

**ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-23**

**APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE
CASTLEWOOD 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 Castlewood County Service Area (CSA) and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on May 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Castlewood CSA services include sewer collection, retail water services and private road street maintenance services to the unincorporated Castlewood community south of Pleasanton; and

WHEREAS, the agency was formed in 1968 as a dependent district and is governed by the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the SOI was established in 1984 and is coterminous with its bounds; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of updating 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 update 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. Retain the existing SOI for the Castlewood CSA, which is coterminous with its service boundary, as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. Adopt the policy that LAFCo shall encourage ACWD, Castlewood, CVSD, DSRSD, EBMUD, OLSL, USD and other districts to identify and annex, where appropriate, various unserved islands and fringe areas including those currently receiving service.
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 SOI is consistent with present and proposed land uses. The area contains single-family residences and a country club.

- b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area* – Modest growth is anticipated in the Castlewood community.
 - c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide* – Wastewater services are adequate, except that some homes still rely on private septic systems. Castlewood CSA has no drought plan prepared and does not follow conservation best management practices, such as metering water use. The CSA private streets lack sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements. 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* - The Castlewood Property Owners Association, which represents most of the residential property owners in the CSA, and the Castlewood Country Club 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* - None, the CSA already serves the area. No Williamson Act lands are within the District.
 - f. *Nature, location, extent, functions & classes of services to be provided* – The CSA provides sewer collection, retail water services and private road street maintenance services to the unincorporated Castlewood community south of Pleasanton.
4. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the SOI update 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 Sblendorio)
 Noes: 0
 Excused: 0

 /Janet Lockhart/

Janet Lockhart, Chair, Alameda LAFCo

Approved as to Form:

By: 

Brian Washington, LAFCo Legal Counsel

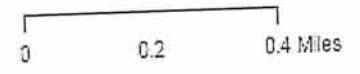
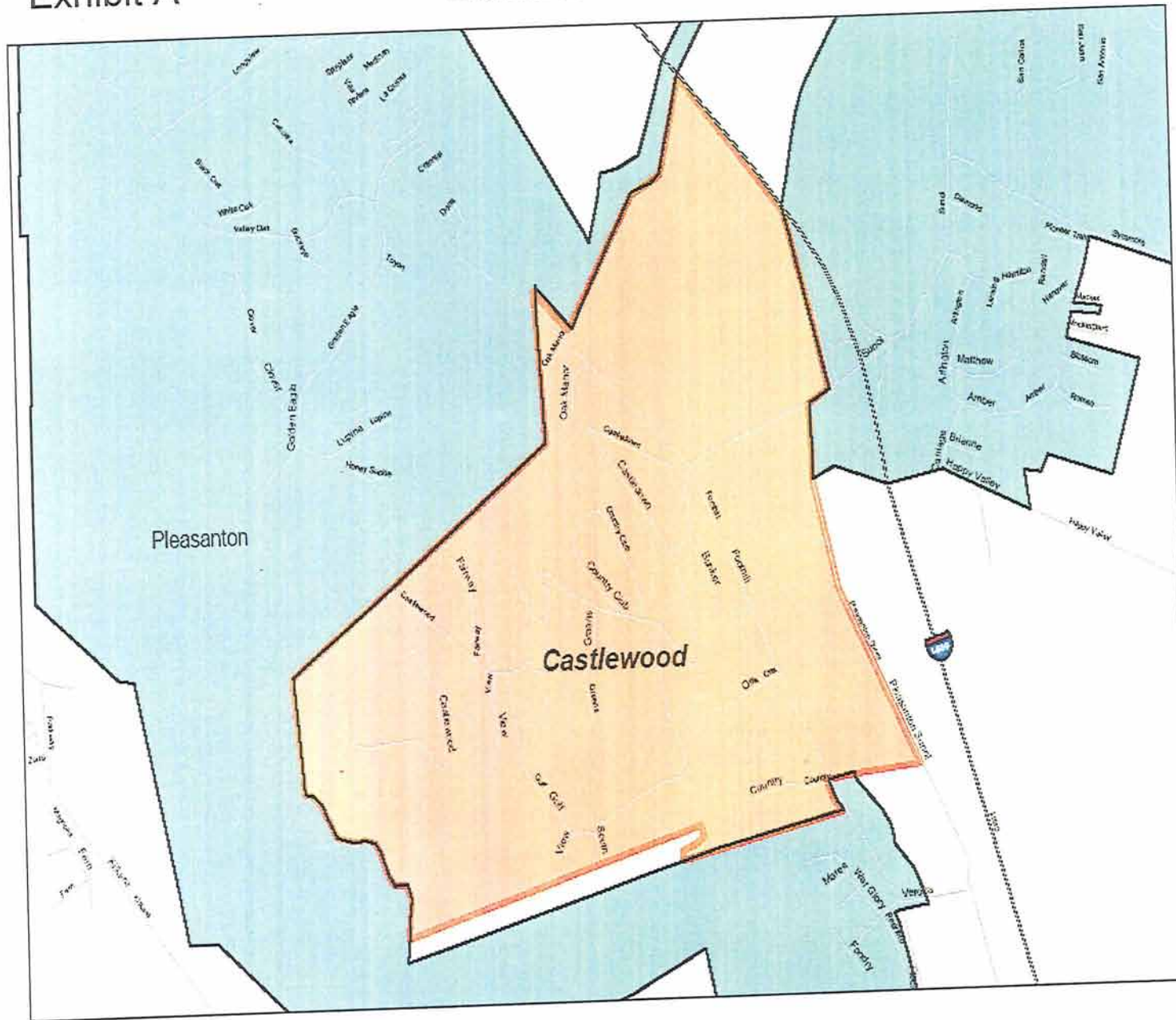
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission, Oakland, California.

Attest: 
 Crystal Hishida Graff, LAFCo Executive Officer

Date: 7/27/06

Exhibit A

CASTLEWOOD CSA



Legend

- Streets
- Interstates
- Castlewood
- Castlewood SOI
- Pleasanton City Limits
- Alameda Unincorporated

Alameda County Reference Map

