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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: American Canyon Fire Protection District – Sphere of Influence Review (Discussion)

The Commission will receive a report from staff identifying draft study categories for the sphere of influence review of the American Canyon Fire Protection District. The report is being presented to the Commission for discussion only.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires the Commission to review each local agency's sphere of influence by January 1, 2008 and every five years thereafter. California Government Code §56076 defines a sphere as "a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the Commission." LAFCO establishes, amends, and updates spheres to indicate to local agencies and property owners that, at some future date, a particular area will likely require the services provided by the subject agency. The sphere designation also indicates the agency LAFCO believes to be best situated to serve the subject area.

Discussion

Drawing from the Commission's adopted study schedule, staff has initiated a sphere review of the American Canyon Fire Protection District (ACFPD). ACFPD was established in 1957 and is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency medical services to an approximate 6.0 square mile area that includes all of the City of American Canyon. ACFPD's sphere was established by LAFCO in 1975 and then updated in 1982. In updating the sphere, the Commission emphasized the role of ACFPD as an urban service provider and established a dual annexation policy involving the American Canyon County Water District. This policy was amended to involve the City at the time of its incorporation in 1992.

In preparing the current update, staff has developed four draft study categories that are depicted on the attached map. These draft study categories represent areas that comprise specific boundary line and land use criterion. Three of the four draft study categories represent areas that are located outside the existing ACFPD sphere. These draft study categories are identified as Study Categories "A," "B," and "C" and will be evaluated to

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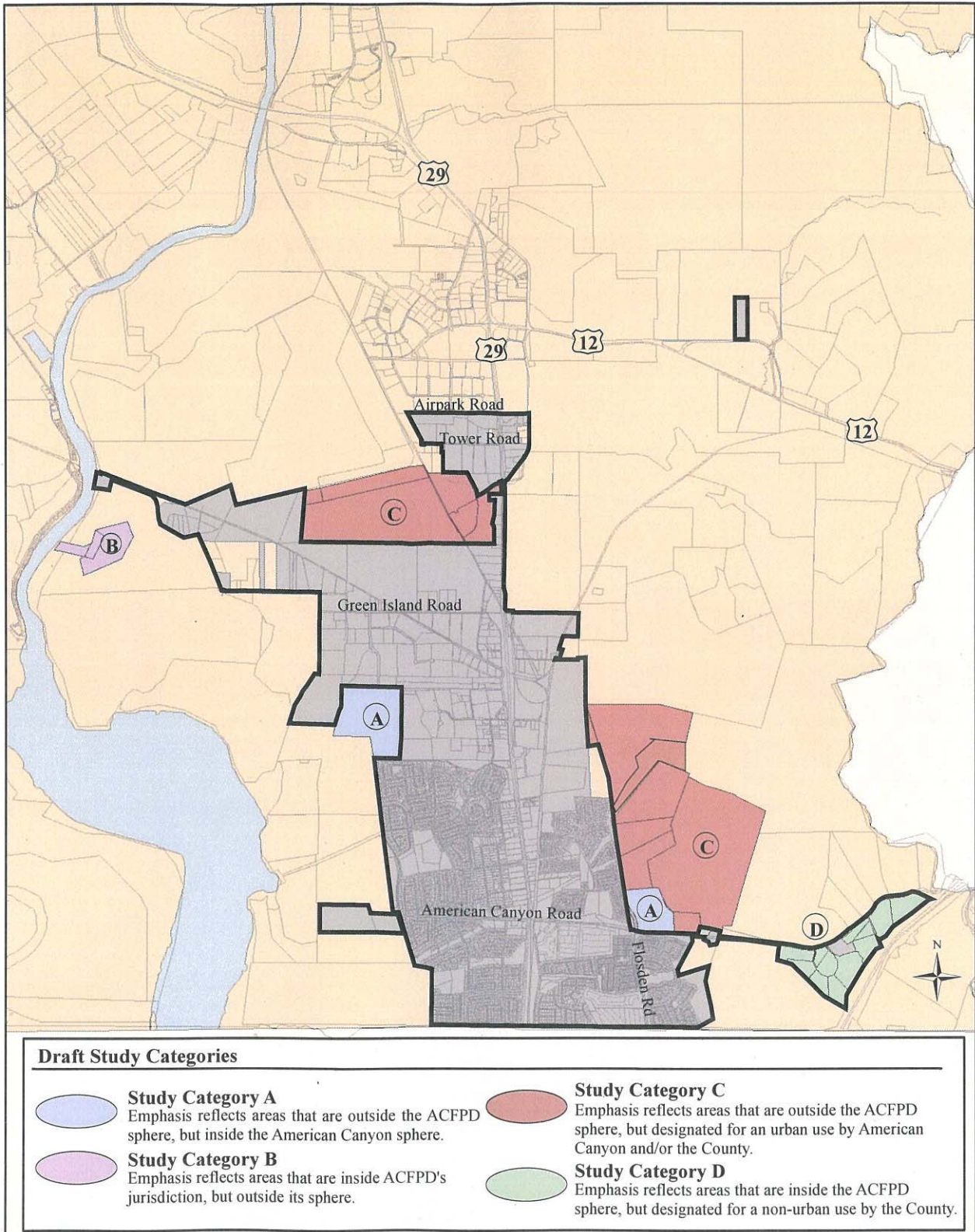
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consider the merits of their inclusion into the sphere. The fourth draft study category, which is identified as Study Category “D,” represents an area already inside the ACFPD sphere, but outside its jurisdictional boundary. This draft study category will be evaluated to consider the merits of its removal from the sphere.



All four of the draft study categories are being presented to the Commission for discussion. The discussion will provide an opportunity for the Commission to ask questions and provide direction to staff with regard to the review process. Staff anticipates presenting a draft report with analyses on potential modifications to the ACFPD sphere at the Commission’s March 5, 2007 meeting.

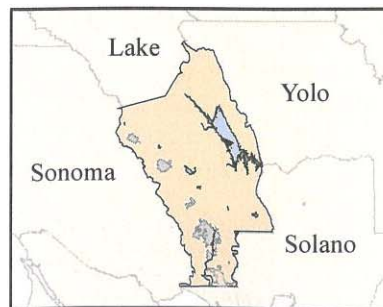
Attachment: as stated

American Canyon Fire Protection District



Legend

-  American Canyon Fire Protection District
-  American Canyon Fire Protection District Sphere of Influence



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