

## MANDATORY FIVE YEAR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE

**INTRODUCTION:** The questions on this form are designed to obtain data about the entity's existing sphere of influence to allow the Commission and its staff to begin to assess the mandated sphere update process. You are encouraged to include any additional information that you believe is pertinent to the process. Use additional sheets where necessary and/or include any relevant documents.

1. NAME OF AGENCY: County Service Area 120
2. Provide an identification of the entities that provide service to your agency. Please indicate whether they are public or private entities and include subsidiary districts in this description. Please include a description of City or District-governed agencies (i.e., redevelopment agency, development corporations, joint powers authorities, improvement districts, etc.):

CSA 120 is a single purpose Board-governed Special District that performs Open Space and Habitat management services that don't require other agencies in the performance of services. Administrative functions for the District are performed through the County Special Districts Department to share staff and overhead expenses which limit the direct burden on the District.

CSA 120 receives shared in-house Special District Department/County support for budget, fiscal, administration, risk management, audits, procurement, real estate services, legal representation, human resources, and other related functions when required.

3. Provide a narrative description of anticipated alterations in the agency's current sphere of influence that should be considered in this review. This identification should include any potential development that would require a sphere of influence amendment for implementation, etc. (If additional room for response is necessary, please attach additional sheets to this form.)

CSA 120 was formed under LAFCO Resolution No. 3051, effective July 1, 2009. County Service Area 120 (CSA 120) seeks to establish a sphere of influence larger than the existing boundaries of the District. CSA 120 provides administration and management services related to open space conservation and preservation of mitigation properties.

4. **CITIES:** Provide an outline of negotiations with the County of San Bernardino related to any sphere change anticipated. Please include an outline of agreements on boundaries, development standards, zoning requirements, if any. This is required pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(b).

N/A

5. **CITIES:** Provide an outline of the dates for adoption and plans for update, if any, for:

General Plan Elements if adopted separately NAME	DATE OF ADOPTION/UPDATE PLANS
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6. **CITIES/SPECIAL DISTRICTS:** For the services provided by the agency identify the appropriate document below and provide an outline of the date of adoption, schedule for update, copy of the document and copy of environmental document, if applicable:

Master Plan for Water Utility	N/A
Master Plan for Sewer Utility	N/A
Master Plan for Fire Service	N/A
Master Plan for Park Service	N/A
Urban Water Management Plan (with copy of certification from Department of Water Resources)	N/A
Other (Please name):	
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7. **SPECIAL DISTRICTS:** Provide an outline of the following items related to the services provided by the District. This response is specifically required by Government Code Section 56425(i) et seq.

a) Provide a written statement specifying the functions and/or classes of service provided by your District.

County Service Area 120's (CSA 120) only authorized function/service is to provide Open Space and Habitat Conservation management services which includes the acquisition, preservation, maintenance, and operation of land to protect unique, sensitive, threatened, or endangered species, or historically significant properties.

b) Provide a written description of the nature, location and extent of the functions and/or classes of service outlined above. Where the service area is less than the boundaries of the District provide a map depiction of the location.

CSA 120 currently provides service in an area that abuts the National forest to the north and stretches across the foothill region above the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana. Eventually CSA 120 would like to grow to an area starting Northerly of State Route 210 and abutting the San Bernardino National Forest in the foothill regions of San Antonio Heights, Alta Loma, Lytle Creek, Devore, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, and San Bernardino. The area is generally adjacent to, and in the vicinity of Cucamonga Creek, Day Creek, Etiwanda Creek, Lytle Creek and the Cajon Wash, including Sycamore Creek and portions of Cable Creek.

c) Provide a brief outline of master plans adopted for each of the services listed above including a summary of their findings and the date of their adoption. If master plans are required to be filed with a County, State or Federal agency please note the date of their acceptance. Provide a copy of the master plans with this document if not previously provided to the LAFCO staff office including a copy of the environmental determination associated with the document.

CSA 120 provides habitat and mitigation management services for the protection of biotic resources susceptible to degradation or loss. Service needs are typically facilitated by the number of property mitigations that occur and therefore the development of a master plan for service is not feasible. CSA 120 has both a Cooperative Management Agreement (Exhibit V) and approved Management Plan (Exhibit VI) under which services are provided.

8. Provide a response to the four factors outlined in Government Code Section 56425 required for a sphere of influence review outlined as follows:

a) The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.

The proposed sphere area includes unincorporated property and northern most sections of the cities of Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, and San Bernardino as indentified on map (Figure 1) as Areas 1A, 1B, 2, 3, and 4. The 2005 City of Upland General Plan designates areas that fall within their area of the proposed CSA 120 sphere (Area 2) as OS – Open Space, ED – Edison Easement, and Single Family Residential at a density of 2-3 dwelling units/acre. The City of Rancho Cucamonga 2010 General Plan Update has designated areas within the proposed sphere (Area 1A, 2, 3, and 4) as Open Space, Conservation, Flood Control/Utility Corridor, Hillside Residential, School, and General Commercial. The City of Fontana in a 2006 revision to their General Plan Land Use Map designates areas within the proposed CSA 120 sphere as OS – Open Space, PUC – Public Utility Corridor, RPC – Residential Planned Community, RE – Residential Estates, CG –

General Commercial, and PR – Recreational Facilities. Much of the proposed sphere (Area 4) is comprised primarily of unincorporated property to the north of the cities of Rialto and San Bernardino. The proposed sphere (Area 4) does encompass northern sections of the cities of Rialto and San Bernardino. The City of Rialto designated land use in some areas within CSA 120 proposed sphere as Open Space Resources, Open Space Recreation under their General Plan. In the City of Rialto Lytle Creek Ranch Specific Plan areas pertaining to CSA 120 are further designated as OS – Open Space, OS/JU – Open Space Joint Use, OS/R – Open Space Recreation, Single and Multi-Family Residential, Commercial, School, and VC – Village Center Commercial in the Conceptual Land Use Plan for the development. The section of CSA 120's proposed sphere associated with San Bernardino (Area 4) has land designations derived from both the Glen Helen Specific Plan and City of San Bernardino General Plan. Land Use designation for San Bernardino Planning Areas of Area 4 under the County's Glen Helen Specific Plan include CTS – Commercial/Travel Services, CI - Corridor Industrial, E/RR - Existing Roads/Railroad Rights of Way, and SUA Special Use Area. San Bernardino areas under their General Plan Land Uses include Residential @ 1 dwelling unit/acre, Residential @ 3.1 dwelling units/acre, Residential @ 3.5 dwelling units/acre, Industrial, Open Space, and Public Park.

Unincorporated properties (Area 1A, 1B, 2, 3, and 4) within the CSA 120 sphere area proposed have County Land Use designations of RL- Rural Living, SD – special Development Residential, RC – Resource Conservation, RS – Single Residential, CN, Neighborhood Commercial, CI – Corridor Industrial, DR – Destination Recreation, E/RR Existing Roads/Railroad ROW, FC – Flood Control, GCC – Golf Course Community, OS/A – Open Space/Active Recreation, OS/H – Open Space/Habitat Reserve, OS/P – Open Space Passive Recreation, OS/PS – Open Space/Public Safety, PF Public Facility, C/DE – Commercial/Destination Entertainment, SUA, Special Use Area, and C/TS – Commercial Travel Services.

Dominant land uses within areas of CSA 120 currently include: Open Space, Conservation, Floodway, Public Utility, and Transportation Corridor. Single Family Dwellings for the most part are absent from the existing landscape, but do occur sporadically on larger parcels of land. The land use designations defined under general and area specific plans are not altered or determined by CSA 120

- b) The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

It is anticipated that the need for management services for open space and habitat conservation will grow as a result of U.S Fish & Wildlife and California Department of Fish and Game protection measures to keep biotic resources undisturbed in areas containing rare habitats and endangered species. A reference map (Figure 2) which depicts the proposed sphere for CSA 120 in relationship to known biotic resource is attached.

c) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.

CSA 120 was formed to provide conservation management for a specific geographic region, but the District is able to expand if the need dictates. CSA 120 has been approached on numerous occasions about the extension of conservation management services to locations outside the existing boundary of CSA 120.

CSA 120 is the only established government entity with management of open space and habitat conservation as its primary purpose. CSA 120 currently holds over 1,200 acres in mitigation properties under its conservation umbrella.

d) The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.

The proposed sphere area for CSA 120 is riddled with sensitive habitats, endangered animals, and rare plant species that rely on the area for their continued existence. Without some level of biotic resource management and protection these biotic rarities are in danger of extinction. Of particular interest are the rare unique micro habitat areas that support and provide harborage for the endangered life forms. The State of California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has ranked the Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub, as a very threatened and rare natural plant community along with Riversidean Sage Scrub, Sycamore Alluvial Woodland, White Alder Riparian Forest, Southern Cotton Willow, and California Walnut Woodland. Along with the CDFG the U.S. Fish and wildlife Service has considered the alluvial fans occurring at the base of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Mountains an important ecological area located within a State-designated Significant Natural Area (Fish and Game Code Section 1930 et. Seq). The biotic resources identified on (Figure 2) are State and Federal listed endangered, threatened, and /or sensitive species such as the California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo, Los Angeles pocket mouse, Plummer's mariposa lily, Parry's spineflower, Bell's sage sparrow, rufous-crowned sparrow, San Diego horned lizard and San Bernardino kangaroo rat. Most of the area proposed as a sphere area for CSA 120 is located within alluvial fan systems (formed by flows emanating from Cucamonga, Deer, Day, Etiwanda, San Sevaine, Lytle, and Cajon creeks). Flood plain habitat loss and elimination of

wildlife connections pose threats to the biotic resources identified. The establishment of a sphere area which encompasses these areas provides greater management capacity of the biotic resources to be conserved and protected.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached supplements, exhibits, and documents present the date and information required for this mandatory review to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE: 3/13/12

  
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