

Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission



Municipal Services Review & Sphere of Influence Update Castella Fire Protection District

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**Castella Fire Protection District
Municipal Service Review & Sphere of Influence Update**

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local agency formation commissions have been tasked with updating local agency municipal service reviews (MSR) and sphere of influence boundaries (SOI) every five years since 2008 [Government Code Section 56425 *et seq.*]. This study presents a baseline review of the Castella Fire Protection District services and SOI needs, satisfying the requirements of this statute.

2. GENERAL BACKGROUND

The town of Castella is situated in the unincorporated rural northwestern corner of Shasta County, in the shadow of Castle Crags State Park. It is located approximately 47 miles north of Redding. This rural community is one of the oldest in Shasta County, with subdivision units dating back to 1895.

The climate of the area is characterized by cool wet winters and hot dry summers. Vegetation types primarily consist of timber, chaparral and grasslands with steep forest lands. Due to the steep and densely-forested terrain, it is not conducive to residential development. Most existing residential development is concentrated along the Sacramento Canyon/I-5 Corridor area. Future development is likely to occur to the south and would be serviced by CSA #3 - Castella Water System. Current public development consists of a fire station on Crag View Drive, the City Of Dunsmuir Waste Water Treatment Facility and an elementary school. Local businesses include a grocery store with a gas station, a tavern and a beauty shop.

3. AGENCY SERVICES

The Castella Fire Protection District was formed in 1947 and has the largest geographical area of the eleven independent fire protection districts within the County. The north and west boundaries are coterminous with Shasta County lines, while the eastern boundary follows the McCloud River and the southern boundary follows an east-west section line. The irregularly shaped area covers approximately 83 square miles (531,200 acres) and has an estimated 876 parcels, consisting generally of a mix of seasonal (summer) users and year-round owners.

The District operates in cooperation with other fire agencies in the region, including areas of Siskiyou County, under mutual aid agreements to provide services to Shasta County residents and visitors. The District specifically provides comprehensive fire services to the unincorporated areas of Castella, Sweetbriar and Crag View Drive. The remainder, and majority, of the district is characterized by dense, steep forested lands under United States Forest Service jurisdiction. Castle Crags State Park, just north of the town of Castella, is under the jurisdiction of the California Park Service. Dispatching services are contracted out to the Yreka Interagency Command Center (YICC) located in Siskiyou County.

In July 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding was adopted between the Castella Fire Protection District and the City of Dunsmuir for automatic Aid and Fire, Rescue, and Other Local Emergencies. In September 2012, a separate joint agreement was established between Shasta County Fire, Castella Fire Protection District, the City Of Dunsmuir, and the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District for the services to the area on and immediately adjacent to Interstate 5 between Sims Road and Slate Creek.

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a. Infrastructure, Facilities and Services

The Castella Fire Protection District is comprised of two stations. Station 1, located at 29382 Main Street in Castella, is approximately 1,000 square feet and consists of 3 bays. It was constructed in 1946 and modified current specifications in 1981. Station 2, located at 30816 Crag View Drive in Dunsmuir, is approximately 760 square feet and consists of 2 bays. Station 2 was built in 1960 and has not been modified. Water for Station 1 is provided by CSA #3 - Castella Water System, while water for Station 2 is provided by CSA #23 - Crag View Water System.

The District responded to 295 calls in 2012. Of those calls, 123 were medical aid, 11 were vegetation fires, 7 were structure fires, 51 were other fires, 41 were vehicle accidents, 10 were Hazmat, 36 were public assistance and 16 calls were categorized as other. They are typically able to respond to any area inside their boundaries in a timely manner. The longest response time is 6 minutes, the shortest response time is 3 minutes and the average response time is 4.5 minutes.

Currently, the District has an ISO rating of Class 5/8B and has discussed concerns regarding improving the rating in an effort to reduce insurance costs of area homeowners. In many communities, ISO develops a split classification (for example, 5/9). Generally, the first class (Class 5 in the example) applies to properties within five road miles of a fire station and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. The second class (Class 9 in the example) applies to properties within five road miles of a fire station but beyond 1,000 feet of a hydrant. ISO generally assigns Class 10 to properties beyond five road miles. A class 1 ISO rating is the highest possible rating, with 10 being the lowest.

As a basis for comparison, other fire districts in the County sustain the following ratings:

Fire Protection District	ISO Rating	Date
Anderson	5/8	7/26/2012
Buckeye	3	8/1/2012
Burney	5/9	7/26/2012
Castella	5/8B	7/23/2012
Cottonwood	5/7	7/26/2012
Fall River Mills	6	8/2/2012
Happy Valley	5/8B	7/26/2012
McArthur	6	7/26/2012
Millville	6/8	7/26/2012
Shasta Lake	4/8	7/26/2012

b. Administration, Management and Operations

The Board of Directors operates as the administrative and financial governing body, making decisions in conjunction with the fire chief. A policies and procedures manual was completed in 1980 and updated in 2007. Members of the board are appointed by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors as a vacancy occurs.

The Castella Fire Protection District has three part-time paid employees: a fire chief, an assistant fire chief and a secretary. Payroll for these employees is done in-house on a monthly basis by the secretary. Currently 19 volunteers support the chief in responding to calls for service.

Annual audits, attorney needs and special studies are contracted out on an as-needed basis to save the costs that would otherwise be associated with staff positions for those services. There are no standing contracts at this time and any work or testing that may be required is done by certified companies on an as-needed basis.

c. Fiscal

The Board of Directors operates as a financial committee with guidance from the Shasta County Auditor-Controller and assistance from the board secretary. Any financial surpluses are handled by the Shasta County Auditor-Controller's Office and are maintained in an interest earning account.

The secretary prepares and submits all payment claims electronically to the Auditor-Controller's Office. The secretary then presents the Board with copies of paid claims for approval at each meeting per Resolution 06-01-10. Any claims totaling more than \$1,000 require prior approval and a board member signature. Monthly financial statements are made available to board members upon request.

Infrastructure replacement is prioritized on the basis of age, wear and necessity. There is no policy in place for replacement of engines. Currently, they are replaced or repaired on an as-needed basis. All equipment is inspected weekly and maintenance is performed as-needed.

Capital equipment needs, such as new fire engines and rescue equipment, are typically paid from the operating budget and grants. Personnel, training, operating and maintenance needs are also paid out of the operating budget and grants, which they continue to seek. Sufficient revenue to purchase all needed capital equipment and facilities has been limited due to recent budgetary constraints.

The ability to generate new revenue is relatively limited. Multiple fundraisers are held throughout the year and building space is leased to the Castle Rock Union Elementary School for the Castella Community Preschool at the rate of \$2400 per year. Consideration of establishing a \$25 Benefit Assessment Fee to augment revenue has been placed on hold due to the impacts of the CAL FIRE State Responsibility Area (SRA) Fire Prevention Benefit Fee on individual landowners. Budgets for fiscal years 2012-13 and 2013-14 follow. The majority of District revenues come from property taxes.

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Budget to Actual Figures**

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Cost Center	Title	Director	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance
00444	CASTELLA FIRE PROTECT DIST ADM					
Object	Description		Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance
001000	CASH IN TREASURY		0.00	31,780.59	0.00	(31,780.59)
001100	IMPREST CASH		0.00	50.00	0.00	(50.00)
002000	BAD CHECK RECEIVABLE		0.00	200.00	0.00	(200.00)
004800	DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0.00	920.15	0.00	(920.15)
007000	SALARY AND BENEFITS PAYABLE		0.00	6,316.79	0.00	(6,316.79)
007101	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		0.00	665.00	0.00	(665.00)
007400	DUE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0.00	217.92	0.00	(217.92)
009700	FUND BALANCE UNASSIGNED		0.00	5,719.79	0.00	(5,719.79)
009720	FUND BALANCE ASSIGNED		0.00	50.00	0.00	(50.00)
011000	REGULAR SALARIES		60,000.00	57,495.41	0.00	2,504.59
018500	WORKERS COMP EXPOSURE		9,803.00	9,102.00	0.00	701.00
032500	COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE		1,900.00	1,782.60	0.00	117.40
032700	FOOD EXPENSE		0.00	174.10	0.00	(174.10)
032900	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
032900	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE		6,989.00	8,197.00	0.00	(1,208.00)
033100	INSURANCE EXPENSE		11,000.00	14,419.21	0.00	(3,419.21)
033500	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT		200.00	84.67	0.00	115.33
033700	MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
033900	MEDICAL/DENTAL/LAB SUPPLIES		50.00	70.00	0.00	(20.00)
034100	MEMBERSHIPS		200.00	17.19	0.00	182.81
034500	OFFICE EXPENSE		4,000.00	1,572.25	0.00	2,427.75
034800	PROF & SPECIAL SERVICES		1,710.00	1,826.00	0.00	(116.00)
034893	CHGS AUD PROP TAX SVS		50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
034900	PUBLICATIONS & LEGAL NOTICES		13,000.00	4,154.40	0.00	8,845.60
035500	MINOR EQUIPMENT		4,000.00	4,925.89	0.00	(925.89)
035900	TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL		4,000.00	3,771.71	0.00	228.29
036100	UTILITIES		11,887.00	11,887.00	0.00	0.00
050221	RET L/T DT CURR PRINCIPAL		11,206.00	11,205.29	0.00	0.71
050321	INT L/T DT CURR INTEREST		0.00	(85.14)	0.00	85.14
050800	TAXES & ASSESSMENTS		223.00	223.00	0.00	0.00
051387	CONTR TO LAFCO		53,700.00	41,097.27	0.00	12,602.73
101000	CURRENT SECURED TAXES		0.00	13,532.86	0.00	(13,532.86)
101001	CURRENT UNITARY TAXES		1,647.00	851.48	0.00	795.52
101011	CURR SEC TAX DEL ADV TEETER		392.00	129.54	0.00	262.46
101100	SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES CURR		72.00	68.67	0.00	3.33
101111	SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES CURR		2,143.00	2,656.43	0.00	(513.43)
102000	CURRENT UNSECURED TAXES		7.00	3.29	0.00	3.71
103010	SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES PRIOR		47.00	62.39	0.00	(15.39)
104000	PRIOR YEAR UNSECURED TAXES		502.00	4,878.65	0.00	(4,376.65)
109100	TIMBER YIELD TAXES		0.00	309.75	0.00	(309.75)
420000	INTEREST		2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00
421200	RENTS/LEASES OF BUILDINGS		980.00	877.24	0.00	102.76
546000	STATE HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTION		49,000.00	75,190.16	0.00	(26,190.16)
692024	REIMB FIRE CALLS		17,600.00	1,438.65	0.00	16,161.35
792500	DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS		3,000.00	2,224.19	0.00	775.81
799300	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		7,310.00	5,083.25	0.00	2,226.75
799600	INSURANCE LOSS & REFUNDS					
Total Revenue			138,800.00	150,803.82	0.00	(12,003.82)

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00444	CASTELLA FIRE PROTECT DIST ADM					
Object	Description		Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance
Total Expense			140,568.00	130,822.58	0.00	9,745.42
Net Total (Revenue - Expense)			(1,768.00)	19,981.24	0.00	(21,749.24)
Grand Total Revenue			138,800.00	150,803.82	0.00	(12,003.82)
Grand Total Expense			140,568.00	130,822.58	0.00	9,745.42
Grand Totals (Revenue - Expense)			(1,768.00)	19,981.24	0.00	(21,749.24)

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Cost Center	Title	Director	Object	Description	Budget	Actual	Encumbrance	Balance
00444	CASTELLA FIRE PROTECT DIST ADM							
			001000	CASH IN TREASURY	0.00	9,302.94	0.00	(9,302.94)
			001100	IMPREST CASH	0.00	50.00	0.00	(50.00)
			002000	BAD CHECK RECEIVABLE	0.00	200.00	0.00	(200.00)
			009700	FUND BALANCE UNASSIGNED	0.00	17,486.03	0.00	(17,486.03)
			009720	FUND BALANCE ASSIGNED	0.00	8,265.00	0.00	(8,265.00)
			011000	REGULAR SALARIES	35,000.00	25,248.57	0.00	9,751.43
			018500	WORKERS COMP EXPOSURE	9,000.00	7,188.00	0.00	1,812.00
			032500	COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE	1,800.00	1,568.92	0.00	231.08
			032900	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE	150.00	123.03	0.00	26.97
			033100	INSURANCE EXPENSE	8,200.00	68.00	0.00	8,132.00
			033500	MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	10,000.00	8,045.62	0.00	1,954.38
			033700	MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES	5,000.00	776.96	0.00	4,223.04
			033900	MEDICAL/DENTAL/LAB SUPPLIES	0.00	463.11	0.00	(463.11)
			034100	MEMBERSHIPS	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
			034500	OFFICE EXPENSE	200.00	155.07	0.00	44.93
			034800	PROF & SPECIAL SERVICES	7,500.00	6,552.48	0.00	947.52
			034893	CHGS AUD PROP TAX SVS	1,900.00	1,813.00	0.00	87.00
			034900	PUBLICATIONS & LEGAL NOTICES	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
			035500	MINOR EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	2,919.88	0.00	2,080.12
			035900	TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL	4,500.00	1,977.81	0.00	2,522.19
			036100	UTILITIES	4,000.00	4,691.53	0.00	(691.53)
			050221	RET L/T DT CURR PRINCIPAL	12,563.00	12,563.02	0.00	(0.02)
			050321	INT L/T DT CURR INTEREST	10,530.00	10,529.27	0.00	0.73
			050800	TAXES & ASSESSMENTS	0.00	45.12	0.00	(45.12)
			051387	CONTR TO LAFCO	223.00	225.00	0.00	(2.00)
			065082	1 TRUCK USED	5,375.00	5,375.00	0.00	0.00
			101000	CURRENT SECURED TAXES	55,000.00	23,700.44	0.00	31,299.56
			101001	CURRENT UNITARY TAXES	676.00	6,829.26	0.00	(6,153.26)
			101011	CURR SEC TAX DEL ADV TEETER	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
			101100	SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES CURRENT	0.00	186.54	0.00	(186.54)
			102000	CURRENT UNSECURED TAXES	2,500.00	2,617.18	0.00	(117.18)
			103010	SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES PRIOR	0.00	1.57	0.00	(1.57)
			104000	PRIOR YEAR UNSECURED TAXES	0.00	29.68	0.00	(29.68)
			109100	TIMBER YIELD TAXES	5,000.00	4,048.19	0.00	951.81
			420000	INTEREST	0.00	57.81	0.00	(57.81)
			421200	RENTS/LEASES OF BUILDINGS	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
			546000	STATE HOMEOWNERS EXEMPTION	900.00	424.66	0.00	475.34
			692024	REIMB FIRE CALLS	32,000.00	26,235.97	0.00	5,764.03
			792506	DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS	12,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
			799300	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
				Total Revenue	112,876.00	74,131.30	0.00	38,744.70
				Total Expense	121,091.00	90,329.39	0.00	30,761.61
				Net Total (Revenue - Expense)	(8,215.00)	(16,198.09)	0.00	7,983.09
				Grand Total Revenue	112,876.00	74,131.30	0.00	38,744.70
				Grand Total Expense	121,091.00	90,329.39	0.00	30,761.61

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00444	CASTELLA FIRE PROTECT DIST ADM							
				Grand Totals (Revenue - Expense)	(8,215.00)	(16,198.09)	0.00	7,983.09

d. Governance

The Board of Directors operates as the governing body and consists of five persons, elected by the residents of the district, who serve a four-year term. Three of the five members are elected at once, and the other two are elected together on an alternating two-year rotation. Board members are required to live within district boundaries and be registered voters. They are not paid, nor do they receive any other benefits. The District has reported difficulty in establishing a slate of candidates for election and currently has two vacant positions.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at 29372 Main Street in Castella. Agendas meetings are posted at the Castella Fire Hall and the Castella Post Office and are available to the public 72 hours in advance.

4. Regional Context/Relevant Services by Other Agencies

Land use and building regulation services are provided by the County of Shasta, as are law enforcement, road services and other general services provided to the unincorporated areas of the county by various county departments. The District has automatic and mutual aid agreements with a number of other fire protection agencies, as noted above. Two Shasta County dependent agencies provide water to the District's fire stations:

- CSA #3 provides water to Station #1 in Castella
- CSA #23 - Craig View, provides water to Station 2 in Dunsmuir

The Dunsmuir – Castella Fire Department is a comprised of three different governmental entities; City of Dunsmuir, Dunsmuir Fire Protection District, and Castella Fire Protection District. They operate apparatus out of four stations, Dunsmuir, Isgrigg, Crag View, and Castella. They also have an auto aid agreement with the Mt. Shasta City Fire Department. Castella FPD is more than 47 miles from the CAL FIRE Shasta-Trinity Dispatch Center in Redding; as a result these collaborating agencies are dispatched by the Yreka Interagency Communications Center located at the CAL FIRE Siskiyou Ranger Unit Headquarters in Yreka.

There is a high presence of federal and state-owned forest lands within the jurisdiction of the District and equipment and personnel frequently are dispatched to incidents under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and State Responsibility Areas covered by CAL FIRE.

5. Agency Boundary and Proposed Sphere of Influence Update Map.

The agency boundary was established in 1947 and has not been amended since that time. In the mid-1980s a sphere of influence boundary was designated to be coterminous with the district boundary. After the current review, it would be appropriate to affirm that existing sphere of

influence boundary. The District is surrounded by federal and state lands, and currently protects private land areas which are rather closely aligned to the I-5 Corridor than to the outlying lands.

6. Written Determinations for the Municipal Service Review

a. Growth & Population Projections

Growth within the district is limited by geography (high mountains) and land ownership (federal and state-owned lands). Current unemployment rate is 16.5%. Population is approximately 175 with an estimated 11% change rate (moving in/moving out).

b. Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs)

Castella qualifies for the designation of "Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities." California State Parks (www.parks.ca.gov) provides a Community Locator tool which helps with identifying the general income within one mile of the town center. It usually sufficient to provide a guideline for this classification (see attached sheets). The population counts shown on these reports only encompass a one mile diameter and do not reflect the actual population assigned to those communities.

The median income for the state is \$46,477, and communities qualify for this designation if their median income falls below 80% of this figure. The median income calculation for Castella is \$28,627 (61% below the state standard).

No other such communities have been identified either within the District boundaries or within the proposed sphere of influence boundary.

c. Present and Planned of Public Facilities

District facilities are established and there are no current plans for expansion. Revenues are used to maintain existing facilities and provide emergency response and fire services to its citizens and neighboring area. Current infrastructure capacity, availability and quality are adequate for local public needs.

d. Adequacy of Public Services

Through the vehicle of interagency agreements, the District services are adequately met.

e. Infrastructure Needs or Deficiencies

No immediately pertinent infrastructure needs or deficiencies have been identified in the information gathered from the District.

f. Financing Constraints and Opportunities

The District utilizes multiple funding sources (tax revenue, grants, community fundraising activities). Adequate and sustainable funding still remains a problem for these rural public agencies. Consideration should be given to implementing a benefit assessment fee to create greater funding stability for provision of District services. Cost avoidance techniques that increase efficiency and decrease operation costs are utilized by the District, including a focus on the conservative application of revenues to expenses with priority given to meeting essential service needs. Through benefits provided by established mutual and automatic aid agreements with like agencies the District is able to provide a strong level of service within its boundaries and to adjacent communities and jurisdictions. The District regularly reviews expenditures, both monthly and during mid-year budget reviews.

New or project-specific revenues are commonly raised with local fundraising activities. Additional opportunities for revenues, equipment, and training can be available through local, state, and federal grant programs, which, although often highly competitive for increasingly limited dollars, can provide this District with funds that benefit local services on a smaller scale than those that may be required for the same or similar improvements at more densely populated agencies. For example, a \$5,000 grant may barely cover administrative costs at an urban fire agency, whereas in more rural fire agencies the same \$5,000 grant can provide much needed hazardous materials equipment and training for a healthy percentage of their qualified firefighters, or new wildland fire protection gear, or new breathing equipment.

g. Opportunities for Rate Restructuring

The District operates with tax revenues and does not utilize rates as a revenue source.

h. Status of and Opportunities for Shared Facilities

Through an automatic aid agreement with the City of Dunsmuir, the District has established a program of sharing equipment and facilities. The district is quite remote from other Shasta County independent fire districts and an attempt to share facilities with them would be impractical. This arrangement with Dunsmuir has been beneficial for both agencies since 2008, and subsequent 2012 agreements to add Shasta County Fire (CSA #1), the Castella-Dunsmuir Fire Department, and the Dunsmuir Fire Protection District to the equation has enhanced that beneficial relationship.

i. Accountability for Community Service needs, governmental structure, and operational efficiencies.

The District meets monthly, notices meetings in both communities and offers the public an opportunity to participate in their meetings. It also maintains a Facebook website page for the exchange of information with the public. The organizational system inherent to fire agencies provides quality public services with efficiency. Ongoing efforts to contain costs and maintain an open dialogue with the public it serves is reflected in the strong support the District receives from its citizens.

7. Written Determinations for the Sphere of Influence Update

a. Present and planned land uses

Shasta County designates much of the area served as forest lands under federal or state agency management. Pockets of land along or with access to the I-5 Corridor are designated for residential, commercial, light industrial, and public facility uses. This is a very rural area, with community development either clustered around the stores or scattered widely off secondary roads.

b. Present and probable need for public facilities; adequacy of services

Current level and organization of services is very adequate for the area. District services are enhanced through the active use of automatic and mutual aid agreements with other local, state, and federal fire agencies.

c. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of services

The District is very capable of providing its authorized services with its existing facilities and staff. In an improved economy it is likely that a small benefit assessment will be able to assist with facility maintenance costs and updating of necessary equipment.

d. Existence of social or economic communities of interest

Castella (Shasta County) and Dunsmuir (Siskiyou County) are relatively close neighbors and work well together.

e. Present and probable needs of disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs) within the area.

As identified in the MSR section, Castella qualifies as a disadvantaged unincorporated community. Shasta County is undertaking a study of these DUCs as part of their General Plan update and additional information should be available for an expanded analysis of this designation during the next MSR/SOI Update and review for this District will be due in 2019.

8. Conclusion

It is recommended that the municipal service review and sphere of influence update for the Castella Fire Protection District be adopted as proposed.

9. References

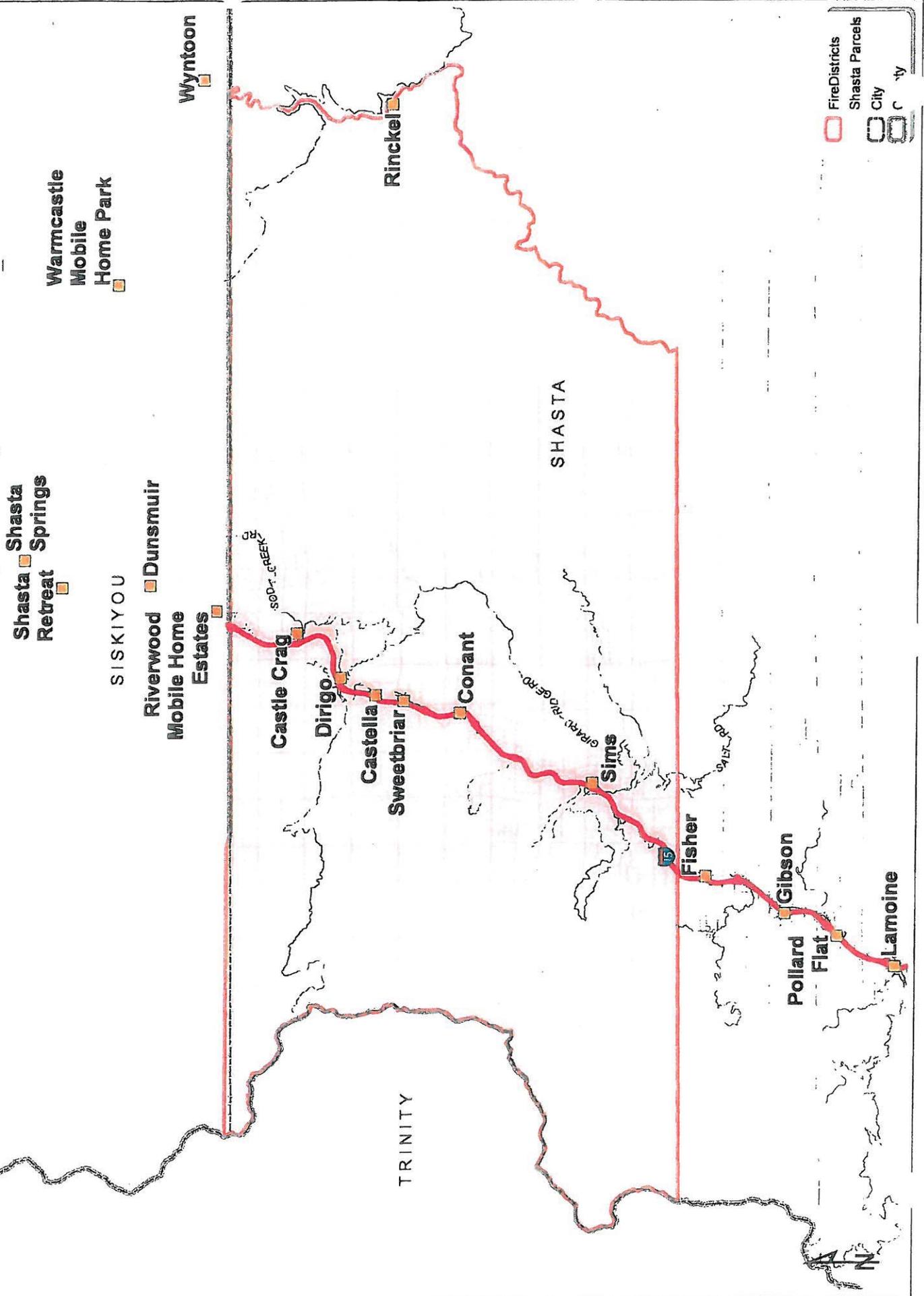
- a. Castella Fire Protection District (interviews, records, submitted data)
- b. County of Shasta
- c. Shasta LAFCO files for this district.
- d. Internet research on various sites.

10. Exhibits

- a. Map of proposed SOI Boundary
- b. 2014 Castella DUC Community Finder
- c. Notice of Intent to Adopt CEQA Determination – Statutory Exemption PRC 21083
- d. Request for NED Determination and No Effect Determination – California Department of Fish & Wildlife

Castella FPD SOI

Coterminus with existing boundary



LAFCO RESOLUTION 2014-10

RESOLUTION OF THE SHASTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MAKING WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS AND UPDATING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE CASTELLA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Castella Fire Protection District sphere of influence boundary was last updated circa 1986, and the last municipal service review for this District was approved by the Commission in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to the Government Code section 56000 *et seq.*, has prepared a municipal service review and proposed an updated sphere of influence boundary recommendation for the Castella Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, in the manner required by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing by the Commission on the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has heard, discussed and considered all evidence for and against the proposal, including but not limited to, the Executive Officer's analysis and proposed conditions and recommendations, the environmental document, applicable general and specific plans, and all testimony, correspondence and exhibits received prior to or during this noticed public hearing, all of which are included herein by reference.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

1. The project before the Commission is a proposed update of the Castella Fire Protection District's Sphere of Influence Boundary and acceptance of its related Municipal Services Review.
2. Shasta LAFCO, as the lead agency, circulated a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Statutory Exemption for this project, responded to written comments received during the review period and intends to certify a Statutory Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed update of its Sphere of Influence.
3. The Executive Officer applied for and received a No Effect Determination from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for this project.
4. The Commission, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425, makes the following specified determinations based upon data within the municipal service review to update the Castella Fire Protection District's Sphere of Influence Boundary:

A. *Present and planned land uses in the area.*

These uses include residential, rural residential, commercial, industrial, and state and federal lands. Recreational, agricultural and open space lands remain within the District. The Shasta County General Plan and Zoning ordinances address the kind of permitted uses in this area. The rural communities within the District are not incorporated.

B. *Present capacity of the public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.*

These services very adequately meet the needs of landowners who utilize their services.

C. *Existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.*

There is an expected affinity for a social and economic community of interest due to the remoteness of the local communities within this area from the other more developed portions of Shasta County along the I-5 Corridor. The District provides services to the Dunsmuir area in Siskiyou County under contract with that city.

D. *For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal or industrial water, or structural fire protection, the present and probable need for those facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated community within the existing Sphere of influence.*

Other local agencies provide these services within the existing and proposed sphere of influence boundary. All of the communities within the District's proposed sphere of influence boundary qualify under the statutory definition as "Severely Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities."

5. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to complete Update proceedings, and to schedule the subsequent review and update, as necessary, of this Agency's municipal service review and sphere of influence boundary five years from this approval date as required by statute.

6. The Castella Fire Protection District Sphere of Influence is hereby updated and approved. Adopted on May 1, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Baugh, Fust, Fyten, Morgan, Yarbrough

NOES: None

ABSTAINS: None

ABSENT: Farr, Haynes, Kehoe

Dated: 5/13/14



Les Baugh, Chair
Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission

Attest:



Jan Lopez, Executive Officer