ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2004-32

APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE
EDEN TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCo review and update the adopted sphere of influence 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 sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, LAFCo conducted a municipal services review of the services provided by the Eden Township Healthcare District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on September 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Eden Township Healthcare District’s sphere of influence is currently coterminous with its service boundaries; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of updating the District’s sphere of influence; 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 sphere of influence map;

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update was duly considered at a public hearing held on November 4, 2004; 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 verification action.

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

1. Approve and affirm the existing the sphere of influence for the Eden Township Healthcare District as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. Consider the criteria set forth in Government Code Section 56425(c) 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 needing supportive health care services. The District has no land use authority, and no change to the present or planned uses will result from this sphere of influence update. The areas included in the District’s sphere of influence do not affect agricultural lands.
b. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area – No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update.

c. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide – The sphere of influence 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 sphere of influence 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 - Hospital and health care services do not, by themselves induce or encourage growth on agricultural or open space lands. Services are already being provided so growth inducement is not a factor. 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 Eden Township Healthcare District directly provides health care grant and capital improvement funding. The District may choose to provide free clinics, diagnostic and testing centers, health education, programs, wellness and prevention programs, and other health care services necessary for the maintenance of good physical and mental health within its boundaries. Heath care services, including emergency room, general acute care, surgery, physical therapy, long-term care, assisted and independent living facilities, and cardiac rehabilitation are indirectly provided at facilities located within the District’s service boundary, and to any person who chooses to utilize services, through its position on the Eden Medical Center Board. The District retains it rights to provide direct hospital and related services within its boundaries; although, it would need to amend its MOU with Sutter before doing so.

3. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the sphere of influence update 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 November 4, 2004, at 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Foulkes, seconded by Commissioner Combs, and duly carried.

Ayes: 6 (Commissioners Butler, Combs, Foulkes, Miley, Pico, and Steele)
Noes: 0
Excused: 1

/Robert Butler/

Robert Butler, Chair
Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission
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: [Signature]
Lori Ann Texeira, Executive Officer

Date: 12-7-04