

MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 23-18

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE OF ALTO, ALMONTE, HOMESTEAD VALLEY, & RICHARDSON BAY
SANITARY DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS upon determination and adoption of a sphere of influence, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission is required to periodically review and update adopted spheres of influence for each city and special district not less than once every five years, as necessary, within Marin County under Government Code Section 56425 (g); and

WHEREAS the Executive Officer has conducted a review of the adopted sphere of influence of local government agencies in the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin area, prepared a summary, *Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin Municipal Service Review*, including his recommendations thereon, the summary having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

WHEREAS public hearings by this Commission were held on the *Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin Municipal Service Review* and staff's recommendations contained in that report on the date and at the time noticed thereof, and at the hearings, this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the proposal and the Executive Officer's report.

WHEREAS the Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines of Marin LAFCo provide that, where two or more single-purpose special districts providing the same service are contiguous, those districts may be allocated a sphere of influence "in common" to include the areas served by both (or all) districts. This designation may be assigned where LAFCo believes that the particular service would be most efficiently provided to multiple communities by a single special district.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the information contained in the Executive Officer's report, correspondence from affected agencies and information received during the public hearings, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER** as follows:

Section 1. The sphere of influence designations of the Alto, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Richardson Bay Sanitary Districts are reaffirmed as spheres of influence in common, to include the areas served by Almonte, Alto, Homestead Valley, and Richardson Bay Sanitary Districts as depicted in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. This designation is assigned to reflect the Commission's conclusion that the service provided by Almonte, Alto, Homestead Valley, and Richardson Bay Sanitary Districts could be most efficiently provided by a single sanitary district subject to further consideration by the Commission. The Commission makes the written determinations pursuant to Government Code section 56425(e) as provided for in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Commission finds that this review and reaffirming of the spheres of influence of the Alto, Almonte, Homestead Valley, and Richardson Bay Sanitary Districts is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 3. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to mail copies of this resolution to affected local government agencies in the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin area.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission, on December 14th, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Coler, Chu, Burke, Murray, Rodoni _____

NOES: Kious _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: Lucan _____



Barbara Coler (Dec 19, 2023 09:19 PST)
Barbara Coler, Chair
Marin LAFCo

ATTEST:



Jason Fried, LAFCo Executive Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Malathy Subramanian (Dec 19, 2023 16:56 PST)
Malathy Subramanian, LAFCo Counsel

Attachments to Resolution No. 23-18

- a) Exhibit A - Determinations
- b) Exhibit B - Map

EXHIBIT A

ALTO, ALMONTE, HOMESTEAD VALLEY, & RICHARDSON BAY SANITARY DISTRICTS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE DETERMINATIONS

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 56425

- 1) The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.
 - Present and planned land uses in the adopted sphere of influence are governed by the Marin Countywide General Plan and a portion of the Town of Tiburon General Plan. Land uses include primarily low and medium-density residential, commercial, institutional, and other typically urban uses plus open space uses within or surrounded by the Districts' existing boundaries.
- 2) The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.
 - The territories within the Districts' boundaries and common sphere of influence are at or nearing build-out with little land available for further development. The present need for public services and facilities within the common sphere of influence is primarily for existing land uses and minor infill development. The probable demand for public services and facilities in the future is not expected to exceed population growth of .5% per year under the terms of adopted general plans.
- 3) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.
 - The trunk lines and sewer mains of Almonte, Alto, Homestead Valley, and Richardson Bay Sanitary Districts are generally sufficient to provide service to the area within the common sphere of influence under the assumption of implementation of adopted capital improvement plans.
- 4) The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the district.
 - The Commission has determined that social and economic communities of interest between areas currently within the boundaries of Alto, Almonte Homestead Valley, and Richardson Bay Sanitary Districts and the area surrounding those jurisdictions are not relevant to the determination of the district's sphere of influence.
- 5) For an update of a sphere of influence for a district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public

facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.

- There are no disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence.











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