

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

City of Nevada City
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February 22, 2017

TITLE: Confirm Submittal of 2017 Nevada City Sphere of Influence Recommendation to the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

RECOMMENDATION: Pass a Motion confirming submittal of the 2017 Nevada City Sphere of Influence recommendation to the Nevada County LAFCo.

CONTACT: Mark Prestwich, City Manager

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION: At the January 25, 2107 City of Nevada City Council meeting, Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Officer SR Jones presented a LAFCo staff-developed proposal to substantially reduce Nevada City's Sphere of Influence (SOI) boundary. If adopted, the sweeping proposal would shrink the LAFCo-approved Nevada City SOI by nearly 70%. Numerous concerns were raised and discussed by the City Council, City staff and community members that evening and again at the City Council meeting of February 8.

Based on feedback received, City staff prepared and submitted to LAFCo the attached comprehensive document recommending the LAFCo Board reconfirm the existing SOI boundary. The narrative explains why the existing Nevada City SOI boundary approved in 1986, reconfirmed in 2002, and remained unchanged by the LAFCo Board in 2008 continues to be consistent with State statutory provisions and Nevada County LAFCo policy requirements, and should remain so during this 2017 review. No significant changes have been made to LAFCo Law (the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000) since 2008 which would require a different determination.

The City has mailed notice and information related to LAFCo's forthcoming Thursday, February 23rd Nevada City Sphere of Influence Workshop to City residents and residents of the Nevada City SOI. The workshop will be held at the Nevada County Government Center's Board Chambers located at 950 Maidu Avenue. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All materials related to the SOI update have been added to the City's website to provide additional information for interested citizens.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS: Described extensively in attachment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT:

- ✓ 2017 City of Nevada City Sphere of Influence Recommendation