

**MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 06-08

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF  
THE LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission is required to periodically review and update adopted spheres of influence for each city and special district within Marin County under Government Code Section 56425; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Officer has conducted a study of the adopted spheres of influence of local government agencies in the San Rafael area, prepared a report, including his recommendations thereon, the report having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing by this Commission was held on the *San Rafael Area Service Review and Spheres of Influence* and staff's recommendations contained in that report on the date and at the time noticed thereof, and at the hearing this Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the proposal and the Executive Officer's report.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based upon the information contained in the Executive Officer's report, correspondence from affected agencies and information received during the public hearings, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER** as follows:

Section 1. The sphere of influence of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District is hereby amended to include all areas currently within the boundary and sphere of influence of the District as of the date of this resolution except for the exclusion of the San Rafael Ridge/Sleepy Hollow-Terra Linda Divide open space area on the southern boundary of Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, immediately west of the Los Ranchitos area as shown on Attachment 1.

Section 2. The statement of determinations required by Government Code Section 56425 are as follows:

The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands.

Present and planned land uses in the area designated as the sphere of influence of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District include low and medium density residential, commercial, industrial, parks/open space and conservation uses. Present and planned land uses within the District's current boundaries are generally similar to adjacent land uses in areas designated as within the sphere of influence of the City of San Rafael and the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District.

The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

Areas included in the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District sphere of influence are either approaching build-out of permitted residential density under current provisions of the County's general plan and zoning ordinance or are already within the incorporated area of the City of San Rafael. Established densities and the incidence of failure of individual septic systems in these areas indicate demand for sewer service provided by the District.

The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services which the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

The treatment facilities, trunk lines and sewer mains of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District are generally sufficient to provide service to the area within the designated District sphere of influence under the assumptions of City and County General Plans. In order to meet proposed growth, the District will have to provide some additional plant improvements to accommodate the additional flow and work with Marin Municipal Water District to expand the recycled-reuse system to allow Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District to remain in reclamation mode for six months of the year. These improvements include new lines and a major electrical upgrade.

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines they are relevant to the agency.

The Commission has determined that social and economic communities of interest between areas currently within the boundaries of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and the area surrounding its jurisdiction are not relevant to the determination of the District's sphere of influence.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 15320 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Commission finds that this amendment of the sphere of influence of the Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because potential changes of organization arising from the amended sphere of influence will not alter the geographic area in which previously existing local government powers are exercised

Section 4. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to mail copies of this resolution to affected local government agencies in the San Rafael area.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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JEFFRY BLANCHFIELD, Chairperson

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PETER V. BANNING, Executive Officer