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TO: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Peter Brundage, Executive Officer

RE: **PROPOSED CITY OF ELK GROVE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE**
AMENDMENT (L AFC 09-10) (CEQA EIR SCH #2010092076)

a. **UPDATE**

b. **DRAFT MUNICIPAL SERVICES REVIEW (MSR)**

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RECOMMENDATION

- a. **UPDATE:** Receive and file project status report. No Commission action is required.
- b. **MUNICIPAL SERVICES REVIEW (MSR):**
- 1) MSR Presentation and Overview

Direct staff to:

- 2) post the Draft MSR on the Commission website (www.SacLAFCo.org) for public review and comments.
- 3) Report back to the Commission with the Final MSR and Commission Determinations as part of the SOIA public hearing.

SUMMARY

Staff and legal counsel continue to work with the CEQA consultant team to review and prepare responses to public comments provided regarding the DEIR. Among the comments raised are traffic, biological and agricultural resources, and hydrology – water resources, flooding, and future sea level rise/climate change.

The next CEQA benchmark will be the determination of whether the DEIR should be recirculated, or the FEIR issued with response to comments and supporting Errata.

In the event that the decision is to issue the FEIR with response to comments and supporting Errata, staff recommends that a minimum of 21 days be provided for your Commission, affected agency and public consideration, which is greater than the required 10 day minimum.

We expect to have a revised proposed schedule available shortly. It will be provided to your Commission, affected agencies and the public as soon as the determination has been made

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MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW

Another significant project component is the Municipal Services Review. Your staff has successfully coordinated with City staff to finalize the Draft MSR, in light of public and agency comments provided to date.

The Draft Municipal Service Review for the City of Elk Grove Sphere of Influence Amendment has been prepared in consultation with affected agencies and City staff. Previous Drafts have been available for public review on the Commission website, and provided to interested parties. The “final” Draft will be posted on the website for the review and comments of affected agencies and interested parties.

The City of Elk Grove, is located in the southwestern part of Sacramento County, between an urban and agricultural area, was incorporated in 2000 with a council-manager form of government. The City provides a limited range of services including law enforcement; construction and maintenance of streets, roads, and infrastructure; planning and zoning; transportation; parks; and general administrative and support services. Sacramento County and various affected agencies also provide municipal services to the City, and may be the appropriate service providers for the SOIA area. This MSR identifies an overall service program for the SOIA.

The MSR Overview this evening is to provide an opportunity for your Commission, the public and affected agencies to evaluate the provision of municipal services within the SOIA area. The threshold question for the MSR is to determine the constraints and feasibility of services provision, including the timing and availability of capacity and financing. The MSR is one of the many factors to consider in the evaluation of the SOIA, and boundary alternatives.

Municipal Service Review Requirements

In order to prepare the Sphere of Influence Amendment for the proposal, your Commission shall conduct a service review of the municipal services that may be provided in the affected territory. The Commission shall include in the area designated for service review the county, the region, the sub-region, or any other geographic area as is appropriate for an analysis of the service or services to be reviewed and shall prepare a written statement of its determination with respect to each of the following:

1. Growth and population projections
2. Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs or deficiencies.
3. Financial ability of agencies to provide services.
4. Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities.
5. Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.

6. Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, as required by Commission policies.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS

This MSR has been prepared by the City of Elk Grove in collaboration with the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) in accordance with the requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Reorganization Act of 2000, the Sacramento LAFCo Municipal Service Review Guidelines, and LAFCo policies as a means of identifying and evaluating public services related to the SOI Amendment area and possible amendments to the City's SOI.

The MSR is the instrument required to provide information and data to ensure that the public, your Commission, and affected service providers have access to all necessary information in a timely manner to make sound conclusions and determinations with respect to municipal services.

Respectfully,

SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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