



September 23, 2015

To: Cities of Colma, Brisbane, Daly City, and Pacifica
 Bayshore Sanitary District
 Broadmoor Police Protection District
 Colma Fire Protection District
 Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District
 North Coast County Water District
 North San Mateo County Sanitation District
 County of San Mateo
 Broadmoor Property Owners' Association
 Other Interested Agencies

Subject: Adopted North County Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study

Summary

On September 16, 2015, the San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) accepted the Final North County Municipal Service Review, adopted determinations, and reaffirmed the spheres of influence for the North County cities and special districts. The Commission took these actions after many months of preparation and circulation of the report and substantial written and public comment received at a noticed public hearing that was opened on July 15, 2015 and continued to September 16, 2015. Attached please find the resolution and determinations for the North County cities and special districts. Also attached are maps for each agency and a glossary of LAFCo terms. You can view the report and associated documents at www.sanmateolafco.com.

Purpose of Municipal Service Reviews and Sphere of Influence Updates

The State legislature created LAFCos in each county of the State to regulate the boundaries of cities and special districts. LAFCos operate according to Government Code Sections 56000 and 57000 et seq. These government code sections establish LAFCos' authority to regulate boundaries by adopting State-mandated spheres of influence for each city and district and periodically preparing municipal service reviews and sphere of influence updates. A sphere of influence is the plan for probable physical boundaries and service areas of a local agency, city, or special district as determined by the Commission. Spheres can also designate a plan for future governance of a city or district. Cities and special districts cannot provide services outside their sphere of influence except in very limited circumstances.

Spheres of Influence

The following summarizes the reaffirmed spheres of influence:

City of Brisbane	City boundary plus the adjacent Guadalupe Valley Quarry and the California Fish and Wildlife lands in Owl and Buckeye Canyons
Guadalupe Valley Municipal Improvement District	Zero; that services could be assumed by the City of Brisbane and the District could be dissolved

Bayshore Sanitary District	Zero; that services could be assumed by the Cities of Daly City and Brisbane and the District could be dissolved
City of Daly City	City boundary plus Broadmoor Village and Unincorporated Colma
North San Mateo County Sanitation District	Coterminous (same as district boundaries)
Town of Colma	Coterminous (same as city boundaries)
Colma Fire Protection District	Zero; that services could be assumed by the City of Daly City and/or provided by contract and the District could be dissolved
Broadmoor Police Protection District	Zero; that services could be assumed by the City of Daly City and the District could be dissolved
City of Pacifica	City boundary plus predominantly open space lands, including portions of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area, the State and County park systems, and protected watersheds
North Coast County Water District	Coterminous with the recommendation that the district be established as a subsidiary district of the City of Pacifica

While spheres of influence are regulatory in that annexation or organizational change applications must be consistent with the sphere in order to receive LAFCo approval, spheres of influence do not change the operating authority or boundaries of cities and districts. All changes in the governance or boundaries of cities and special districts must be initiated by either a public agency or by landowner or voter petition. In regard to areas served by Broadmoor Police Protection District and Colma Fire Protection District, the City of Daly City is on record that it will not initiate a LAFCo application and the Town of Colma endorses continued existence of both districts. Additionally, Commission discussion acknowledged that in many instances, State law under which LAFCos operate conflict with special district and community preferences but do not directly affect service delivery patterns and future implementation of spheres is dependent upon community and agency support.

Municipal Service Review Determinations

LAFCo adopted determinations for each agency that include observations and recommendations in areas concerning budgeting practice, fiscal stability, accountability, and efficiencies. We recommend that each agency share this information with your board or council and staff and take action where necessary. Please feel free to contact me regarding the attached resolution and accompanying documents.

Sincerely,



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cc: LAFCo Commissioners