
AGENDA ITEM # 8

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES

FROM: BYRON DAMIANI, JR, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT AND ADOPTION OF A ZERO SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR LOCKWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT; RESOLUTION #2024-02; LAFCO PROJECT#344

DATE: MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND

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 AFPD, to dissolve LFPD, and to designate AFPD as the successor agency. Their respective resolutions are substantially similar. The Executive Officer's report and recommendations regarding the reorganization and associated resolution is contained elsewhere in this agenda.

The Commission has considered and adopted a resolution to amend the sphere of influence for AFPD (LAFCO Resolution 2024-1, adopted September 19, 2024) and will consider a resolution to reorganize AFPD, dissolve LFPD, and designate AFPD the successor agency to LFPD.

CEQA

The adoption of a Zero Sphere of Influence for LFPD 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 possibility that the project could have a significant effect on the environment (Notice of Exemption attached).

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Public Resources Code because there is no possibility that the action could have a significant effect on the environment; direct staff to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption pursuant the California Code of Regulations.

2. Hold the public hearing and adopt LAFCO Resolution #2024-02, making determinations and setting a zero sphere of influence for Lockwood Fire Protection District.
3. Direct staff to complete the necessary filings and transmittals as required by law.

Attachments: Resolution #2024-2
Notice of Exemption