



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Public Review for the Sphere of Influence (SOI) Plan Update

**Recommendation:** Receive and File. No formal action required.

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**Prepared by:** Amy Wolfson, City Planner

**Council Meeting Date:** March 12, 2024

**Date Prepared:** March 7, 2024

**Agenda:** Administrative

**Background Information:** The City Sphere of Influence (SOI) is an area outside the city limit boundaries that is anticipated to be annexed within an approximate 20-year time frame according to policy set by the Nevada County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo). LAFCo is required to determine an appropriate SOI for each city and special district based on present and future service needs which are determined through Municipal Service Reviews, the last of which was conducted in 2015. LAFCOs exercise quasi-legislative authority under Government Code Sections 56000-57550 (the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 or “CKH”). Under CKH LAFCo’s are required to update an SOI every five years, as necessary.

LAFCo has prepared an SOI update for the City of Grass Valley and is recommending a Negative Declaration (ND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The ND will be available for public review from March 15, 2024 to April 15, 2024. once the public review period commences, both the SOI update and the ND will be available on the Nevada County LAFCo website: <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/907/Local-Agency-Formation-Commission-LAFCo>

**Council Goals/Objectives:** The SOI update does not meet any specific or general goal or objective but is mandated by the State.

**Fiscal Impact:** Review of the draft SOI Update and draft ND has been completed with existing staffing resources. No impact to the General Fund will occur.

**Reviewed by:** Tim Kiser, City Manager

**ATTACHMENT:**

**Attachment 1 -** LAFCo Transmittal Letter: 2024 City of Grass Valley Sphere of Influence Update Public Review Period