

**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:** December 8, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Intent to Dissolve County Service Area 28 (CSA 28) Zone of Benefit 27

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**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. Approve a Resolution of Intent to conduct a public hearing regarding the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27.
- b. Authorize the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Auditor-Controller, to take all steps necessary to dissolve CSA 28, Zone 27.

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). In response, tax collection for Zone 27 was 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.

Maintaining active membership on the Committee, especially since the award of the AMR contract, has been problematic and there have been periods of inactivity due to its inability to gain a quorum at Committee meetings. As a result, 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 is now needed due to the continuation of ambulance service, suspension of the tax collection, and the cancellation of reserves. Government Code 25217.2 refers to Section 25217 as the section that describes the process to dissolve a Zone of benefit. A resolution of intention must be passed by the Board pursuant to Subsection 25217 (b) and then 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, and opportunity for public comment, and consideration on any protest on the dissolution. A personal notice to each owner of property in the Zone must also be mailed out

by the County which invites owners of property to protest the dissolution of the Zone. If greater than 50 percent of the residents disagree with the dissolution then the County cannot dissolve the Zone.

In addition, dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27 will require the Auditor-Controller to notify and request the State Board of Equalization dissolve the tax rate area. For 2010-11, tax rate area changes must be finalized by the Board of Equalization by April 30, 2010.

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

**Notice of Intent to Dissolve 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

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**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 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.

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

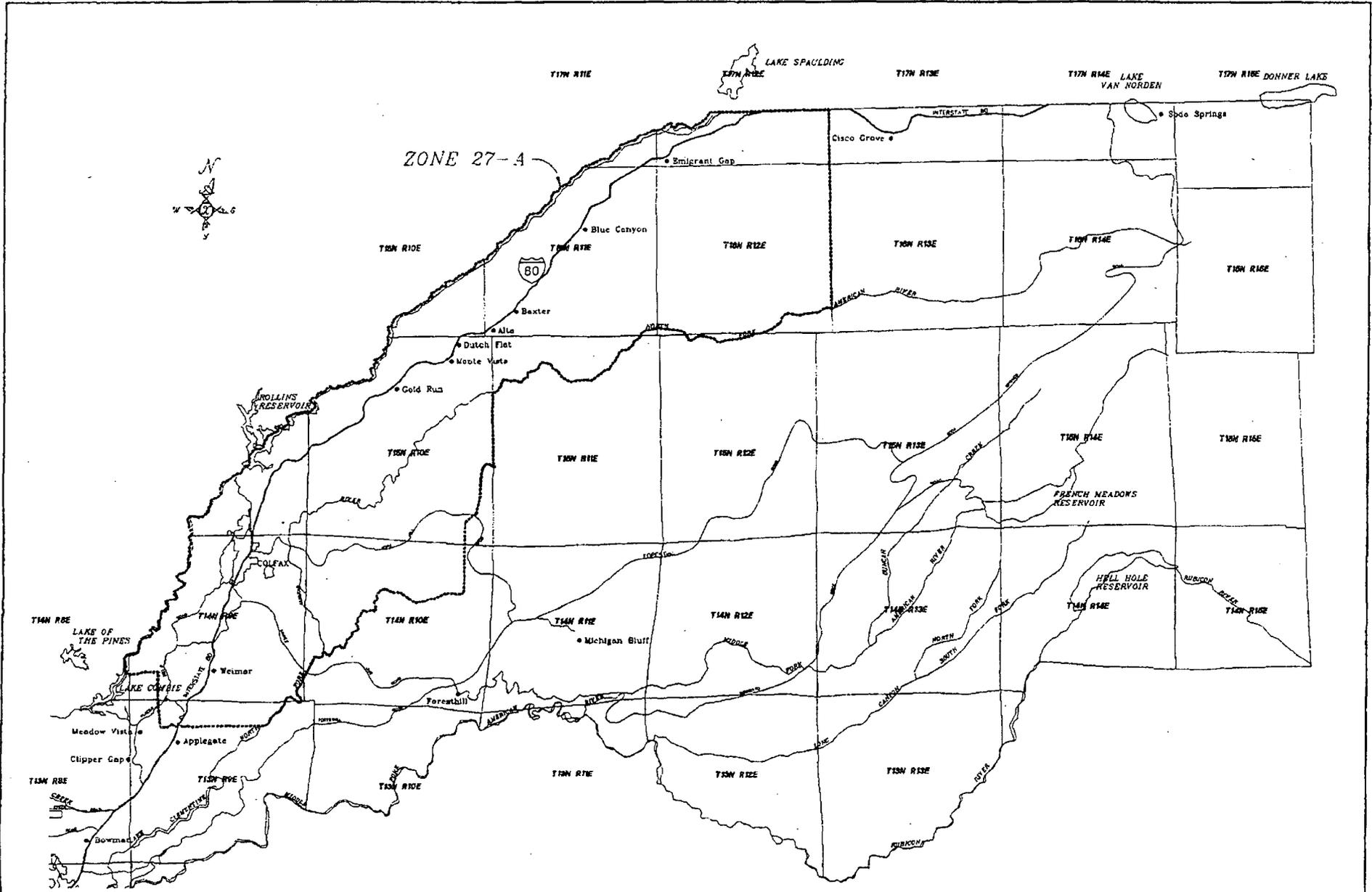
**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved disbursement of remaining CSA 28, Zone 27 reserves and appropriated remaining funds to eligible fire agencies operating in the Zone for emergency medical service purposes.

**WHEREAS**, CSA 28, Zone 27 is no longer needed due to the continuation of ambulance service, the suspension of the tax collection, and the disbursement of reserves.

**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 and consider any protests for the dissolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Placer County hereby declares 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, to discuss the dissolution of CSA 28, Zone 27.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall publish notice of the public hearing; mail the notice at least 20 days before the date of the hearing to all owners of property within the Zone; to all city and special districts that contain, or whose sphere of influence contains, the Zone, and post the notice in at least three public places within the territory of the Zone.



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ZONE 27-A

LEGEND  
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<b>AMBULANCE SERVICE AREA</b>			
C.S.A. 28, ZONE 27-A			
FILE: CSA28227	SCALE: NTS	DATE: SEPTEMBER 21 1994	DRAWN BY: JONK CHAPMAN

EXHIBIT A

