary for the long term viability and safety of the system.
- ❖ The District is reactive to incidents such as obvious leaks and emergencies rather than proactive in managing the water distribution and wastewater collection systems. Assessment of both systems for leaks and trouble spots should be added to the District's long-term plans and maintenance efforts. A routine work plan for monitoring and maintaining the two systems is needed.
- ❖ Plans for long-term management of the system should be developed by the district, reviewed and/or updated annually.

Financial ability of agencies to provide services

- ❖ The District financials were recently audited and should be audited annually, as required by Government Code §53890. Recommendations of the audit need to be implemented by the Board, especially the requirement to adopt an annual budget. The District's Management Discussion and Analysis has not been done and would beneficially complete the audit.
- ❖ Financing is adequate to provide for short-term operations and limited administration such as billing and insurance.
- ❖ While it may be painful to raise rates paid by customers, the district cannot rely entirely on future grants and loans as its primary funding source for capital improvements or long-term maintenance needs. Ratepayers should be aware of the real costs of service, including both short-term and long-term costs such as regulatory costs, capital improvements and repairs, and facilities maintenance and replacement.
- ❖ Reserves levels should be established by district policy and a reserve fund maintained in a separate account. Banking balances held in local banks should not exceed the FDIC insurance limits. The district should consider investing in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), or another similar fund tailored to the needs of local government agencies. LAIF or similar investments could provide higher yields, liquidity, and security for the reserve funds.
- ❖ Plans for long-term management of the system, including financing plans, should be developed and adopted by the district, then reviewed and/or updated annually, concurrent with budget adoption and known short-term system needs.
- ❖ Options for implementation and potential funding sources should be explored and brought to the board for adding the water filtration component of the new water system, which was deferred due to limited grant funding.
- ❖ District wastewater rates may warrant an update to reflect deferred system monitoring, along with any additional maintenance responsibilities that come to light once monitoring is initiated and also as the system ages. Long-term cost-effectiveness of the system will become compromised without active

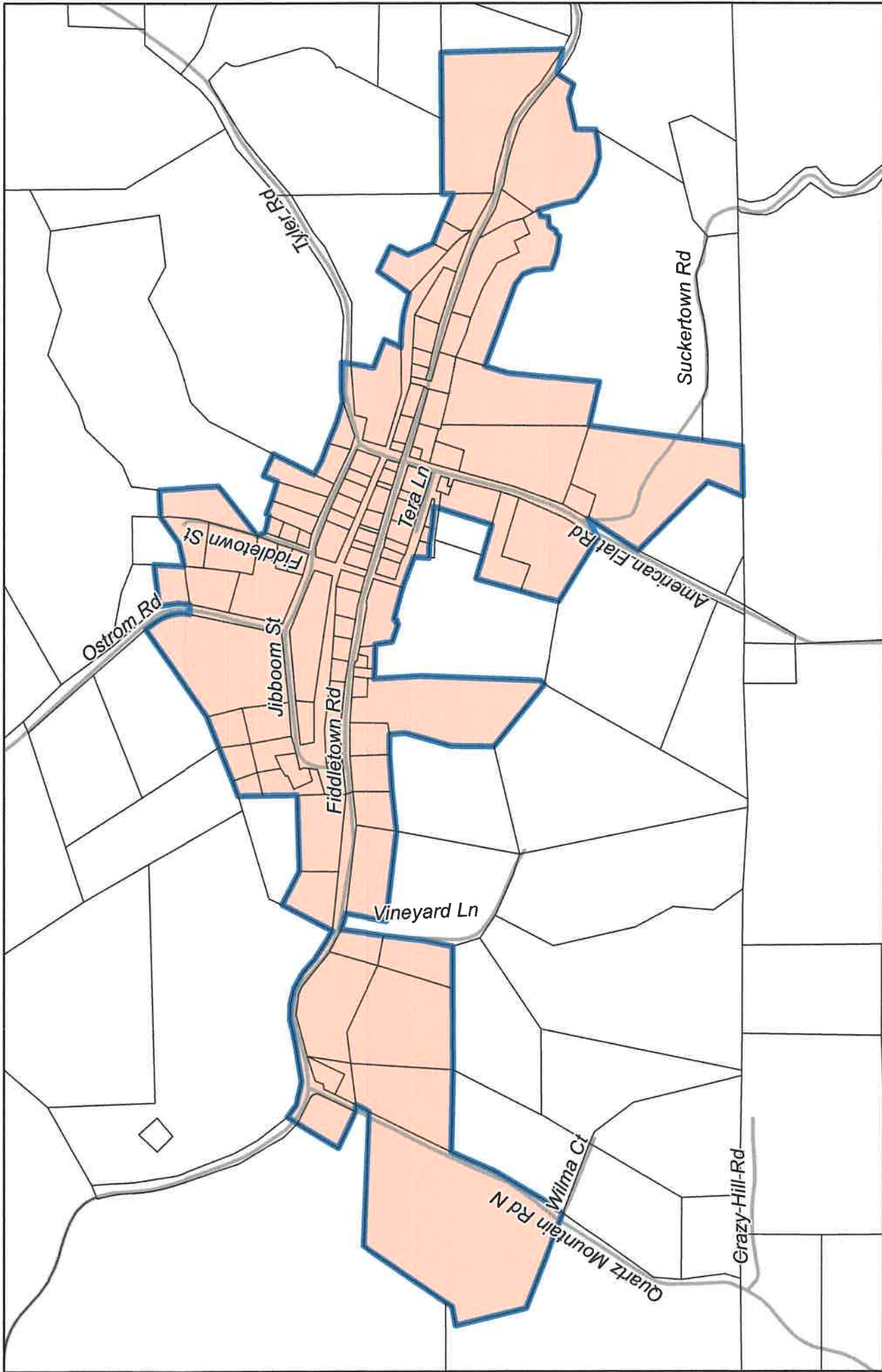
inspection and a reliable maintenance program, ultimately resulting in unanticipated costs to the taxpayers and ratepayers.

Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities

- ❖ No facility sharing opportunities were identified. Fiddletown is an isolated community with a stand-alone system.

Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies

- ❖ The District cooperated with LAFCO and the MSR process. Reliance on volunteers with limited time greatly constrains the public transparency and accountability of the District to its citizens.
- ❖ Accountability to local voters has been constrained by a lack of information and lack of contested elections. The District should coordinate with County Elections staff to maintain accurate terms of office for directors and notify the public when terms will be expiring or when a vacancy occurs. An open process will allow constituents to be aware of district opportunities and would be more democratic than current word-of-mouth recruitment efforts.
- ❖ Board members have not completed training for Ethics, Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, etc., and records of these requirements are not available at the District as required by state law. Understanding and implementing these requirements will reduce potential financial risk as well as improving access to District processes.
- ❖ Compiling existing adopted policies/bylaws and organizing the separate regulatory actions of the District would be useful to the administration of the district. Updates or new policies/bylaws could be identified and adopted, such as wastewater bylaws.
- ❖ Position descriptions and defined responsibilities for each staff and board member, coupled with regular performance evaluations would ensure better accountability internally and also to the public.
- ❖ Establishing an effective website, as required by SB 929 will improve citizen access to information about the district and will allow access to public documents, such as financial information.
- ❖ One government restructuring option is transferring water and wastewater infrastructure and services to Amador Water Agency.



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



Fiddletown Community Services District

Boundary and Coterminus Sphere of Influence

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AMADOR LAFCO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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: 1) Fiddletown Community Service District Municipal Services Review
Pursuant to Government Code 56430

Project Location – 1) Fiddletown, northwestern Amador County, along Fiddletown Road

Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Project: Review of two local government service providers

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Amador LAFCO

Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Amador LAFCO

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1);15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3);15269(a);
- Categorical Exemption. State type and selection number:
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21102, 21150

Reasons why project is exempt: Descriptive and Planning Studies for Possible Future Action for which funding has not been approved.

Signature: _____ Date: 10/17/19 Title: Executive Officer

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

POSTED ON:

AGENDA ITEMS #9

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES
FROM: ROSEANNE CHAMBERLAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: ADOPT/AFFIRM THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT RESOLUTION #2019-19, LAFCO PROJECT #319
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
DATE: MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2019

DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND

The Government Code requires the Commission to adopt and update as needed the spheres of influence of each district and city every five years. The Fiddletown Community Services District (FCSD) sphere of influence was adopted in 2010, affirmed in 2014 (Resolution #2014-09). It includes all the parcels within the district.

The 2019 Municipal Services Review (MSR) review for Fiddletown Community Services District is contained elsewhere in this agenda packet. Determinations regarding the district were made in Resolution #2019-18. Those determinations are consistent with affirming the existing sphere of influence. While the district board has not formally decided in a public meeting to request a coterminous sphere, the MSR committee (one board member and the manager) agree that the logical sphere for Fiddletown CSD is to affirm the current coterminous sphere of influence.

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 whether the previously adopted, coterminous sphere of influence should be affirmed unchanged for Fiddletown 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 #2019-19, making determinations and affirming the existing coterminous sphere of influence of the Fiddletown Community Services District.
4. Direct staff to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

Attachments: Resolution #2019-19
Exhibit A: Map
Exhibit B: Determinations
Notice of Exemption

AMADOR LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND AFFIRMING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

LAFCO RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-19

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 pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 56430 on October 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the functions and classes of services provided by the Fiddletown Community Services District are as follows:

- Supply water for any beneficial uses, in the same manner as a municipal water district, formed pursuant to the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, Division 20 (commencing with Section 71000) of the Water Code (service specified in 2005),
- Community wastewater treatment (service added March 2006); and

WHEREAS, in 2004 and 2006, LAFCO approved sphere amendments to include parcels outside district boundaries which are receiving service, and the annexation of these parcels was completed in 2010 and the boundaries and sphere of influence of the district are coterminous; 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

WHEREAS, upon the date, time and place specified in said notice of hearing and in any order or orders containing 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 document and determination, plans for providing service, previously adopted spheres of influence and proposed amendments;

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

1. The adoption of the Sphere of Influence for the Fiddletown 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.

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

2. The Sphere of Influence of the Fiddletown Community Services District is affirmed and approved as shown on the attached map marked "Exhibit A", and is coterminous to the current boundaries of the District.
3. Determinations with respect to the Sphere of Influence for the Fiddletown Community Services District are set forth and described in the attached "Exhibit B" and are incorporated herein by this reference.
4. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to file a Notice of Exemption in compliance with 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 17th day of October, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

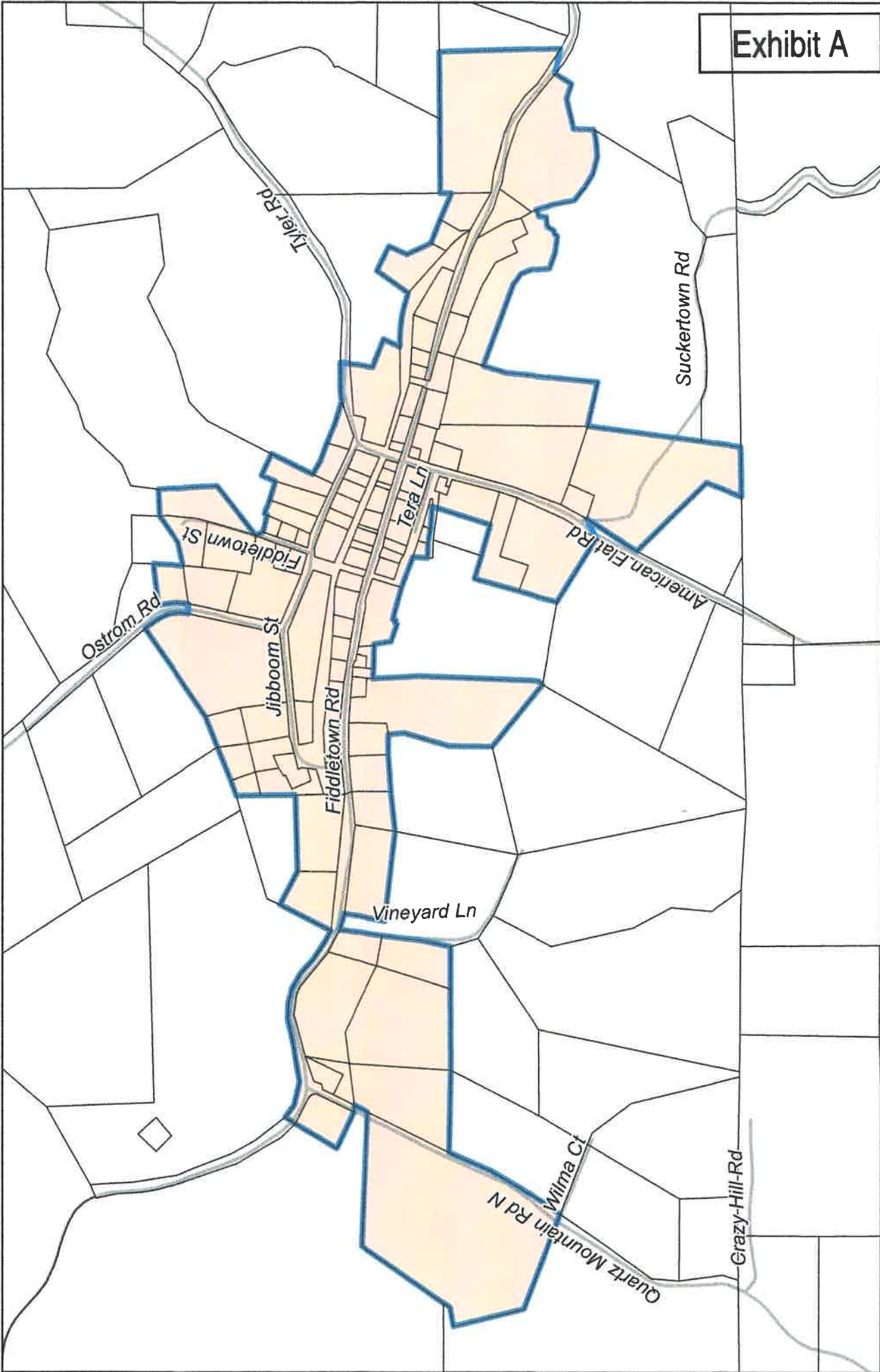
ABSENT:

Presiding Officer
Patrick Crew, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

Exhibit A



- Fiddletown CSD SOI
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Exhibit B TO LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19

RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND AFFIRMING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE FIDDLETOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

1. No changes to the present and planned land uses in and around the Fiddletown Community Services District are anticipated, including agricultural and open space lands.
2. No changes in the present and probable need for public facilities and services in and around the Fiddletown Community Services District are anticipated.
3. The Commission recognizes that the present capacity of public facilities and the adequacy of public services that the Fiddletown Community Services District provides, or is authorized to provide, are adequate.
4. The Commission recognizes that the Fiddletown Community Services District is a community of social and economic interest.

AMADOR LAFCO
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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: Affirm the Existing Sphere of Influence for Fiddletown Community Services District

Project Location - Specific: Fiddletown Community, northwestern Amador County, Fiddletown Road

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

Description of Project: Affirm the current spheres of influence for FCSD

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, 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

Signature: _____ **Date:** 10/17/19 **Title:** Executive Officer

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

POSTED ON:

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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ORDER NUMBER 2019-15CA
Making Determinations and Ordering the
Pine Grove CSD Service Area Annexation
LAFCO Project No. 324

Hearing Date: September 19, 2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, Division 3 of Title 5 of the California Government Code, the Pine Grove CSD Service Area Annexation was approved by the Amador Local Agency Formation Commission August 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO Resolution No. 2019-15 making determinations, adding conditions and approving the Pine Grove CSD Service Area Annexation is attached and made a part of this order; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2019, the Executive Officer of LAFCO published, posted and mailed notice of the protest hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 57000, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, on Hearing Date, after the conclusion of the public hearing specified in the notice of public hearing, the value of written protests filed and not withdrawn is found to be less than 25% of the number of owners of land owning less than 25% of the assessed value of the land within the territory. The number of valid protests filed and not withdrawn is zero.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the territory described in the attached Exhibit A be subject to the following changes of organization:

Annexation to the Pine Grove Community Services District

2. The reason for the change of organization is to annex properties that are currently being served by the district and have historically received service without annexation.

I, Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Amador County, and Hearing Officer for Conducting Authority Proceedings as delegated by the Local Agency Formation Commission under Government Code §57000(c), do hereby certify these protest proceedings and determinations, and order the changes of organization specified above.

Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer

Date

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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October 4, 2019

John Gedney, Executive Director
Amador County Transportation Commission
117 Valley View Way
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Subject: ACTC Internship Program Planning Grant

Dear Mr. Gedney,

I am writing on behalf of Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in support of the Amador County Transportation Commission (ACTC) Internship Program. LAFCO enthusiastically supports the ACTC's pursuit of funding to expand its transportation planning internship program.

LAFCO is a boundary commission with indirect land use authorities and certain planning functions. We coordinate local government services, growth and land use in the conduct of our research and city or special district boundary changes. Our agency and the citizens of Amador County derive great benefit from the work done at ACTC. We have had several opportunities to work with your transportation planning interns in the past and know that they experience excellent training at ACTC while providing substantial work to assist ACTC accomplish its mission.

Bringing interns to ACTC and expanding their role to include all aspects of transportation planning will increase the agency's capacity to address transportation needs in Amador County. Planning for a robust transportation network is a necessary step towards ensuring a sustainable and equitable future for the citizens, cities and special districts. We certainly hope that your internship program will be able to continue to contribute to the effectiveness of ACTC and local government services in the future. Thank you for the opportunity to support this excellent program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roseanne Chamberlain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roseanne Chamberlain
Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM # 11(C)

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES
FROM: ROSEANNE CHAMBERLAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT
DATE: MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2019

Periodically, I prepare a written report with highlights of LAFCO staff activities to inform the commission of various work efforts and the status of ongoing projects which are not otherwise on the agenda.

- I have been working to support Volcano CSD and Sutter Creek Fire Protection to review and provide information for the update of their respective Municipal Services Reviews. As of this writing, it has been more than four months since our initial efforts to engage with these two districts. I attended the Volcano CSD board meeting on October 3 and persuaded them to designate two board members to shepherd the MSR update. The Sutter Creek FPD work is still pending.
- The changes and corrections provided to the State Board of Equalization resulting from our mapping research work have been used to modify their Tax Rate Area maps. Their revised maps will be transmitted to the county early next year. Cindy Engle, ACTC GIS staff, has done an outstanding job working with me through the records to make the needed revisions. There are still challenges, primarily imbedding the corrected maps into the county's GIS system. If that could occur, the real boundaries would be accessible to county staff and the public, via the county website. In part, those challenges relate to Cindy's time constraints due to priority projects at ACTC. The verified data is available through ACTC and can hopefully be adapted into the county software soon.
- I continue bi-monthly meetings with the fire chiefs and have had several meetings with Walt White of AFPD as a lead-up to the MSR for AFPD. While issues related to first response areas may not yet be fully resolved, the accurate mapping of each fire district's boundaries was provided to CALFire Dispatch in Camino.
- The State Controller's Office expects to list Willow Springs Water District as an inactive district on the 2020 listing, expected in January, which will lead to dissolution of that district.

- I spoke to the incoming Grand Jury, providing an orientation to LAFCO and our Amador special districts. The overview of the organization and structure of local government in Amador County will assist their efforts and reduce the time required of me to assist with specific investigations.
- The multi-agency Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting was held on 9/25/19 and I was invited and was able to attend. While LAFCO does not have a direct role in preparing the multi-agency hazard mitigation plan itself, information derived from the Municipal Service Reviews may be helpful to major participants to ensure the plan addresses smaller districts and less well-known emergency resources.
- Several inquiries via telephone calls or emails have come in for potential annexations to Drytown County Water District and Pine Grove CSD. Information forms, website links, etc., were provided.
- Formation of a road association for Ridgewood Acres is still pending. Once the alternate service provider is likely to be established, LAFCO can proceed with the dissolution.
- All five small water providers in Amador County are headed by women. (Fiddletown CSD, Pine Grove CSD, Drytown County Water District, River Pines PUD, Volcano CSD) I have proposed a networking group among these general managers to enhance the ability of the small districts to share best practices with each other, exchange ideas for administrative and regulatory compliance, and generally provide mutual support.