

**MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration Division**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health and Human Services
Graham Knaus, Director of Administrative Services

DATE: January 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Dissolution of County Service Area 28 (CSA 28) Zone of Benefit 27 and Related Advisory Committee

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to take the following actions with regard to County Service Area 28 (CSA 28) Zone of Benefit 27 (Zone 27):

- a. Conduct a public hearing regarding the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27.
- b. Adopt the attached Resolution approving the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27 and transferring the property tax allocation to those entities providing the services.
- c. Adopt the attached Resolution approving the dissolution of the CSA 28, Zone 27 Advisory Committee.

No County General Funds are associated with this action.

BACKGROUND:

Zone 27 was established in 1974 by Resolution 74-677 to provide dedicated property tax funding to improve ambulance service in the area of the unincorporated County adjacent to Interstate 80 from slightly north of Applegate to just west of Cisco Grove. A Zone 27 Advisory Committee was established to enhance the coordination, planning and delivery of ambulance and emergency medical services within CSA 28, Zone 27 in Placer County. The Committee is comprised of five members of the public appointed by your Board, one each from the areas of Alta, Dutch Flat, Iowa Hill, Weimar and Colfax. Health and Human Services (HHS) serves as the staff administrator of the Committee, as well as its fiscal agent.

Taxes were initially collected to provide for contracted ambulance service in the Zone. In 1989, the County awarded American Medical Response (AMR) the exclusive right to provide ambulance service throughout the County (at no charge to the County). Tax collection for Zone 27 was subsequently suspended. All remaining funds were placed in and maintained in a separate, interest-bearing County fund used for emergency medical equipment and training needs by fire agencies in the Zone. These items were needed for the numerous fire agencies in the area that continued to respond to medical assistance calls in addition to or in conjunction with AMR.

On October 20, 2009, your Board approved the cancellation of reserves and allocated remaining funds for emergency services in Zone 27 to the following six fire agencies that operate within the Zone: Alta Volunteer Fire Protection District, Dutch Flat Fire, Colfax City Volunteer Fire Department, Iowa Hill Fire Brigade, Placer Hills Fire Protection District, and Placer County Fire.

The dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27 and the transfer of the property tax allocation to the entities providing first responder emergency medical services is now necessary. Government Code 25217.2 describes the process to be followed in order to dissolve a Zone of benefit. The procedural steps needed include:

- A resolution of intention must be passed by the Board pursuant to Subsection 25217 (b)
- A public notification pursuant to Section 25217 (d) must be given listing the date and time that a public hearing will be held by the Board to discuss dissolution of the Zone.

Each of the above steps has been taken. After conducting the public hearing, it is recommended that the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27 and the related Advisory Committee be approved by your Board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Resolution No: _____

**Dissolution of County Service Area 28, Zone of
Benefit 27**

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 25217.2, prior to dissolution of a Zone of Benefit within a County Service Area, the Placer County Board of Supervisors must adopt a resolution noticing the County's intent to dissolve a Zone of Benefit.

WHEREAS, County Service Area 28 (CSA 28), Zone 27 was established in 1974 by Resolution 74-677 to provide dedicated property tax funding to improve ambulance service in the area of the unincorporated county adjacent to Interstate 80 from slightly north of Applegate to just west of Cisco Grove. A map of the Zone is attached to this Resolution and marked as "Exhibit A".

WHEREAS, on May 27, 1975, voters within CSA 28, Zone 27 approved a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of assessed value to support the services within the Zone.

WHEREAS, Proposition 13 abolished the individual tax rates in favor of a maximum tax rate of \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value divided among all tax entities who levied a property tax at the time of enactment.

WHEREAS, the CSA 28, Zone 27 portion of the \$1.00 tax rate levied within its boundaries is approximately \$0.0137.

WHEREAS, in 1989 the County awarded American Medical Response (AMR) the exclusive right to provide ambulance service throughout the County and at no charge to the County.

WHEREAS, tax collection for CSA 28, Zone 27 was suspended beginning in 1989 with all remaining funds placed in a separate, interest-bearing, County fund.

WHEREAS, the CSA 28, Zone 27 Advisory Committee was established in 1994 by Resolution 94-70 to advise policy positions which recognize and include community input into the coordination, planning, and delivery of ambulance and emergency medical services within CSA 28, Zone 27 in Placer County.

WHEREAS, CSA 28, Zone 27 is no longer necessary due to the continuation of ambulance service by contract, and other providers of first responder emergency medical services in the area.

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved disbursement of CSA 28, Zone 27 reserves and appropriated remaining funds to eligible fire agencies operating in the Zone for emergency medical service purposes.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 25217, the Board of Supervisors must hold a public hearing to discuss the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27.

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a Resolution of Intent to conduct a public hearing regarding the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27 and authorized the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Auditor-Controller, to take all steps necessary to dissolve CSA 28, Zone 27.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Placer County has given notice and made postings within the Zone that a public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on January 26, 2010 during a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting in Auburn, California, as provided by state law to discuss the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer hereby dissolves Zone 27 of CSA 28.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs that the percentage allocation of the one percent property tax in the tax rate areas that had been served by Zone 27, CSA 28 shall be transferred as follows:

- TRAs 002-000- 002-001; 002-006; 002-010 City of Colfax 100 %
- TRAs 053-001 (88%); 053-008 (88%); 053-010; 053-012 (88%) Alta Fire District 100 %
- TRA 062-009 Foresthill Fire District 100 %
- TRAs 062-011; 083-009; 083-012; 083-019; 083-023; 083-033; 083-043; 083-052; 083-055; 083-056; 083-069 Placer Hills Fire District 100%
- TRAs 053-001(12%); 053-002; 053-003; 053-004; 053-005; 053-006; 053-007; 053-008(12%); 053-009-053-010 (0%); 053-012(12%); 053-013; 053-017; 062-002; 062-003; 062-005; 062-006; 062-007; 062-008; 062-012; 062-013; 083-003; 083-027 Fire Control Fund 100%.

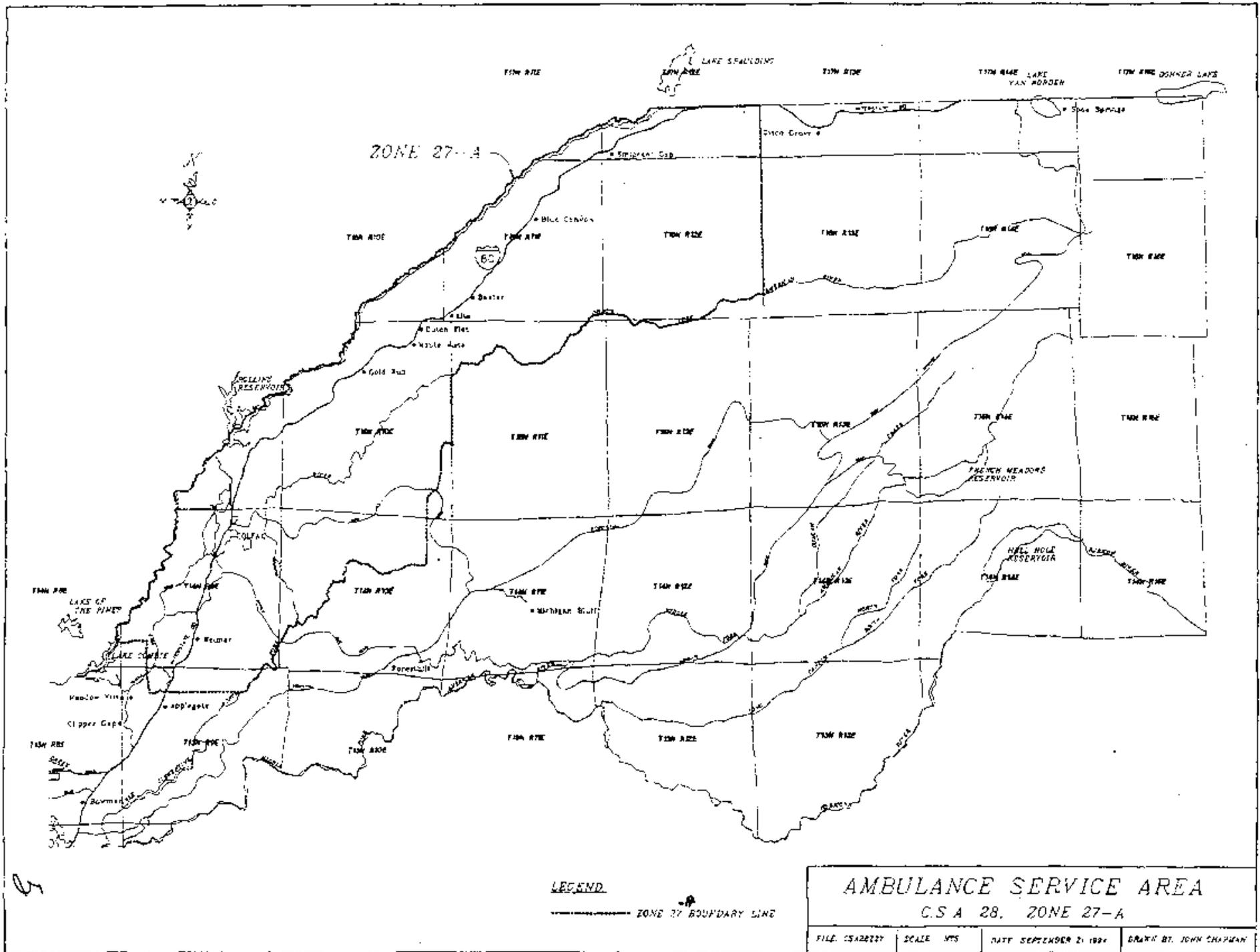


Exhibit A

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of:

Resolution No: _____

**Dissolution of the County Service Area 28, Zone
of Benefit 27 Advisory Committee**

Ord. No.: _____

First Reading: _____

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WHEREAS, CSA 28, Zone 27 has been dissolved.

WHEREAS, CSA 28, Zone 27 Advisory Committee is no longer needed due to the dissolution of CSA, Zone 27.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer hereby dissolves the CSA 28, Zone 27 Advisory Committee.

