ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-33

APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE
STREET LIGHTING COUNTY SERVICE AREA

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 Street Lighting County Service Area (CSA) and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on May 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the CSA was formed in 1970 as a dependent district and is governed by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the CSA’s boundary area includes a number of urbanized locations within Alameda County including Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Fairview, and a large portion of the City of Dublin; and

WHEREAS, the CSA’s SOI was established in 1984 and is not coterminous with its bounds; and

WHEREAS, there have been no changes to the SOI since it was formed; and

WHEREAS, the Portofino area was not removed from the SOI when it was detached from the CSA; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of reducing the CSA’s SOI; 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 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. Reduce the Street Lighting CSA SOI to exclude the Portofino area previously detached from the CSA as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. Adopt the following SOI policies:
   • Policy Recommendation #1: LAFCo should encourage the County to initiate detachment of territory within the Dublin City limits from the CSA.
3. 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 – The boundary area includes a diverse mix of land use. The SOI is consistent with planned land uses.
   b. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area – The population in the CSA is expected to continue to grow. There remain some development opportunities.
   c. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide – Service levels are adequate. Although street lighting repair response times are somewhat longer than in most cities, the agency manages to make repairs within two working days on average. The service provider conducts performance evaluation, productivity monitoring and benchmarking 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 – Residents of Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Castro Valley, Fairview are communities of interest.
   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 – There are some agricultural and open space lands within District boundaries. However, no impacts on agricultural resources, open space or Williamson Act contracts will occur as no service changes are proposed, and a reduction in the SOI is proposed.
   f. Nature, location, extent, functions & classes of services to be provided - Street lighting services will continue to be provided to urbanized areas within Alameda County.

4. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this SOI update which reduces the CSA’s SOI is categorically exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

5. 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 Sbendorio)
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: ________________________________  Date: 7/27/06
Crystal Hishida Graff, LAFCo Executive Officer
SOI Options
1) Reduce SOI to exclude the Portofino area previously detached from the CSA
2) Retain Existing SOI
Street Lighting CSA
SOI Option 1

Exhibit A - Street Lighting CSA