

**SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. LAFC 1279
ADOPTION OF WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS FOR THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND
SPHERE OF INFLUENC UPDATE for
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT
(07-04)**

WHEREAS, Section 56430 of the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires that LAFCo's conduct municipal service reviews prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of actions to establish a Sphere of Influence (SOI) as defined in Section 56076, and in accordance with Section 56425 or Section 56426.5, or update a SOI pursuant to Section 56425; and

WHEREAS, as part of such reviews, LAFCo's must compile and evaluate service-related information and make written determinations regarding infrastructure needs or deficiencies, growth and population projections for the affected area, financing constraints and opportunities, cost avoidance opportunities, opportunities for rate restructuring, opportunities for shared facilities, government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of consolidation or reorganization of service providers, evaluation of management efficiencies, and local accountability and governance; and

WHEREAS, the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION initiated a municipal service review of the SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT, in the County of Sacramento, on April 7, 2004; and

WHEREAS staff of the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION consulted with district personnel, affected and interested agencies, interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION issued a Draft Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update of the SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT on May 5, 2004, and provided a 28-day public comment review period of said document to the date of June 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION considered the data, recommendations and determinations contained in the Draft Municipal Service Review at a noticed public hearing held on June 2, 2004, and received all oral testimony and evidence which was made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given the opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter relating to the review; and

WHEREAS, the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION prepared the Final MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND UPDATED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT, dated June 2, 2004, incorporating comments received where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION considered the data, recommendations and determinations contained in the Final Municipal Service Review at a noticed public hearing held on June 2, 2004, and received all oral testimony and evidence which was made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given the opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter relating to the review, its data, recommendations and determinations; and

WHEREAS, the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION considered project related environmental factors and determined that the subject project is Exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3), attached hereto as Exhibit A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to powers provided in Section 56430 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, that the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sacramento adopts written determinations as set forth in Exhibit A, MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND UPDATED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT, dated June 2, 2004.

Sphere of Influence Determination:

The Sphere of Influence for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District shall remain coterminous with its current District boundary.

Municipal Service Review Determinations:

- a. Regarding infrastructure needs or deficiencies, the Commission determines the Districts currently have no unmet infrastructure needs or existing deficiencies at the current levels of coverage and service response. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District is an effective fire district as it relates to emergency responses related to fire, medical aid and other critical services. The District will need to continue updating its fire stations and rolling stock to keep pace with federal and state regulations, obsolescence, and population growth brought on by new development. The District has defined a 20-year plan to deal with new infrastructure needs, as well as replacement and augmentation of rolling stock.***

- b. Regarding growth and population projections for the affected area, the Commission determines the District is capable of providing service that includes the growth and population projections for the affected territory for the next five years.*
- c. Regarding financing constraints and opportunities, the Commission determines that the District has no serious financing constraints at this time.*
- d. Regarding cost avoidance opportunities, the Commission determines that the District uses its best efforts to take advantage of all reasonable cost avoidance opportunities.*
- e. Regarding opportunities for rate restructuring, the Commission determines that the District's Tax Rate Area method of financing is reasonable for providing emergency services. The Commission further determines that new development should bear the cost of infrastructure and services provided to it through properly calculated development impact fees. The Commission further determines that the fees charged for ambulance services and inspection services are an appropriate method of recovering the full cost of these services.*
- f. Regarding opportunities for shared facilities, the Commission determines that the District shares facilities with other agencies and continually reviews new opportunities to do so.*
- g. Regarding government structure options, including advantages and disadvantages of consolidation or reorganization of service providers, the Commission determines that the District currently provides services primarily to a specific geographic area. Through past reorganizations, the District has demonstrated that several economies of scale have been realized in the areas of administration, budgeting, insurance, purchasing, infrastructure and staffing. There appears to be considerable merit to the concept of regionalization of emergency services, to reduce costs, improve coverage and response times, and reduce confusion and ambiguity for citizens in the area.*
- h. Regarding evaluation of management efficiencies, the Commission determines the District operates with a high degree of efficiency and professional cooperation with other agencies.*

- i. *Regarding local accountability and governance, the Commission determines that the District's Board of Directors represents an adequate level of special district accountability and governance, and the District has done an exceptional job of providing public outreach and has fostered public participation.*

ADOPTED by the SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION at a regular meeting of said Commission, held on the second day of June, 2004, as moved by Commissioner _____, and seconded by Commissioner _____, by the following vote of the Commission:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

*Illa Collin, Chair
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission*

ATTEST:

*Marilyn Ann Flemmer
Commission Clerk*

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Attachments:

*Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act
Municipal Service Review and Updated Sphere of Influence for
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District.*

6/02/04

(Reso 1279 Metro Fire MSR)