

**ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02**

**APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE  
ALAMEDA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to develop and determine the sphere of influence (SOI) of each local governmental agency within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCo review and update the adopted SOI boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal services review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a SOI update; and

**WHEREAS**, LAFCo conducted a municipal services review of the services provided by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on November 10, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County Resource Conservation District's SOI is currently coterminous with its boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has historically provided services to the agricultural and rural areas of Alameda County within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the District also provides public education services to urban areas, and its watershed restoration activities benefit urban as well as rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the District serves as a resource to agencies outside its boundaries including the cities of Oakland and Berkeley, EBMUD, EBRPD, and several agencies and organizations outside Alameda County; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's boundaries should be updated to reflect the extension of services to urban areas, and

**WHEREAS**, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of adopting a countywide SOI which is coterminous with the District's current service boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, in the form and manner prescribed by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of a public hearing by this Commission regarding the location of this SOI map;

**WHEREAS**, the SOI update was duly considered at a public hearing held on January 12, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda LAFCo heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence that were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to appear and be heard with respect to any matter pertaining to said action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Alameda LAFCo hereby:

1. Expand the SOI to be countywide for the Alameda County Resource Conservation District as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. Consider the criteria set forth in Government Code Section 56425(e) and determine as follows:
  - a. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands* – City and County plans include land uses and population growth that will stress agricultural land resources, create substantially more impervious surfaces, and increase the amount and velocity of runoff, thus exacerbating soil erosion problems. The District has no authority over land use. City and County policies support the provision of adequate watershed protection and resource conservation services for City and County residents. District services enhance agricultural productivity and open space conservation, and do not induce or encourage urban growth. No change to the present or planned uses will result from expansion of this SOI.
  - b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area* – Services are currently being provided and need to be continued. It is likely that urbanized areas will increase use of District services to address soil erosion, water quality and flooding problems. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this SOI update.
  - c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide* – The District has the capacity to serve additional areas. The District continues to receive project funding from and collaborate with federal, State and local agencies. The condition of the District’s facilities is adequate. Adoption of the SOI update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services or the services provided by the District.
  - d. *The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency* - The District was formed to provide resource conservation services in various areas of the County. The SOI update will not affect the existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District.
  - e. *The existence of agricultural preserves or other important agricultural or open space land in the area which could be considered within an agency's SOI, and the effect on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of such resources in the event that such resources are within a SOI of a local governmental agency* – The District’s boundary and SOI include all agricultural lands within the County. The ACRCDC will continue to provide agricultural enhancement services, which help maintain the physical and economic integrity of open space and agricultural lands. The SOI update will not adversely affect agricultural or open space land or be growth inducing. No Williamson Act contracts will be affected.
  - f. *Nature, location, extent, functions & classes of services to be provided* - The District provides creek and habitat restoration, equine facilities management, watershed management, erosion prevention, soil conservation, agricultural programs such as grassland reserves, environmental quality and habitat incentives, grant administration, permit coordination, technical education and training, clean water education and other resource conservation services to undeveloped areas in the southern and eastern portions of the County, most territory in the cities of Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore, and undeveloped hill and marsh areas in the cities of Hayward, Fremont, Newark, and Union City. The District also provides public education services to

urban areas, and its watershed restoration activities serve urban as well as rural areas throughout the County.

3. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this SOI update which expands the District's SOI to be countywide is categorically exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
4. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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This Resolution was approved and adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting held on January 12, 2006, at 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Foulkes, seconded by Commissioner Hosterman, and duly carried.

Ayes: 6 (Commissioners Butler, Crowle, Foulkes, Hosterman, Lockhart and Miley)  
Noes: 0  
Excused: 3 (Commissioners Combs, Kamena and Steele)

/Robert Butler/

Robert Butler, Chair, Alameda LAFCo

Approved as to Form:

By:   
Brian Washington, LAFCo Legal Counsel

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission, Oakland, California.

Attest:   
Crystal Hishida Graff, LAFCo Executive Officer

Date: 2/3/06

# Alameda County Resource Conservation District

