

PLACER LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF PLACER COUNTY ADOPTING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE FOR PLACER HILLS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

(LAFCO Project No. 2022-05)

WHEREAS, the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO or Commission) is a public agency of the State of California with regulatory and planning responsibilities to facilitate orderly growth and development pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH), commencing with section 56000 of the California Government Code (GC); and

WHEREAS, the Commission is responsible, under GC section 56425, for establishing and regularly updating the sphere of influence (SOI) of each local government agency whose principal jurisdiction is within Placer County; and

WHEREAS, CKH directs that all jurisdictional boundary changes must be consistent with the affected agencies' SOIs; and

WHEREAS, the Placer Hills Fire Protection District (Placer Hills FPD) and the Newcastle Fire Protection District (Newcastle FPD) have submitted a joint resolution of application for a reorganization that requires an update of the Placer Hills FPD SOI; and

WHEREAS, prior to updating an agency's SOI, the Commission must conduct a service review under GC section 56430; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Service Review of Newcastle FPD and Placer Hills FPD, among other fire services providers, conducted by AP Triton; the 2025 Placer Hills FPD and Newcastle FPD Revised Consolidation Fiscal Study conducted by Ridgeline Municipal Strategies; and the 2024 Placer Hills FPD and Newcastle FPD Transition Plan for Reorganization serve as the informational basis for the Commission's consideration of the proposed SOI update; and

WHEREAS, approximately 9,600 acres, or approximately 15 square miles, comprise the existing jurisdictional boundary of Newcastle FPD, which is currently designated with a zero SOI pursuant to LAFCO Resolution No. 25-10, adopted August 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Placer Hills FPD has provided administrative and command functions, including fleet maintenance, technical rescue, fire inspection, code enforcement, and plan review services, to Newcastle FPD since 2016, and the Commission has received resolutions from both agencies consenting to the proposed reorganization, consisting of the dissolution of the Newcastle FPD and the annexation of the Newcastle FPD territory into Placer Hills FPD; and

WHEREAS, the update to Placer Hills FPD's SOI is required by statute pursuant to GC section 56375.5 prior to the Commission's consideration of the reorganization application submitted by Placer Hills FPD and Newcastle FPD;

WHEREAS, the Commission, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has determined that the proposed SOI update is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) and directs its Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption in accordance with applicable CEQA requirements; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2026, the Commission considered all written and oral testimony and comments received regarding the Placer Hills FPD SOI update, including proposed findings and determinations, the Executive Officer’s report and recommendations, and the environmental determination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to GC section 56425(e), the Commission is required to make a statement of written determinations addressing specified factors in establishing or amending a SOI, and such determinations are hereby made and incorporated into this resolution as Exhibit A attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commission has considered the Executive Officer’s written report on the SOI update for the Placer Hills FPD and recommendations therein.
2. The Commission makes the statements in Exhibit A in determining the SOI for Placer Hills FPD.
3. The Commission updates and expands the SOI of the Placer Hills FPD to include the jurisdictional boundary and service area of the Newcastle FPD, which is currently designated with a zero SOI.
4. The updated SOI for Placer Hills FPD, as hereby affirmed, is depicted in Exhibit B attached hereto.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Placer County at a regular meeting thereof, held on February 11, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Josh Alpine, Presiding Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission
County of Placer, State of California

Attest:

Amy Engle, Clerk to the Commission