ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-21

ADOPTING A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE
ALAMEDA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT 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 Mosquito Abatement (ACMA) District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on May 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the ACMA District was formed in 1930 as an independent district and is governed by a 14 member Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, the ACMA District’s boundary area includes all of Alameda County except for the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the ACMA District’s SOI was established in 1984 and is coterminous with Alameda County; 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; and

WHEREAS, the SOI adoption was duly considered at a public hearing held on July 13, 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. Retain existing SOI (coterminous with Alameda County boundary) for the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto, and adopt the policy that LAFCo should encourage the ACMA District to initiate annexation of the territory within the Albany City limits.

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 – County policies support the provision of adequate mosquito abatement services for County residents. County plans include land uses and population growth needing mosquito abatement
services. The recommended SOI does not conflict with planned land uses. No change to the present or planned land uses will result from adoption of this SOI.

b. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area – There is a steadily growing population needing services. Response to the growing threat of West Nile Virus is increasing service demand.

c. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide – Service capacity is not limited by infrastructure and would increase if Albany desires and funds service. Services will be challenged with the emerging and growing threat of West Nile Virus in the region. Services are adequate for the control of mosquito borne illnesses as the District continues to monitor for West Nile virus, viral encephalitis, dog heartworm, and malaria. The District conducts performance evaluation and monitors productivity to improve service efficiency.

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 serves residents countywide, except Albany.

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 – No SOI changes are proposed. Mosquito abatement services are needed in all areas, and do not, by themselves, induce or encourage growth on agricultural or open space lands. No impacts upon Williamson Act protected land will occur.

f. Nature, location, extent, functions & classes of services to be provided - Mosquito abatement services are to be provided to the entire County except the City of Albany. Specific services include monitoring, control and treatment of mosquito sources and infection levels in mosquitoes and birds, coordinating activities with other public health agencies, and distributing educational materials on mosquito biology and control to the public.

3. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that adoption of the countywide SOI which is coterminous with the District’s current service boundary 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 July 13, 2006, at 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Foulkes, seconded by Commissioner Kamena, and duly carried.

Ayes: 7 (Commissioners Combs, Foulkes, Steele, Miley, Lockhart, Kamena, and Sblendorio)

Noes: 0

Excused: 0

/Janet Lockhart/

Janet Lockhart, 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:  

7/27/06