

**MARIN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION NO. 24-06

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE MARIN COUNTY  
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

**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 providing multi-regional services, prepared a summary, *Multi-Regional Services Municipal Service Review*, including his recommendations thereon, the summary having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

**WHEREAS** a public hearing by this Commission was held on the *Multi-Regional Services Municipal Service Review* and this Sphere of Influence reaffirmation, 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 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.

**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 Marin County Open Space District is hereby reaffirmed as shown on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and 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. Each of the currently active powers of the District are listed within the District's Agency Profile section within the *Multi-Regional Services Municipal Service Review*.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the Commission finds that this review and reaffirming of the sphere of influence of the Marin County Open Space District 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 Multi-Regional Services area.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission, on August 8, 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioners Coler, Kious, Murray, Chu, Lucan and Moulton-Peters

**NOES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Burdo

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Barbara Coler, Chair  
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**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

Jason Fried  
Jason Fried, LAFCo Executive Officer

Malathy Subramanian  
Malathy Subramanian, LAFCo Counsel

Attachments to Resolution No. 24-06

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

## EXHIBIT A

MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT 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 multiple municipal general plans, Marin Countywide Plan, and multiple community plans. As the District's boundary encompasses the entirety of Marin County, all applicable land use designations within the Marin County boundary are also applicable to the District. With that being said, all of the land that is owned and maintained by the District carries the land use designation of open space.

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

The need for Marin County Open Space District's facilities and services included in the sphere of influence will continue for the foreseeable future. While the District's initial primary role of purchasing larger tracts of land has been significantly diminished due to the combination of rising land costs as well as the costs to maintain the land that has been previously purchased, opportunities continue to arise for smaller areas adjacent to currently owned preserves to be purchased and added to do the District's holdings.

- 3) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

The operating departments and public facilities of the Marin County Open Space District are adequate to provide service to the District's currently established boundary and areas within its sphere of influence. While the District's primary focus has shifted from land acquisition towards open space management, the District has shown a commitment to ensuring a high level of continued management and support to each of its open space preserves. The scheduled free naturalist-guided excursions offered by the District are just one example of the District's commitment to ensuring equitable access to these spaces for the residents of Marin County.

- 4) 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 Commission has determined that social and economic communities of interest between areas currently within the boundaries of the Marin County Open Space District and the area surrounding its jurisdiction are not relevant to the determination of the District's sphere of influence.

- 5) For an update of a sphere of influence for a city or special 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.

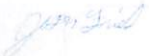
The Marin County Open Space District does not provide any of the above-mentioned services.



**MARIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE**





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