

MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 07-13

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF
THE TOWN OF ROSS

WHEREAS, the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission is required to periodically review and update adopted spheres of influence for each city and special district within Marin County under Government Code Section 56425; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has conducted a study of the adopted spheres of influence of local government agencies in the Ross Valley area, prepared a report, including his recommendations thereon, the report having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing by this Commission was held on the *Ross Valley Area Service Review and Spheres of Influence* and staff's recommendations contained in that report on the date and at the time noticed thereof, and at the hearing this Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, 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.

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 of the Town of Ross is hereby amended to be coterminous with the Town's boundary and to exclude the Del Mesa area and open space areas in public ownership west of the Town's current boundary as shown on Attachment 1.

Section 2. The statement of determinations required by Government Code Section 56425 are as follows:

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 General Plan of the Town of Ross and the Marin Countywide Plan.

Present and planned land uses in the area designated as the sphere of influence of the Town of Ross include low, medium, and high density residential, commercial

and parks/open space uses. Present and planned land uses within the Town's current boundaries are generally similar to adjacent land uses in areas designated as within the sphere of influence of the Town of Ross.

The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

The territories within the Town boundaries are at or nearing build-out with little land available for further development. The present need for public services and facilities within the sphere of influence as amended is primarily for existing population, land uses and infill development. The probable demand for public services and facilities over the next 15 to 20 years is not expected to exceed population growth of 6.5% (2000 - 2020) under the terms of adopted general plans.

The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services which the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

Projected demand for services extended to new population within the Town's existing boundaries should not require significant changes to Town services or facilities. Town departments should be able to continue to extend services to existing and projected population at existing levels of service.

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines they are relevant to the agency.

Each of the unincorporated areas in the designated sphere is served by the same school districts and other community organizations that serve the incorporated area. Recreational and cultural programs offered by the Town of Ross are open to, and are patronized by, unincorporated area residents.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 15320 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Commission finds that this amendment of the sphere of influence of the Town of Ross is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act because potential changes of organization arising from the amended sphere of influence will not alter the geographic area in which previously existing local government powers are exercised.

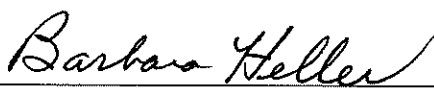
Section 4. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to mail copies of this resolution to affected local government agencies in the Ross Valley area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission on this 10th day of May, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Adams, Asbo, Burdick, Heller, McGlashan, Rodoni, Slavitz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Blanchfield



BARBARA HELLER, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:





PETER V. BANNING, Executive Officer

Ross Valley
Service Review and
Sphere of Influence Update
May 2007

Marin Local Agency
Formation Commission

**Adopted
Sphere of Influence,
Town of Ross**

Legend

-  Town of Ross
-  Adopted Ross SOI
- Parcel Boundary
- City Boundary

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