

AMADOR LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND ADOPTING A ZERO SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR LOCKWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

LAFCO RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-02

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, the municipal services review update for Lockwood Fire Protection District (LFPD) has been completed and found by LAFCO (the Commission) to be adequate and complete on June 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the active powers, functions and classes of services of the LFPD are fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical response (basic life support). All other powers enumerated in the fire protection district law are considered latent (inactive) pursuant to California Government Code §56824.10, et.seq.; and

WHEREAS, LFPD and Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) have both made application to LAFCO for reorganizations both of LFPD and AFPD, more specifically, for LFPD to be annexed into AFPD, for LFPD to be dissolved, and for AFPD to be designated as the successor agency, and their respective resolutions making application to LAFCO are substantially similar; and

WHEREAS, AFPD as successor agency will provide fire protection and emergency medical services for the former LFPD territory; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO has amended the AFPD sphere of influence to make the AFPD sphere of influence coterminous with the boundaries of the LFPD sphere of influence (LAFCO Resolution 2024-01, approved September 19, 2024); 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 determination, the municipal services review for each agency, and previously adopted spheres of influence.

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

1. The adoption of the Zero Sphere of Influence for the Lockwood Fire Protection 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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2. The Sphere of Influence of the Lockwood Fire Protection District is determined and amended to a zero sphere of influence consistent with the Determinations made herein, and in anticipation of a change of organization to reorganize Amador Fire Protection District to annex Lockwood Fire Protection District to Amador Fire Protection District , to designate Amador Fire Protection District as the successor agency to Lockwood Fire Protection District, and to dissolve the Lockwood Fire Protection District. No map is attached.
3. Determinations with respect to the Sphere of Influence for the Lockwood Fire Protection 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 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 19th day of September, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Presiding Officer
Patrick Crew, Chairman

ATTEST:

Erin Seever, Commission Clerk
Amador Local Agency Formation Commission
Amador County, California

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Exhibit A TO LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

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1. No significant changes to the present and planned land uses in and around the Lockwood Fire Protection District are anticipated within the planning horizon of this sphere of influence, including uses of agricultural and open space lands.
2. No changes in the present and probable need for public facilities and services in and around the Lockwood Fire Protection District are anticipated within the planning horizon of this sphere of influence.
3. The Commission recognizes that the present capacity of public facilities and the adequacy of public services that the Amador Fire Protection District will provide, or is authorized to provide, are adequate for the area served or anticipated to be served.
4. The Commission recognizes that the Amador Fire Protection District sphere of influence has been amended to include all territory within the Lockwood Fire Protection District boundaries and sphere of influence as it previously existed prior to the Commission approving this resolution (LAFCO Resolution 2024-01, approved September 19, 2024).
5. The Commission does not find or determine that there are any specific communities of social or economic interest that are relevant to the to the sphere of influence of the Lockwood Fire Protection District.