

MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO 07-09

**ADOPTION OF DETERMINATIONS
FOR THE ROSS VALLEY AREA SERVICE REVIEW**

WHEREAS, Section 56430 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires that Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) conduct 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 56426.5, or update an SOI pursuant to Section 56425; and

WHEREAS, as part of such reviews, LAFCOs 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 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, Marin Local Agency Formation Commission initiated a service review of local government services in the Ross Valley area as part of their overall program to complete all sphere of influence and service reviews by January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Marin LAFCO consulted with affected and interested agencies, interested parties; and

WHEREAS, Marin LAFCO gathered and compiled the information necessary to conduct the required review and independently evaluated such information; and

WHEREAS, Marin LAFCO issued a Draft Service Review on April 6, 2007 and provided a 21-day public review of said document; and

WHEREAS, Marin LAFCO considered the data, recommendations and determinations contained in the *Ross Valley Area Service Review and Spheres of Influence* report at a noticed public hearing on April 12, 2007 and received all oral testimony and evidence, which were 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 Ross Valley Area Service Review collects and analyzes information on local government services in order to provide information to the public and to assist Marin LAFCO in its periodic review of adopted spheres of influence.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to powers provided in Section 56430 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission adopts written determinations as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Commission finds that this service review is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. That exemption applies to basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission on this 10th day of May, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

JEFFREY BLANCHFIELD, Chairperson

ATTEST:

PETER V. BANNING, Executive Officer