

DATE: March 7, 2008

TO: Members, Local Agency Formation Commission  
Interested Agencies and Individuals

FROM: Peter Banning, Executive Officer  
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SUBJECT: Stinson Beach Area Service Review & Sphere of Influence Update

The staff report and recommendations for the Stinson Beach Area Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update are released herewith and posted on the LAFCO website at [lafco.marin.org](http://lafco.marin.org). The report (attached) has been distributed to public agencies and interested persons who have provided information for the study. The Commission is scheduled to open the public hearing on the report and recommendations at its March 13, 2008 meeting and to continue the hearing for additional testimony and comment to the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting.

The report contains descriptive material on how local government services are provided by local agencies in the Stinson Beach area and staff's recommendations for updating the sphere of influence of affected agencies as required by Sections 56425 and 56430 of the Government Code. These code sections require LAFCO to review adopted spheres of influence every five years. Under this requirement, the spheres of influence of the Stinson Beach County Water District, Stinson Beach Fire Protection District, and County Service Area #33 will be reviewed again in 2013. The Commission has also adopted policies and procedures for reviewing adopted spheres of influence at the request of interested parties as conditions warrant during the five-year interval between periodic reviews.

During the public hearings, staff will recap the contents of the report and correspondence received; respond to the Commission's questions and correct any reporting errors identified in testimony. The Commission will receive testimony from all interested persons on the content and recommendations in the report. The anticipated schedule of hearings is planned to allow public testimony for any of the spheres of influence under study to be heard by the Commission during a minimum of two separate Commission meetings.

## Environmental Review

In the case of the proposed actions recommended in this report, there would be no change to the existing spheres of influence for the Stinson Beach County Water District, Stinson Beach Fire Protection District, or CSA #33 and no extension of service to new areas is inherent in this action. Section 15320 of the State CEQA Guidelines provides exemption for LAFCO actions where the geographical area in which previously existing powers of local government (e.g. provision of services) is not changed. Staff will accordingly prepare a Certificate of Exemption, unless otherwise directed by the Commission.

## Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Receive the staff report and presentation for the Stinson Beach Area Service Review and Sphere of influence Update;
2. Open the public hearing and receive testimony on the report and recommendations;
3. Continue the public hearing to the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting to provide time for review and comment by affected agencies, organizations and individuals;
4. Direct staff to respond to public comments during the course of the hearing and to clarify the content of the report where necessary; and
5. Adopt the Resolutions updating the service review and spheres of influence of the Stinson Beach County Water District, Stinson Beach Fire Protection District, and CSA #33 at the May 8, 2008 Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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