

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO  
MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE  
CITY OF WILLITS OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH  
CITY CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION FINDING AND  
ASSIGNMENT OF A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE WATER SERVICE AREA  
WITH A LAFCO FINDING OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

RESOLVED, by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Mendocino (LAFCO), State of California, that

WHEREAS, LAFCO approved Resolution #L96-6, which Exhibit A conditioned the City of Willits to file an application for approval of an Out-of-Agency Service Agreement for the water service area they currently and potentially could serve including assignment of a sphere of influence, which was once part of the Little Lake County Water District territory, dissolved by said Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, a proposal for (1) City of Willits Out-of-Agency Water Service Agreement and (2) Assignment of a Water Sphere of Influence for a Water Service Area has been filed with the Executive Officer of this Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985, commencing with Government Code Section 56000, pursuant to Section 56133; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and prepared a report, including her recommendations thereon, the proposal and report having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willits adopted a CEQA finding of a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Government Code Section 15301(b) and 15303(b), 15304(f) and 15320, as well as Statutory Exemption, State Code 21080.21 for the water services; and

WHEREAS, the water service area requires a separate sphere of influence to be assigned by LAFCO to cover that service area by the City of Willits and make a CEQA determination; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted a public hearing to review the proposal and hear the Executive Officer staff report and other comments relative to this proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Mendocino DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER as follows:

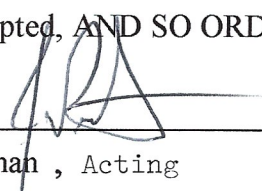
1. The proposal identified as LAFCO File No. L96-8, "Out-of-Agency Service Agreement for the City of Willits Water Service Area and Assignment of a Water Sphere of Influence," by LAFCO is hereby approved as follows:
  - a) Approval of the Out-of-Agency Service Agreement as filed by the City of Willits and accept the City finding of a Categorical Exemption
  - b) LAFCO's adoption of a Negative Declaration for the Water Service Area Sphere of Influence, and assignment of said Sphere
  - c) Identification of the Water Service Area and Sphere of Influence, shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.
  
2. The Commission encourages future annexation of this territory by the City of Willits as noted in 56133.

ADOPTION of this Resolution was moved by Commissioner Pinches, seconded by Commissioner Peterson, and carried on this 2nd day of December, 1996 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Pinches, Peterson and Clark  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: Commissioners Alfano and Campbell  
ABSTAIN: NONE

WHEREUPON, the Chairman declared this Resolution adopted, AND SO ORDERED.

ATTEST:  
Executive Officer  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Mendocino

  
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Chairman, Acting

By Mary Hiatt, Executive Officer, Local Agency Formation Commission in and for the County of Mendocino, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Local Agency Formation Commission as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

  
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Executive Officer

RESOLUTION L96-09

EXHIBIT "A"

