

AMADOR LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS, AMENDING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

LAFCO RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-1

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 municipal services review update for Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) has been completed and was found by LAFCO to be adequate and complete on July 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the functions and classes of services provided by the Amador Fire Protection District are identified in the municipal services review as: fire protection and suppression, rescue, emergency medical response, hazardous material emergency response, technical rescue, community risk reduction and related services for the protection of lives and property, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §13800 - 13970; and

WHEREAS, the nature, extent and location of services provided by the Amador Fire Protection District are described in the Municipal Services Review; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO has previously adopted a sphere of influence for the district (August 19, 2021, LAFCO Resolution 2021-10); and

WHEREAS, LAFCO has researched and verified the boundaries of fire protection districts and cities within the county based on formation records and recorded documents and has adopted a sphere of influence for Lockwood Fire Protection District (LFPD) that includes small areas within the AFPD boundaries; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO anticipates reorganizing LFPD and AFPD to annex LFPD to AFPD and also to amend the AFPD sphere of influence to include and be coterminous with the boundaries of the LFPD sphere of influence and also anticipates amending the LFPD to a zero sphere of influence; 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, boundaries, previously adopted spheres of influence and municipal service review;

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

1. The amendment of the Sphere of Influence for the Amador Fire Protection District is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) of the Public Resources Code 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 Amador Fire Protection District is determined and approved as shown on the attached map marked "Exhibit A", and includes the unincorporated area of Amador county and the Lockwood Fire Protection District Sphere of Influence, excluding the boundaries of the Sutter Creek FPD, Jackson Valley FPD, Kirkwood Meadows PUD, and the incorporated cities of Lone and Jackson. The sphere area includes the city of Plymouth (per contract).
3. Determinations with respect to the Sphere of Influence for the Amador Fire Protection 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 19th day of September, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Presiding Officer
Patrick Crew, Chairman

ATTEST:

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

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Exhibit B TO LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

RESOLUTION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND ADOPTING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. Significant changes to the present and planned land uses in the sphere area for Amador Fire Protection District and the sphere area for Lockwood Fire Protection District are not anticipated within the time frame for this sphere of influence.
2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in and around the Amador Fire Protection District (AFPD) and in and around the Lockwood Fire Protection District (LFPD) are not anticipated to substantially change. The Commission finds that the available funding and the organizational structure of fire and emergency service for AFPD, upon reorganization and annexing LFPD into AFPD will be sufficient and appropriate in the near and long term to provide adequate and appropriate fire protection and emergency medical services within the former LFPD sphere, upon annexation and inclusion into the AFPD sphere.
3. The Commission recognizes that the present capacity of public facilities and the adequacy of public services that the Amador Fire Protection District provides, or is authorized to provide, are adequate given the limits of available revenues and local community needs.
4. Agriculture, including agricultural and open space lands, is not anticipated to significantly change, nor to be affected by the adoption of the sphere of influence.
5. Communities of social or economic interest are identified within the boundaries of the district, and services and overall service levels in these communities are anticipated to remain unchanged.