MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 18-07 – Butte County Public Cemetery Districts Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence Plan Update

DATE: September 26, 2019, for the meeting of October 3, 2019

Summary / Background

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires LAFCo to review and update, as necessary, special district Spheres of Influence (SOIs) (California Government Code Section 56425(g)). In addition, LAFCo is required to conduct a Municipal Service Review (MSR) for each agency prior to, or in conjunction with, an agency’s SOI update (California Government Code Section 56430(a)).

The current Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Plan Update for the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts was approved by the Commission in 2010.

Staff prepared an administrative draft document and on August 30, 2019 provided each cemetery district (Bangor, Kimshew, Gridley-Biggs, Oroville, Paradise, Pine Creek, Thompson Flat, and Upham) with a copy for its preliminary review. As a result, a few minor, non-subjective corrections were received and incorporated.

On September 12, 2019, a Public Review Draft MSR/SOI Plan Update was circulated for its required 21-day noticed public review which included a public notice in the Chico Enterprise Record as well as distribution to the County Library, affected agencies and placed on the LAFCo website.

As of the date of this report, aside from positive feedback, no substantive comments have been received.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Public Review Draft MSR/SOI Plan Update for the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts at the October 3, 2019 meeting, subject to any changes that the Commission may direct. The Final MSR/SOI Plan Update shall include the adopting resolution and copies of any comments received at the public hearing.

Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Plan Update Format

The Butte County Public Cemetery Districts MSR/SOI Plan Update document consists of an introductory chapter, an MSR/SOI Plan Update for each cemetery district, a glossary and appendix. The document provides a complete and comprehensive review of the eight public cemetery districts located in Butte County based on documents and information provided by the Districts and other sources.
The introductory chapter includes:

- An explanation of the MSR/SOI Plan Update process and provides the statutory requirements that the Commission must follow to review and approve the MSR/SOI Plan Update; and

- A review on California Public Cemetery Districts, including the services they provide, how they are managed, and their financing structure; and

- A map illustrating Butte County's eight (8) public cemetery districts.

The MSR/SOI Plan Update section consists of eight individual segments for each public cemetery district and includes:

- A data sheet; and

- A map of jurisdictional and SOI boundaries; and

- District characteristics; and

- MSR Factors and Determinations, including a description of services provided and a detailed look at finances; and

- SOI Factors, Findings and Determinations.

**Summary MSR/SOI Plan Update Determinations, Findings and Recommendations**

**Bangor Cemetery District**

- The District has sufficient land resources to accommodate projected service demands with regard to future growth projections and its minimal facilities reflect the rural level of public service it provides.

- The District lacks sufficient facilities and infrastructure planning, financial commitment and practices to ensure future said needs continue to be addressed.

- Financially solvent, the District is in conformity with governmental requirements for financial accounting and auditing.

- Basic maintenance and operational needs are met through current resources; however, due to the geographic location of the District, opportunities for shared facilities are limited.

- Although the District does not have an internet presence, it has been determined that a website would enhance its service provisions.

- Information, i.e., agendas, minutes and records do not appear to be readily available to members of the public upon request and should be kept in a secure location, preferably in electronic format for the ease of access, retrieval and dissemination. It has been determined that the District, in an effort to preserve records, establish and adopt a record retention procedure including a backup and storage procedures.
• It appears that the District is not in compliance with the Public Cemetery Law requirement in that its Board of Trustees shall meet once every three months.

• Overall, the District's current structure is minimally sufficient to provide basic services necessary to maintain operations in an effective and efficient manner.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner given the resources available; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the Districts' existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Bangor Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 2, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.

Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District

• The District maintains an adopted, detail-oriented, capital improvement plan; therefore, it has sufficient land resources, infrastructure and equipment to ensure that ongoing operations can accommodate projected service demands with regard to future growth projections.

• Financially sound, the District has appropriate financial planning mechanisms in place to meet operational and long range planning needs and is in conformity with governmental requirements for financial accounting and auditing.

• Maintenance and operational needs are met through the District's current resources; therefore, no deficiencies result from a lack of shared facilities.

• Although the District does not have an internet presence, it has been determined that a website would enhance its service provisions.

• The District's operations run both effectively and efficiently and are representative of a well organized and capable special district.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the Districts' existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 3, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.
Kimshew Cemetery District

- The District currently has sufficient land resources, infrastructure and equipment to ensure that ongoing operations can accommodate projected service demands with regard to future growth projections.

- The District lacks sufficient facilities and infrastructure planning, financial commitment and practices to ensure future said needs are addressed.

- Financially solvent, the District is in conformity with governmental requirements for financial accounting and auditing.

- Maintenance and operational needs are met through current resources; therefore, no deficiencies result from a lack of shared facilities. However, it would be appropriate for the District to initiate a conversation with the Paradise Cemetery District to discuss reasonable options to share services or other resources so that both districts may provide better service into the future.

- Although the District does have a website, information is very limited and should be expanded in an effort to expand its service provisions.

- It has been determined that the District, in an effort to preserve records, establish and adopt a record retention procedure including a backup and storage procedures.

- Overall, the District's operations appear to run effectively and efficient and are representative of a well organized and capable special district.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the Districts' existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Kimshew Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 4, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.

Oroville Cemetery District

- The District maintains an adopted, detail-oriented, capital improvement plan; therefore, it has sufficient land resources, infrastructure and equipment to ensure that ongoing operations can accommodate projected service demands with regard to future growth projections.

- Financially sound, the District has appropriate financial planning mechanisms in place to meet operational and long range planning needs and is in conformity with governmental requirements for financial accounting and auditing.
• Maintenance and operational needs are met through the District's current resources; therefore, no deficiencies result from a lack of shared facilities.

• The District maintains a comprehensive website that is easy to navigate and that contains a wealth of information.

• Overall, the District's operations run both effectively and efficiently and are representative of a well-organized and capable special district.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the District's existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Oroville Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 5, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.

Paradise Cemetery District

• The District's current population has decreased by approximately 83% as a result of the Camp Fire in November 2018. It is anticipated that the District will spend much of the next decade, if not more so in recapturing past residents. Regardless of the recent fluctuation in population, the District has sufficient land resources, infrastructure, and equipment to ensure that ongoing operations can accommodate projected service demands with regard to returning resident population as well as future growth projections.

• Based on adopted budgets, the District appears to be financially solvent; however, it is not in conformance with governmental requirements for financial accounting and audits, as its last annual audit was for Fiscal Year 2013/14. The failure to maintain current acceptable accounting records is a disservice to its constituents.

• Maintenance and operational needs are met through current resources; therefore, no deficiencies result from a lack of shared facilities. However, it would be appropriate for the District to initiate a conversation with the Kimshew Cemetery District to discuss reasonable options to share services or other resources so that both districts may provide better service into the future.

• During the process in which LAFCo staff worked on and prepared the MSR/SOI Plan Update, it was disappointing to know that the full-time district manager did not feel it was necessary to communicate, i.e., complete the LAFCo Questionnaire or respond to numerous phone contacts. In addition, it should be noted that during the Camp Fire event and in the following months, the District was simply unreachable, nor did it provide reasonably acceptable updates via phone messages or e-mail notifications to District residents or to the general public.

• Although the District does not have an internet presence, it has been determined that a website would enhance its service provisions.
• Information, i.e., agendas, minutes and records do not appear to be readily available to members of the public upon request and should be kept in a secure location, preferably in electronic format for the ease of access, retrieval and dissemination. It has been determined that the District, in an effort to preserve records, establish and adopt a record retention procedure including a backup and storage procedures.

• Overall, the District's operations are being managed adequately to conduct burial related services; however, other administrative and governance issues are apparent and should be addressed by the District Board.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate but are not being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the District's existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Paradise Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 6, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.

Pine Creek Cemetery District

• The District has sufficient land resources to accommodate projected service demands with regard to future growth projections and its facilities are minimal and reflect the rural level of public service it provides.

• The District lacks sufficient facilities and infrastructure planning, financial commitment and practices to ensure future said needs are addressed.

• Financially solvent, the District is in conformity with governmental requirements for financial accounting and auditing.

• Basic maintenance and operational needs are met through current resources; however, due to the geographic location of the District, opportunities for shared facilities are limited.

• It has been determined that the District should coordinate with the Butte County Board of Supervisors in an effort to fill existing vacancies on its Board of Trustees.

• Although the District does not have an internet presence, it has also been determined that a website would enhance its service provisions. Information, i.e., agendas, minutes and records do not appear to be readily available to members of the public upon request and should be kept in a secure location, preferably in electronic format for the ease of access, retrieval and dissemination. In an effort to preserve records, it has been determined that the District establish and adopt a record retention procedure including a backup and storage procedures.

• In addition, it appears that the District is not in compliance with the Public Cemetery Law requirement in that its Board of Trustees shall meet once every three months.
• Overall, the District's current structure is minimally sufficient to provide basic services necessary to maintain operations in an effective and efficient manner.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the Districts' existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Pine Creek Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 7, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.

Thompson Flat Cemetery District

• The District's facilities are minimal and reflect the rural level of public service it provides. Furthermore, the District has reached capacity; however, will accommodate cremation burials in existing graves of family members, provided permission is given by living descendants.

• Financially solvent, the District is in conformity with governmental requirements for financial accounting and auditing.

• No deficiencies exist as a result of the lack of shared facilities, as maintenance and operational needs of the District are met through current resources, including a contractual agreement with the Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District.

• Although the District does not have an internet presence, it has been determined that a website would enhance its service provisions.

• Overall, the District's current management structure and contractual relationship with Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District is sufficient to account for services necessary in order to maintain operations in an effective and efficient manner.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the Districts' existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Thompson Flat Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 8, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.
Upham Cemetery District

- The District has sufficient land resources to accommodate projected service demands with regard to future growth projections and its facilities are minimal and reflect the rural level of public service it provides.

- The District lacks sufficient facilities and infrastructure planning, financial commitment and practices to ensure future said needs are addressed.

- The District appears to be financially solvent; however, is not in conformance with governmental requirements for financial accounting and audits. The failure to maintain current acceptable accounting records is a disservice to its constituents.

- Basic maintenance and operational needs are met through current resources; however, due to the geographic location of the District, opportunities for shared facilities are limited.

- It has been determined that the District should coordinate with the Butte County Board of Supervisors in an effort to fill existing vacancies on its Board of Trustees.

- Although the District does not have an internet presence, it has been determined that a website would enhance its service provisions. Information, i.e., agendas, minutes and records do not appear to be readily available to members of the public upon request and should be kept in a secure location, preferably in electronic format for the ease of access, retrieval and dissemination. In an effort to preserve records, it has been determined that the District establish and adopt a record retention procedure including a backup and storage procedures.

- In addition, it appears that the District is not in compliance with the Public Cemetery Law requirement in that its Board of Trustees shall meet once every three months.

- Overall, the District's current structure is minimally sufficient to provide basic services necessary to maintain operations in an effective and efficient manner.

The District's SOI analysis and determinations indicate that:

1. The services being provided by the District are adequate and are being provided in a reasonably effective manner; and

2. There are no substantial land use or service delivery deficiencies that demand modifications to the Districts' existing coterminous SOI boundary. In addition, neither the District nor LAFCo has requested any modifications to the existing SOI boundary; and

3. The Commission affirms the existing coterminous SOI boundary as presented in the Upham Cemetery District Boundaries and Sphere of Influence Map in Section 9, Page 3 of the MSR/SOI Plan Update.

Changes to the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts MSR/SOI Plan Update

As mentioned earlier, no public comments have been received as of the date of this report; however, comments may be received at the public hearing, which may warrant changes. If directed so by the Commission, staff will make any needed changes to the final document.
Staff requests that the wording "has adequate financial planning mechanisms in place to meet operational and long range planning needs" be removed from Kimshew Cemetery District MSR Determination 5.4.1 on Page 4-14. This reference was inadvertently missed during the proofing of the document.

**General Comments**

**Declining Numbers**

In very general terms, cemeteries, both public and private, are increasingly losing their customers and their caretakers. For many of the smaller public cemetery districts in Butte County, finding community members who are willing to voluntarily serve on district boards is getting harder. Aging populations together with the depopulation of rural communities is lending to the demise of volunteers. Absent the effort of volunteer trustees and caretakers, financial resources are not adequate to replace these people with paid staff or contractors. An example of this diminished capacity is the fact that only four out of eight local cemetery districts even made the effort to respond to the LAFCo's Evaluation Questionnaire. While this may have not been purposeful, it does nonetheless indicate a lack of resources, time and/or commitment on the part of existing volunteers.

With the mobility of families, the current trend of counties having to take over operations of cemeteries could be accelerated in the near future. Another possible reason for individuals choosing to no longer operate cemeteries is the change in demand for burial services. The National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) reported that for the first time cremation surpassed burials in 2015 (please see the graph below for cremation vs. burial numbers). The NFDA projects that this trend will only increase over the next 12 years with cremation being the dominant choice.

![Cremation vs. Burial Graph](image)

**Authority v. Responsibility**

In accordance with the California Health and Safety Code, counties have "responsibility" for all public cemeteries that are not otherwise owned and managed by another legislatively recognized
entity. Specifically, Health and Safety Code §8131 states “All public cemeteries within the county that are 'not owned by a city or by a fraternal or beneficial association or society are under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of Supervisors of the county in which they are situated.'

The source of the county’s jurisdiction lies with its inherent police power and is codified in Health and Safety Code §8115, which states “The governing body of any city or county, in the exercise of its police power, may by ordinance prescribe such standards governing burial, inurnment, and entombment and such standards of maintenance for cemeteries, including mausoleums and columbarium, as it shall determine to be reasonably necessary to protect the public health or safety, assure decent and respectful treatment of human remains, or prevent offensive deterioration of cemetery grounds, structures and places of interment. Such standards may be made applicable to every public and private cemetery within the city or county.”

It should be noted that jurisdiction and control is not the same as title or ownership. While Health and Safety Code §8131 provides the authority for the county to make all rules and regulations related to cemeteries within its boundaries, it does not require the County to assume responsibility of maintaining the cemeteries. For example, private cemeteries are maintained by their private ownership and likewise cemeteries controlled by fraternal or beneficial associations or special districts are maintained by those organizations.

In the coming years, Butte County may face the need to take control of local cemeteries that are declining in activity, are no longer being effectively managed by other entities, or suffer from the simple lack of volunteers willing to be appointed as trustees. This was the case with the Thompson Flat Cemetery District which is now dependent and run by the County. It is reasonable to expect the County will receive more inquiries or pressure to intervene under the above circumstances resulting in additional cost to the General Fund, with little opportunity to generate offsetting revenue.

Public Notice

A legal notice regarding the 21-day public review period for the Draft Butte County Public Cemetery Districts’ MSR/SOI Plan Update and notice of the October 3, 2019, Commission hearing on the MSR/SOI Plan Update was published in the Chico Enterprise-Record on September 12, 2019. The notice and the Draft MSR/SOI Plan Update were placed on Butte LAFCo’s webpage as well as, circulated to each library in the Butte County. The notice was also posted on Butte LAFCo’s office door and at the Butte County Administration Office. As of the date of this report, no written comments have been received regarding the public review draft. A copy of the public review draft was provided directly to each district for review and comment.

Environmental Determination

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that the Commission undertake and review an environmental analysis before granting approval of a project, as defined by CEQA. Butte LAFCO is the Lead Agency for environmental review for the proposed Butte County Public Cemetery Districts’ MSR and SOI Plan Update.

The Municipal Service Review for the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts’ is categorically exempt from the preparation of environmental review under a classification related to information gathering (Class 6 - Regulation Section 15306), which states: "Class 6 consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These may be strictly for
information gathering purposes, or as part of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded." The MSR collects data for the purpose of evaluating municipal services provided by the agency. There is no land use change or environmental impact created by such a study. There is no possibility that the MSR update will have a significant effect on the environment because there are no land use changes associated with the MSR update.

The SOI Plan Update for the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts' is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – General Rule Exemption, which states that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

CONCLUSION

The proposal substantially conforms to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 and with Butte LAFCO policy. The Executive Officer recommends approval of the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts' MSR/SOI Plan Update as presented.

ALTERNATIVES FOR COMMISSION ACTION

After reviewing this report, the Draft MSR and SOI Plan Update, and any testimony or materials that are presented, the Commission can take one of the following actions:

OPTION 1 APPROVE the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts' MSR/SOI Plan Update, as may be modified by the Commission, as follows:

A. Acting as Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, find that the Municipal Service Reviews for the Public Cemetery Districts are Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Section 15306, “Information Collection.”

B. Acting as Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, find that the Sphere of Influence Plans for the Public Cemetery Districts are Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3) – General Rule Exemption.

C. Find that the MSR/SOI Plan Update satisfies State Law.

D. Find that the Spheres of Influence Plan for Public Cemetery Districts are complete and satisfactory and achieve consistency with Butte LAFCO and State SOI policies and statutes.

E. Adopt Resolution 04 2019/20 (Attachment A and Exhibits A thru H) approving the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts' Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Plan Update.

F. Direct staff to prepare the Final MSR/SOI Plan Update, which will include the adopting resolution and any comments received with regards to the public review draft MSR/SOI Plan Update.
**OPTION 2** CONTINUE this proposal to a future meeting for additional information.

**OPTION 3** DIRECT Staff to make any Commission-identified changes to the Draft MSR/SOI Plan Update and CONTINUE this proposal to a future meeting to allow time for staff to make the needed changes and return with revised draft documents for further Commission review.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve OPTION 1.

Attachment A: Draft LAFCO Resolution No. 04 2019/20

Exhibit A: Bangor Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit B: Gridley-Biggs Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit C: Kimshew Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit D: Oroville Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit E: Paradise Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit F: Pine Creek Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit G: Thompson Flat Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
Exhibit H: Upham Cemetery District Proposed Jurisdictional Boundary and SOI Map
RESOLUTION NO. 04 2019/20

ADOPTION OF BUTTE COUNTY PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICTS
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW AND WRITTEN DETERMINATIONS
AND
ADOPTION OF SPHERE OF INFLUENCE PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, a municipal service review mandated by Government Code Section 56430 and a sphere of influence update mandated by Government Code Section 56425 for the eight (8) Butte County Public Cemetery Districts (8) has been conducted by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Butte (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") in accordance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Sections 56000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, at the times and in the form and manner provided by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing by the Commission on this matter; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56428 and 56430, has reviewed this proposal and prepared a report, including his recommendations thereon, and has furnished a copy of this report to each person entitled to a copy; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing by this Commission was called for October 3, 2019, and at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing, this Commission heard and received all oral and written comments; the Commission considered all plans and proposed sphere of influence amendments, objections and evidence which were made, presented, or filed; and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard in respect to any matter relating to the proposal, in evidence presented at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, acting as Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the Commission finds that the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Plan Update is Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Section 15306, "Information Collection" and under Categorically Exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Section15061(b)(3) – General Rule Exemption, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Service Review determinations for each reviewed District are made in conformance with Government Code Section 56430 and local Commission policy; and

WHEREAS, Sphere of Influence determinations for each reviewed District are made in conformance with Government Code Section 56425 and local Commission policy; and
WHEREAS, based on presently existing evidence, facts, and circumstances considered by this Commission, including the findings as outlined above, the Commission adopts written determinations as set forth. The Commission updates the existing Spheres of Influence for each of the eight (8) Districts as depicted in the SOI Plan for Public Cemetery Districts, adopted by the Commission on October 3, 2019; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to powers provided in §56425 and §56430 of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Butte adopts written determinations as set forth in the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Plan Update, dated October 3, 2019, and adopts the Butte County Public Cemetery Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Plan Update, adopted by the Commission on October 3, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Butte, on the 3rd day of October 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINS:

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Commission                     CARL LEVERENZ, Chair
Butte Local Agency Formation Commission
Exhibit D

Butte County Cemetery Districts
- Oroville Cemetery District Jurisdictional Boundary
- Oroville Cemetery District Sphere of Influence
- Butte County Cemeteries
- Butte County Communities
- Butte County Major Roads
- Butte County Parcels
- Butte County Boundary

Butte Local Agency Formation Commission
Sphere of Influence & District Boundary

Action:  
Date:  
Resolution:  

Data: Butte County & LAFCO
Exhibit H

Butte County Cemetery Districts
- Upham Cemetery District Jurisdictional Boundary
- Upham Cemetery District Sphere of Influence
- Butte County Cemeteries
- Butte County Communities
- Butte-Yuba County Roads
- Butte County Parcels
- Yuba County Parcels
- Butte-Yuba County Boundary

Butte Local Agency Formation Commission
Sphere of Influence & District Boundary

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