
AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES
FROM: BYRON DAMIANI JR., EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: **AMDENDMENT OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; LAFCO PROJECT #343; RESOLUTION #2024-1**
DATE: MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

BACKGROUND:

LAFCO is initiating the amendment of this sphere of influence pursuant to Government Code §56425(g). The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act requires that proposed changes of organization must be consistent with the relevant spheres of influence. Both Lockwood Fire Protection District and Amador Fire Protection District have made application to LAFCO to initiate proceedings to reorganize both districts to annex LFPD into AFD, to dissolve LFPD, and to designate AFD as the successor agency. Their respective resolutions are substantially similar. The Executive Officer's report and recommendations regarding the reorganization and associated resolution are contained elsewhere in this agenda. The Executive Officer's report and recommendations and associated resolution regarding reducing the LFPD sphere of influence to zero are also contained elsewhere in this agenda.

Staff proposes amending the sphere of influence for Amador Fire Protection District (AFD) to include the Lockwood Fire Protection District (LFPD) sphere of influence in its entirety, in anticipation of the LFPD sphere of influence being reduced to zero and the reorganization of LFPD and AFD wherein LFPD is annexed into AFD, LFPD is dissolved, and AFD is designated as the successor agency. This sphere amendment for AFD is made in anticipation of the subsequent annexation of the LFPD area into AFD.

The map showing the AFD sphere of influence with the LFPD sphere of influence annexed into it is shown as Exhibit A (map attached).

The Municipal Services Review (MSR) update for Amador Fire Protection District has been completed and was reviewed by the Commission (July 15, 2021). Determinations regarding the MSR are part of LAFCO Resolution #2021-06, adopted July 15, 2021. The analysis and complete profile for the district is contained in the MSR and the commission's record of proceedings for the MSR is made a part of this action by reference. The AFD sphere of influence was adopted August 19, 2021 (LAFCO Resolution 2021-10).

CEQA:

The amendment of the sphere of influence for AFPD to include LFPD in anticipation of the subsequent annexation 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 possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment. Note that the annexation itself is also exempt under CEQA (Notice of Exemption for the SOI amendment is attached).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Determine, amend, and adopt the sphere of influence for Amador Fire Protection District as described above.
2. Find that the amendment of this sphere of influence for the Amador Fire Protection District is exempt from the provision of CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) of the Public Resources Code.
3. Approve LAFCO Resolution # 2024-1 (attached), making determinations and amending and adopting the sphere of influence for the Amador Creek Fire Protection District.
4. Direct the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption in compliance with CEQA.

Attachments: Resolution #2024-1
Exhibit A: Map
Notice of Exemption