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Introduction

The LAFCO Commission is required to review and or update each sphere of influence before January 1, 2008, and every five years there afterward (GC 56425(g). The last comprehensive sphere of influence update was conducted in 1995.

In determining the sphere of influence of each local agency, the commission shall consider and prepare a written statement of its determinations with respect to each of the following (GC 56425(e)):
1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands.
2. The present and probably need for public facilities and services in the area.
3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.
4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.

In order to evaluate these factors, GIS data was gathered and updated to most closely represent the existing and proposed land use, city and community district boundaries, and primary and secondary spheres of influence. Additional information was overlaid to identify areas under Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone contract, and whether there was a valid City Protest or Non-Renewal filed. Potential development areas were also identified and noted as areas of interest if additional analysis and CEQA findings are needed to be made.

Primary & Secondary Sphere of Influence:

Primary Sphere of Influence: This boundary serves as the area that has been approved by LAFCO as a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency. Within the growth boundary, a City or Community District may apply to LAFCO to annex contiguous territory in a logical and orderly manner, and LAFCO may approve after considering certain factors.

Secondary Sphere of Influence: This boundary line has no basis in State Law and serves only as an indication of the “Area of Planning Interest” to the local jurisdictions. The boundary is recognized as an area of mutual interest between City, County and/or Community Districts where notification of development projects should be extended and served to one another. The County should provide notice to the City of any proposed project(s) which fall within the Primary or Secondary Sphere of Influence.

This Sphere Update is intended to establish more orderly growth boundaries for the Cities and Community districts, and is consistent with the planned urban land uses and anticipated growth patterns of each Local Agency. Areas not currently planned for urban uses or areas restrained by Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone Contracts with no valid City protest or Non-Renewal filed are recommended for removal unless otherwise justified to remain within the sphere. As these recommendations are based upon existing land use plans and service capacities, a substantial change in land use density or intensity for territories beyond a City or Community District and within the Primary Sphere of Influence shall require an extensive Plan for Services to be provided on future annexation applications. This will ensure that municipal service requirements are adequately addressed in relation to the change in land use. This information should also be addressed in the CEQA review to ensure adequate consideration has been given to evaluate service level impacts.
City of Avenal  
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the City of Avenal was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on August 4, 2004, by LAFCO Resolution No. 04-06. The existing territory under the City’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 16,424 acres, of which 12,426 acres are already within the City’s jurisdiction. In overlaying the City’s 2005 Avenal General Plan and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 3,179.61 acres have been found to exist within the City Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the City’s General Plan. No additional land planned for urban uses was identified outside the City’s existing Primary Sphere of Influence.

The City of Avenal currently does not have a designated Secondary Sphere of Influence as it is considered coterminous with the Primary Sphere of Influence. As the City of Avenal has an expressed interest in areas within the existing Primary Sphere which is recommended for reduction, the Secondary Sphere should be formally established to cover all territory under the existing Primary Sphere of Influence.

The recommended Avenal Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 13,243.35 acres and represents an overall reduction of the City’s primary sphere by 19.37%. The recommended changes include a proposed reduction of 3 areas totaling 3,179.61 acres. The following recommendations provide detail and justification for each of the separate areas.

**Recommendations:**  
**Reduction Areas:**

1. **Reduction Area 1** – Two and a quarter square miles consisting of Sections 28 and 29 of Township 22 East, Range 17 South, and the southwest quarter of Section 20. The territory is located along Tar Canyon Road, west of State Highway 33. This area consists of 11 parcels and contains approximately 1439 acres. The area is undeveloped and is currently used as grazing land. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Avenal in their 2005 General Plan.

   This area contains 4 parcels totaling 1,162.54 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract. None of these parcels are protested or have non-renewals filed to remove the properties from the contracts.

   This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is largely constrained by Williamson Act Contracts. Reduction Area 1 should therefore be removed from the City of Avenal Primary Sphere of Influence.

2. **Reduction Area 2** – One and three quarters of a square mile consisting of Section 14, Township 22 East, Range 17 South, and the north half and southeast quarter of Section 23. The territory is located east of 36th Avenue. This area consists of 7 parcels and portions of 2 parcels, and contains approximately 1,100 acres. The area is primarily undeveloped and is currently used as grazing land, and has a shooting range business. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Avenal in their 2005 General Plan.
This area contains 3 parcels totaling 369.77 acres and portions of 2 other parcels totaling 164.75 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract. None of these parcels are protested or have non-renewals filed to remove the properties from the contracts.

This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is largely constrained by Williamson Act Contracts. Reduction Area 2 should therefore be removed from the City of Avenal Primary Sphere of Influence.

3. **Reduction Area 3** - Square mile area located north and south of Interstate 5, between 33rd and 34th Avenue Alignments. This area consists of 10 parcels and contains approximately 647.55 acres. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Avenal in their 2005 General Plan.

This area contains 4 parcels totaling 468.36 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract. None of these parcels are protested or have non-renewals filed to remove the properties from the contracts.

This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is largely constrained by Williamson Act Contracts. Reduction Area 3 should therefore be removed from the City of Avenal Primary Sphere of Influence.
CITY OF AVENAL
PRE-2008 EXISTING SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
- City of Avenal Sphere of Influence
- Avenal Primary Sphere
- Avenal Secondary Sphere

Existing Sphere of Influence

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City limit boundary and sphere of influences existing on September 26, 2007.
City of Corcoran
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the City of Corcoran was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on January 21, 2001, by LAFCO Resolution No. 01-01. The existing territory under the City’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 8,649 acres, of which 4,780.81 acres are already within the City’s jurisdiction. In overlaying the City’s 2007 Corcoran General Plan and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 1,398.38 acres have been found to exist within the City Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the City’s General Plan. In addition, an estimated 782.98 acres were found to be planned for urban uses under the City’s adopted General Plan but not currently within the existing Primary Sphere of Influence.

The one area currently planned for rural land uses under the City’s 2007 General Plan, but is not proposed for sphere change includes:

1. **No Change Area 1** - That territory located between 7th Avenue and 7 ½ Avenue, north of Omaha Avenue and south of Orange Avenue is not proposed for removal. The Corcoran Airport and the residences south of Whitley Avenue receive City water service and should be retained in the Corcoran Primary Sphere of Influence. This will provide a logical boundary for future growth and ensure that all properties receiving City municipal services continue to fall with in the Sphere of Influence.

The Corcoran Secondary Sphere of Influence is recommended for expansion to include all those areas identified in the 2007 Corcoran General Plan as areas of interest to the City. The expansion would include two additional areas. The north would be extended beyond Nevada Avenue approximately 2 miles and follow along the Lakeland canal from 6th Avenue and Madison Avenue Alignment to the original line at Nevada Avenue and 4th Avenue. The second area of expansion will adjust the southwest to include the territory west of the Corcoran Prison to the 7th Avenue Alignment and area north of Paris Avenue and east of the 8th Avenue Alignment. In total, approximately 6,848 acres would be added to the Corcoran Secondary Sphere of Influence. The City has informed LAFCO that it considers the State Highway 43 corridor to be a critical entryway which requires a high degree of coordination between the County and City. In some recent cases, such coordination did not occur.

The recommended Corcoran Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 8033.30 acres and represents an overall reduction of the City’s primary sphere by 7.12%. The recommended changes include a proposed reduction of 2 areas totaling 1,398.38 acres and expansion of 1 area totaling 782.98 acres. The following recommendations provide detail and justification for each of the separate areas.

**Recommendations:**

**Reduction Areas:**

1. **Reduction Area 1** – This area consists of approximately 168 acres located south of Newton Avenue and north of Orange Avenue, immediately east of the 7 ½ Avenue Alignment. This territory is currently under agricultural production and is not planned for urban uses by the City of Corcoran in their 2007 General Plan.

   This area consists of the west half of the east half of Section 9 in Township 21 South, Range 22 East, M.D.B.&M and is only a portion of a 626 acre parcel. This parcel is
currently under Williamson Act Contract and does not have non-renewal filed to remove the property from the contract.

This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is constrained by a Williamson Act Contract. Reduction Area 1 should therefore be removed from the City of Corcoran Primary Sphere of Influence.

2. **Reduction Area 2** – This area consists of 58 parcels totaling approximately 1,230 acres, located south of Newton Avenue, west of 4th Avenue, and north of State Highway 43. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Corcoran in their 2007 General Plan.

This area contains 20 parcels totaling 715.78 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract, and 2 Farmland Security Zone Contracted parcels totaling 267.72 acres. Of these parcels, nearly all have valid City Protests that would remove the properties from a Williamson Act Contract upon annexation. This territory, however, is not planned for urban growth by the City and is therefore recommended for removal from the City of Corcoran Primary Sphere of Influence. The City of Corcoran owns a parcel of land just north of the City boundary and is using the property for water conveyance. The portion of the City owned parcel located north of the existing City limits is included in the proposed sphere of influence.

**Expansion Areas:**

1. **Expansion Area 1** – This area consists of approximately 783 acres located west of Dairy Avenue south of Pueblo Avenue and a quarter mile north of Quebec Avenue. The area is planned for industrial, residential and agricultural uses according to the 2007 Corcoran General Plan, and is adjacent to the Corcoran State Prison.

This area contains a portion of 1 parcel (316.34 acres) that is not currently under Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone Contract. This territory is planned for urban growth by the City and heavy industrial uses are planned for the surrounding areas to the north and east. Expansion Area 1 should therefore be added to the City of Corcoran Primary Sphere of Influence as it is a logical and defined boundary for likely future annexation proposals and development.

The homes located along Paramount Avenue and Plymouth Avenue receive City water service. The area to the north of Paramount Avenue is designated as Limited Agriculture but is not subject to a Williamson Act Contract or Farmland Security Zone (FSZ) and forms as logical boundary with the homes to the south. The owners of the property designated as Industrial in the Corcoran General Plan, and located within a Farmland Security Zone have indicated that they plan to establish a use on that site which complies with the FSZ but which will benefit from municipal water service. This territory is therefore recommended as an expansion area to the Primary Sphere of Influence to allow foreseeable development to be considered that is consistent with the City’s General Plan and any Land Conservation Contract. In the 2007 General Plan Update, the City addressed the planned land use of this territory and its addition to the Primary Sphere of Influence.
City of Hanford
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the City of Hanford was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on October 28, 1998, by LAFCO Resolution No. 98-07. The existing territory under the City’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 18,250 acres, of which 10,153.33 acres are already within the City’s jurisdiction. In overlaying the City’s 2002 Hanford General Plan and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 1,534.85 acres have been found to exist within the City Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the City’s General Plan. In addition, an estimated 320.72 acres were found to be planned for urban uses but not currently within the existing Primary Sphere of Influence. Of this 320.72 acres however, only 54.33 acres are recommended for expansion to the Primary Sphere of Influence. A 47.93 acre area currently located within the Armona Community Services District Primary Sphere of Influence is not recommended for change, and the entire Home Garden Community Services District and District’s Primary Sphere of Influence (259.54 acres) is recommended for removal from the City Primary Sphere of Influence.

The two areas currently planned for urban land uses under the City’s 2002 General Plan, but are not proposed for sphere change include:

1. **No Change Area 1** - That territory located east of 13th Avenue, south of Front Street and north of Hood Avenue. This area is located within the Armona Community Services District Primary Sphere of Influence and not recommended for change. The area includes 15 rural residential home sites and the Morgan & Slates Supply company, and is considered developed. The City of Hanford has shown little interest in annexing existing developed territory, and therefore this area is not considered for inclusion to the Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence as an area of possible growth for the City.

2. **No Change Area 2** - That territory includes 490.90 acres located immediately south of the Hanford Municipal Airport and within the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan for the Airport. The City has indicated that it may seek to acquire additional land within this area to preserve the airport’s approach zone from the south. The area is not planned for urban uses by the City of Hanford in their 2002 General Plan and is intended to remain as open space land with limited development due to its location within the approach zone for the airport.

   This area contains a total of 309.75 acres of contracted land, of which 1 parcel totaling 7.92 acres are currently under Williamson Act and 6 parcels totaling 301.83 acres are currently under Farmland Security Zone (FSZ) Contract. There are no non-renewals filed on any of the Williamson Act parcels. In 2003, non-renewals were been filed on 1 parcel (.07 acre) and is set to expire at the end of 2022. City protests were filed on 154.23 acres, however, these properties have since converted to Farmland Security Zone Contracts and the protests are no longer valid.

   Properties located south of the airport are also largely restrained by Farmland Security Zone and Williamson Act Contracts. No change is recommended for this area at this time.

3. **No Change Area 3** – The eight properties located west of State Highway 43 and north of Hanford Armona Road are currently designated by the City for Urban Reserve Very Low
Density Residential. Approximately half of the territory is farmed and under Williamson Act Contract. The area also includes two rural home site parcels, an auto dismantling operation, and a port-a-potty servicing business. The industrial/commercial properties are designated for Heavy Industrial uses under the County’s 1993 General Plan, which poses a conflict of land uses between the City and County General Plans. This area is therefore not considered for inclusion into the City Primary Sphere until such time as the land use compatibility issues can be agreed upon by the City and County.

4. **No Change Area 4**—This area consists of approximately 134.44 acres located northeast of State Highways 198 and 43, west of Ponderosa Street and south of the railroad tracks. This territory is planned for Planned Highway Development uses according to the 2002 Hanford General Plan, and is adjacent to the existing City limit boundary to the west. There are no Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone contracted parcels within this area. The City has indicated that services are not currently available to this area and that the City does not intend to grow in this direction at this time. Therefore, this territory is not recommended for change.

The recommended Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 16,760.47 acres and represents an overall reduction of the City’s primary sphere by 8.16%. The recommended changes include a proposed reduction of 3 areas totaling 1,534.85 acres and expansion of 1 area totaling 54.33 acres. The following recommendations provide detail and justification for each of the separate areas.

**Recommendations:**

**Reduction Areas:**

1. **Reduction Area 1 (Area of Interest)** - Square mile area located northwest of Hanford, between Flint and Fargo Avenues and 12th and 13th Avenues. Approximately 647.55 acres. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Hanford in their 2002 General Plan.

   This area contains 25 parcels totaling 568.72 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract. Of these parcels, 14 (402.09 acres) have non-renewals filed to remove the properties from the contracts. These non-renewals were filed between 2002 and 2006, and will expire at the end of 2011 and 2015.

   The City of Hanford has indicated that this territory is presently being considered for development and that the project will involve a General Plan Amendment. At this time, however, there are no planned urban land uses under the City’s 2002 General Plan. A determination of the level and extent of the necessary municipal services needed to accommodate growth in this area is premature at this time and can not be evaluated. The planned growth of this area will also require its own environmental review to consider associated impacts related to planned development, which this Sphere of Influence Review and Update is not prepared to address at this time nor speculate as to what land uses are to be planned for.

   Under existing plans, this territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is largely constrained by Williamson Act Contracts which are set to expire starting in 2012. Reduction Area 1 should therefore be removed from the City of Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence and identified as an “Area of Interest” to the City of Hanford. This will
recognized this area as a possible expansion area for the City and may be considered as a minor amendment after such time as the planned land uses have been determined by the City, municipal service evaluations have been done, and the required CEQA review has been completed.

2. **Reduction Area 2** - Majority of square mile area located southwest of Hanford, between Houston and Iona Avenues and 12th and 13th Avenues. Approximately 627.76 acres. This territory does not include the City owned drainage basin that is already within the City, and the adjoining parcel owned by the Kings County Water District. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Hanford in their 2002 General Plan.

This area contains 21 parcels totaling 488.53 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract. Of these parcels, 3 (10.39 acres) have County initiated non-renewals filed to phase them out of the contracts. These non-renewals were filed by the County in 2004 in an effort to phase out undersized parcels, and will expire at the end of 2013.

This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is largely restrained by Williamson Act Contracts which are set to expire starting in 2012. Reduction Area 2 should therefore be removed from the City of Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence.

3. **Reduction Area 3** – This territory includes the Home Garden Community Services District and the District’s Primary Sphere of Influence, consisting of 259.54 acres. The territory is generally bounded by Houston Avenue to the south, Orchard Drive to the north, and those properties lying west of 10th Avenue in Home Garden. The area within the Home Garden Community Services District (CSD) is planned for urban uses under the City’s 2002 General Plan, however, this territory is considered largely built out and not likely to be considered for annexation by the City given the City’s lack of interest in annexing developed territory. The Home Garden CSD provides water and street lighting, and contracts with the City of Hanford for sanitary sewer service. The district can establish agreements for extension of services between the two governmental agencies, and therefore the City’s Primary Sphere of Influence is not needed to cover this territory.

This territory is predominantly developed in the Home Garden community. Reduction Area 3 should therefore be removed from the City of Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence.

**Expansion Areas:**

1. **Expansion Area 1** – This area consists of an approximate 670 foot strip located along the east side of 13th Avenue between Lacey Boulevard and the railroad (54.33 acres). This territory is planned for Low Density Residential uses according to the 2002 Hanford General Plan, and is adjacent to the proposed Hanford Square development project that is already being processed by the City for annexation. Given the planned urban uses already being considered, the City will likely look to 13th Avenue to provide additional access to the proposed development. The existing Primary Sphere of Influence cuts through a couple of parcels and should be considered for inclusion since LAFCO’s preference is for annexation of entire parcels and not portions. The expansion of the Sphere to 13th Avenue would also establish a more logical and defined boundary for likely future annexation proposals and development.
This area contains 1 parcel (32.48 acres) and portions of 2 other parcels that are currently under Williamson Act Contracts. The existing sphere of influence line cuts through the two parcels with approximately 5.03 acres of a 10 acre parcel outside the existing sphere, and 6.99 acres of a 11.97 acre parcel also outside the sphere. The City did protest the contracts for these parcels in 1976, but it was not upheld by LAFCO at that time.

Of these contracted parcels, 2 have non-renewals filed on them with the 32.48 acre parcel set to expire on January 1, 2008, and the 11.97 acre parcel expiring on January 1, 2010. The remaining 10 acre parcel does not have a non-renewal filed. In one to two years, the majority of this territory will no longer be constrained by Williamson Act Contracts.

This territory is planned for urban growth by the City and concentrated residential and commercial uses are proposed for development to the immediate east. The majority of Williamson Act Contracted territory will also phase out of the contracts in 1 to 2 years. Expansion Area 1 should therefore be added to the City of Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence as it is a logical and defined boundary for likely future annexation proposals and development.

Expansion Area 1 is also recommended for addition to the Hanford Secondary Sphere of Influence to remain consistent with the Primary Sphere of Influence. No other changes to the Secondary Sphere are proposed.
City of Lemoore  
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the City of Lemoore was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on June 25, 1997, by LAFCO Resolution No. 97-03. The existing territory under the City’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 11,986 acres, of which 5,472 acres are already within the City’s jurisdiction. In overlaying the City’s Proposed 2007 Lemoore General Plan and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 4,559 acres have been found to exist within the City Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the City’s Proposed General Plan. In addition, an estimated 13,941 acres were found to be planned for urban uses but not currently within the existing Primary Sphere of Influence. As of the date of this Sphere of Influence Update, the City of Lemoore had not yet adopted the 2007 General Plan Update or the associated Environmental Impact Report. Therefore, these areas are identified as “Areas of Interest” to the City and may be considered under a minor sphere amendment upon the adoption of the City’s General Plan.

The existing Lemoore Secondary Sphere was adopted on November 23, 1994, and extended west to encompass all of the Lemoore Naval Air Station. This was done at the time of adoption due to the City’s expressed interest in possibly annexing the naval base in the future. The annexation of the base, however, is no longer considered a viable option for the City and therefore the Secondary Sphere of Influence is recommended for reduction to remove the naval base. Due to the rural and largely undeveloped nature of the agricultural land surrounding the naval base, the Department of Defense has continued to consolidate fighter squadrons on base and is currently working on plans that address its long term sustainability. Concern has been expressed by base officials over urban growth and development moving more west from State Highway 41 towards the base. In addition, the City has requested that LAFCO continue to identify the City of Lemoore, Lemoore Naval Air Station and all areas in between as a special area of interest for agencies to coordinate any proposed projects to allow opportunities for review and comment. Therefore, it is recommended that the existing Lemoore Secondary Sphere of Influence boundary be re-established as a new “Area of Common Planning Interest”.

The recommended Lemoore Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 7,355 acres and represents an overall reduction of the City’s primary sphere by 38.64%. The recommended changes include a proposed reduction of 3 areas totaling 4,559.17 acres. The two areas planned for urban uses consisting of 579.36 acres outside the proposed Primary Sphere of Influence are not to be changed and recognized as “Areas of Interest”.

The two areas currently planned for urban land uses under the City’s Proposed 2007 General Plan, but are not proposed for sphere change include:

1. **No Change Area 1 (Area of Interest)** - This area consists of approximately 431 acres located north of State Highway 198 and east of the 21st Avenue Alignment. The 1 parcel is currently under Williamson Act Contract and does have a City Protest or Notice of Non-Renewal filed. This territory is planned for residential, commercial and public uses according to the Proposed 2007 Lemoore General Plan, and is adjacent to City limits on the north. The Lemoore Naval Air Station has expressed concern over possible development within this area due to their fighter squadron over-flight for training and newly revised noise contours for noise exposure. These factors should be addressed in the City’s proposed general plan update and CEQA document. This area may be considered for
expansion after such time as the City has adopted their 2007 General Plan Update and sufficiently addressed concerns brought up by the base command staff.

2. **No Change Area 2 (Area of Interest)** – This area consists of a portion of a parcel that contains approximately 148 acres located east of State Highway 41 and north of Jackson Avenue. This territory is planned for Light Industrial uses according to the Proposed 2007 Lemoore General Plan. There is no Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone Contract. Expansion Area 2 should therefore be considered for addition to the City of Lemoore Primary Sphere of Influence as a logical and defined boundary for likely future annexation proposals and development along State Highway 41 after such time as the City has adopted their 2007 General Plan Update.

The following recommendations provide detail and justification for each of the separate areas.

**Recommendations:**

**Reduction Areas:**

1. **Reduction Area 1** – This area consists of approximately 223 acres located west of State Highway 41, south of Hanford Armona Road. This territory contains 6 parcels and is not planned for urban uses under the City of Lemoore Proposed 2007 General Plan. The area is primarily used for agricultural field crops and has several agricultural residences.

   This area contains 1 parcel (80.78 acres) that is currently under Williamson Act Contract, and a non-renewal has been filed. The contract is set to expire on January 1, 2011.

   This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is partially constrained by a Williamson Act Contract. Reduction Area 1 should therefore be removed from the City of Lemoore Primary Sphere of Influence.

2. **Reduction Area 2** – This area consists of 248 parcels or portions thereof and contains approximately 4,012.77 acres, that encompasses the areas north and east of the City, from Grangeville Boulevard to Idaho Avenue, and west of 16th Avenue. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Lemoore in their Proposed 2007 General Plan.

   This area contains 65 parcels totaling approximately 2,071 acres that are currently under Williamson Act Contract, and 2 Farmland Security Zone Contracted parcels totaling 160 acres. Of these parcels, 39 have valid City Protests that would remove the properties from a Williamson Act Contract upon annexation. This territory, however, is not planned for urban growth by the City and is therefore recommended for removal from the City of Lemoore Primary Sphere of Influence.

3. **Reduction Area 3** – This area consists of 15 parcels and a portion of 2 other parcels totaling approximately 323.79 acres, located south of Idaho Avenue, ½ north of Jackson Avenue, between 18th and 19th Avenues. This territory is not planned for urban uses by the City of Lemoore in their Proposed 2007 General Plan. The area contains eight agricultural residences, a dairy and agricultural field crops. There are no Williamson Act or Farmland Security Zone Contracts. This territory is not planned for urban growth by the City and is therefore recommended for removal from the City of Lemoore Primary Sphere of Influence.
Armona Community Services District
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the Armona Community Services District (CSD) was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on April 26, 1995, by LAFCO Resolution No. 95-05. The existing territory under the CSD’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 1,167 acres, of which 696 acres are already within the CSD. In overlaying the County’s 1993 Kings County General Plan, proposed 2009 Community Plan draft land use changes and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 58.09 acres have been found to exist within the CSD Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the County’s 1993 or proposed 2009 General Plan. These 58.09 acres and another 15.52 acres are recommended for removal from the Primary Sphere of Influence. There were no planned urban land uses outside the existing CSD Primary Sphere of Influence.

Two areas currently located within the Armona Community Services District Primary Sphere of Influence, but are not recommended for change include:

No Change Area 1 (Area of Interest) - That territory located north of Locust Street, south of the Last Chance Ditch, and between the Armona Academy to the west and CSD boundary to the east. This area is designated for agricultural use and is currently under Williamson Act Contract and no Non-Renewal has been filed. The Armona CSD has been attempting to work with the property owner to acquire additional land from this site for a water treatment facility. The District has expressed no interest in annexing this territory. There is no proposed change to this area so that the District may consider annexation to provide water service to the existing homes at some future date.

No Change Area 2 - That territory located east of 13th Avenue, south of Front Street and north of Hood Avenue. This area is predominantly built out with very low density residential type uses. This area is bounded along the east by the Last Chance Ditch which acts as a natural boundary between Armona and the City of Hanford. The area includes 15 rural residential home sites and the Morgan & Slates Supply company, and is not recommended for change.

The recommended Armona CSD Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 1,117.27 acres and represents an overall reduction of the CSD’s primary sphere by 4.30%. The recommended changes include proposed reduction of 3 areas totaling 73.61 acres and expansion of 2 areas totaling 23.47 acres. The following recommendations provide detail and justification for each of the separate areas.

Recommendations:
Reduction Areas:

1. Reduction Area 1 – This area consists of 4 parcels (36.31 acres) located south of Lacey Boulevard and west of the Center Branch of the Last Chance Ditch. This area currently contains two agricultural residences and orchards. The Kings County General Plan has this area designated for agricultural use and is not proposed to change under the proposed 2009 General Plan Update. None of the parcels are currently under any land conservation contract. This territory is not planned for urban uses and not anticipated to need services from the District. The area is therefore recommended for removal.

2. Reduction Area 2 – This area located east of 14th Avenue, and south of Hume Avenue is designated for agricultural use and has three agricultural home sites. The area is also
identified in the 1993 Kings County General Plan Open Space Element as an area reserved for open space around the District’s wastewater facility. There is no proposed land use change for this area and therefore the area should be removed from the District Primary Sphere of Influence as an area of possible future growth.

3. **Reduction Area 3** – This territory located east of Oak Avenue, and north of Hume Avenue is designated for agricultural use and has two agricultural home sites. The area is also identified in the 1993 Kings County General Plan Open Space Element as an area reserved for open space around the District’s wastewater facility. There is no proposed land use change for this area and therefore the area should be removed from the District Primary Sphere of Influence as an area of possible future growth.

**Expansion Areas:**

1. **Expansion Area 1** – This area consists of 1 parcel (10.16 acres) located north Locust Street and east of 14 1/2 Avenue. This area is a part of the Armona Academy private school that has main offices immediately south along Locust Street. Two school facility buildings, two residences, and the District well & water tank site currently exist. The property is not under any land conservation contract. This territory is planned for public facilities and is considered developed and not anticipated to change in land use. The area is therefore recommended as an expansion of the Armona CSD Primary Sphere of Influence.

2. **Expansion Area 2** – This area consists of one parcel and a portion of another parcel (13.31 acres) located east of 14th Avenue at Shanghai Street. This area is an extension of the Grangeville Cemetery which is already within the District. This area is planned as Public Facility and already developed as a part of the cemetery. Neither parcel is under any land conservation contract. No land use change is anticipated for this area. The area is therefore recommended as an expansion of the Armona CSD Primary Sphere of Influence.
**Home Garden Community Services District**  
**Primary Sphere of Influence**

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the Home Garden Community Services District (CSD) was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on October 25, 1995, by LAFCO Resolution No. 95-10. The existing territory under the CSD’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 275 acres, of which 235 acres are already within the CSD. In overlaying the County’s 1993 Kings County General Plan, proposed 2009 Community Plan draft land use changes and current Primary Sphere of Influence, all land within the CSD Primary Sphere of Influence is already planned for urban uses under the County’s 1993 and proposed 2009 General Plan. Only one area is proposed for change. Areas located west and north of the District’s Primary Sphere of Influence are planned for urban uses, but are more likely to annex to the City of Hanford. The City has indicated that it is not interested in the annexation of the Home Garden CSD territory.

The recommended Home Garden CSD Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 260.13 acres and represents an overall reduction of the CSD’s primary sphere by 5.29%. The one recommended change includes a proposed reduction of 1 area totaling 14.54 acres. The following recommendation provides detail and justification for the reduction area.

**Recommendations:**  
**Reduction Areas:**

1. **Reduction Area 1** – This area consists of a portion of a parcel (14.54 acres) located north of Houston Avenue and west of the residences along Margo Lane. The Kings County General Plan has this area designated for service commercial use and is not proposed to change under the proposed 2009 General Plan Update. The property owner, however, has indicated his interest in annexing and developing this area along with commonly owned vacant properties to the west which are still currently being farmed. The parcel is not under any land conservation contract. As a portion of a parcel that may be considered for annexation to the City of Hanford, the territory is recommended for removal from the Home Garden CSD Primary Sphere of Influence, but will remain within the City of Hanford Primary Sphere of Influence. The area is therefore recommended for removal.
HOME GARDEN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
RECOMMENDED SPHERE CHANGES

LEGEND
- HOME GARDEN Sphere of Influence
- Home Garden Primary
- Home Garden Secondary

PROPOSED CHANGES
- Primary Sphere of Influence
- Reduction
- Expansion
- No Change

Home Garden Change Area Details

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Kettleman City Community Services District
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the Kettleman City Community Services District (CSD) was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on June 28, 1995, by LAFCO Resolution No. 95-07. The existing territory under the CSD’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 1,359 acres, of which 646 acres are already within the CSD. In overlaying the County’s 1993 Kings County General Plan, proposed 2009 Community Plan draft land use changes and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 541.60 acres have been found to exist within the CSD Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the County’s 1993 or proposed 2009 General Plan. All 541.60 acres are recommended for removal from the Primary Sphere of Influence.

Three separate areas outside of the existing CSD Primary Sphere of Influence planned for urban uses but not proposed for change at this time include:

**No Change Area 1 (Area of Interest)** - That territory located north of Edward Street, and west of State Highway 41. This area is currently agricultural land, but proposed for residential uses under the Draft 2009 General Plan land use. Inclusion of this territory is pre-mature at this stage since the County has not completed the General Plan Update or CEQA review for the change in land use. It is noted, however, as an “Area of Interest” as part of the Community’s possible future growth. This area is not recommended for change.

**No Change Area 2 (Area of Interest)** - That territory located west of the California Aqueduct and north of the CSD boundary extending west to the District water tank site. This area is designated for Industrial use and currently vacant land. This area was not previously included in the CSD Primary Sphere of Influence and as vacant industrial property, it could be considered to have growth inducing impacts if annexed which would require more extensive review under CEQA. This area may be considered for expansion to the Primary Sphere of Influence at such time as a detailed application for development is considered and adequate CEQA documentation has been prepared to evaluate the necessary services needed to accommodate the proposed development. There is no proposed change recommended at this time.

**No Change Area 3 (Area of Interest)** - That territory located west of the California Aqueduct and south of the CSD boundary extending west to the District water tank site. This area is designated for Industrial use and has two industrial oil or gas storage or transportation facilities. This area was not previously included in the CSD Primary Sphere of Influence and would likely require more extensive review under CEQA for evaluation of the extent of services needed for existing or potential industrial development. This area may be considered for expansion to the Primary Sphere of Influence at such time when District services are requested to be provided to the industrial uses on the properties and the appropriate CEQA documentation has been prepared. There is no proposed change recommended at this time.

The recommended Kettleman City CSD Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 806.82 acres and represents an overall reduction of the CSD’s primary sphere by 40.65%. The recommended changes include a proposed reduction of three separate areas. The following recommendations provide detail and justification for each of the separate areas.
**Recommendations:**

**Reduction Areas:**

1. **Reduction Area 1** – This area consists of 2 parcels and portions of 2 additional parcels (90.40 acres) located west of the Blakely Canal and north of the District’s wastewater treatment facility access road. This area is currently used as grazing land and no structures are on site. The Kings County General Plan has this area designated for agricultural use and is not proposed to change under the proposed 2009 General Plan Update. All of the parcels are currently under Williamson Act contracts and no Non-Renewals have been filed. This territory is not planned for urban uses and not anticipated to need services from the District. The area is therefore recommended for removal.

2. **Reduction Area 2** – This area consists of 2 parcels and portions of 2 additional parcels (321.93 acres) located east of 25th Avenue and south of Racine Avenue. This area contains one agricultural residence with the remainder of the area used as grazing land. The Kings County General Plan has this area designated for agricultural use and is not proposed to change under the proposed 2009 General Plan Update. None of these parcels are currently under any land conservation contract. This territory is not planned for urban uses and not anticipated to need services from the District. The area is therefore recommended for removal.

3. **Reduction Area 3** – This area consists of 3 parcels (129.27 acres) located east of Interstate 5, west of the California Aqueduct, and south of the Kettleman City highway commercial area. This area is rolling foothills that is currently used as grazing land, and no structures are located onsite. The Kings County General Plan has this area designated for agricultural use and is not proposed to change under the proposed 2009 General Plan Update. None of the parcels are currently under any land conservation contract. This territory is not planned for urban uses and not anticipated to need services from the District. The area is therefore recommended for removal.
Stratford Public Utilities District
Primary Sphere of Influence

The existing Primary Sphere of Influence for the Stratford Public Utilities District (SPUD) was last adopted or amended by LAFCO on March 22, 1995, by LAFCO Resolution No. 95-03. The existing territory under SPUD’s Primary Sphere of Influence contains approximately 649 acres, of which 343 acres are already within SPUD. In overlaying the County’s 1993 Kings County General Plan, proposed 2009 Community Plan draft land use changes and current Primary Sphere of Influence, 188.12 acres have been found to exist within the CSD Primary Sphere of Influence but not planned for urban uses under the County’s 1993 or proposed 2009 General Plan. All 188.12 acres are recommended for removal from the Primary Sphere of Influence.

One area outside of the existing SPUD Primary Sphere of Influence to the northeast is anticipated to be proposed for change to urban land use but is not recommended for change at this time.

No Change Area 1 (Area of Interest) - That territory containing 15 parcels and a portion of another one (608.66 acres) generally located east of the Stratford Canal, south of King Avenue, and north of Lincoln Avenue. This area is currently used for agricultural crop production land, and two parcels are under Williamson Act contracts (134.08 Acres) and one is under Farmland Security Zone (54.75 Acres). One 127.42 acre parcel under Williamson Act contract also has a Non-Renewal filed which is set to expire on January 1, 2016. This entire area is proposed to remain agriculture, but is identified as a Specific Plan holding zone in the Draft 2009 General Plan land use. Property owner interest in developing this area has been expressed for over a year and a community meeting was held by the development interest to present conceptual community layouts. A specific plan application for this area could potentially be submitted prior to the completion of the Kings County General Plan Update. Inclusion of this territory in the SPUD Primary Sphere of Influence at this time is pre-mature and would require extensive CEQA review for the services needed to support development of this area. It is noted, however, as an “Area of Interest” as part of the Community’s potential future growth area. This area is not recommended for change at this time.

The recommended Stratford PUD Primary Sphere of Influence encompasses 461.13 acres and represents an overall reduction of the SPUD’s primary sphere by 29.00%. The recommended change includes only one area of proposed reduction. The following recommendation provides detail and justification for the area reduction.

Recommendations:
Reduction Areas:

1. Reduction Area 1 – This area consists of 13 parcels (188.12 acres) located west of State Highway 41, east of 21st Avenue, south of Lansing Avenue and north of Lincoln Avenue. The area currently contains a dairy facility north of Laurel Avenue and one agricultural residence south of Laurel Avenue. The remaining area is used for agricultural crop production. The Kings County General Plan has this area designated for agricultural use and is not proposed to change under the proposed 2009 General Plan Update. Only one of the parcels is currently under a Williamson Act contract. This territory is not planned for urban uses and not anticipated to need services from the District. The area is therefore recommended for removal.
STRATFORD PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT
PROPOSED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
- STRATFORD PUD
- Proposed Primary Sphere
- Proposed Secondary Sphere

Proposed Stratford CSD Sphere of Influence

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SOI Case 07-01
WHEREAS. on August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer initiated a Sphere of Influence Review and Update of all Cities and Community Districts within Kings County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared and adopted Municipal Service Reviews for all Cities and Community Districts considered under the sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2007, this Commission at a Regular Meeting held a duly noticed public hearing concerning the proposed sphere of influence update to hear any and all comments, evidence, or testimony from interested or affected persons; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report, with recommendations, was forwarded to officers, persons, and public agencies as prescribed by law and was reviewed at said meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered the Executive Officer's Report, and the 2007 LAFCO City and Community District Sphere of Influence Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commission finds that:
   a) The Cities and Community Districts will retain territory that has already been planned for urban land uses and analysis has been conducted to determine the adequacy of municipal services to these areas.
   b) The sphere of influence update is determined to result in the overall reduction of all Cities and Community District Primary Sphere of Influences to coincide with planned urban land uses and areas that can adequately be serviced by the municipal service provider.
   c) The Sphere of Influence Update is determined exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the General Rule Exemption, Public Resources Code Section 15061(b) of the CEQA Guidelines.
   d) The required considerations for a sphere of influence update mandated by Government Code Section 56425(a) have been met as follows:
i) Present and Planned Uses in the Area: All City and Community District Sphere of Influence boundaries have been evaluated against each relevant jurisdiction’s existing or proposed General Plan Land Use plan. Areas planned for urban type uses such as residential, commercial, and industrial were allowed to remain within the relevant sphere. Agricultural land and lands under Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contract were also evaluated and recommended for removal unless otherwise justified to remain. The Open Space Elements of jurisdictional General Plans were also reviewed and adjustments made accordingly. The attached Sphere of Influence Update document provides details and justification for all areas recommended for change and areas that will remain unchanged due to overriding factors. The sphere of influence recommendations will result in maintaining current sphere of influence boundaries around areas planned for urban land uses. This sphere update is not considered to result in increased growth and urban growth potential has already been addressed in current jurisdictional land use plans.

ii) Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services: The Sphere of Influence recommendations are designed to maintain planned urban land use areas that may potentially need services in the near future. Any new areas considered for urban growth that are not currently covered in existing land use plans will be evaluated separately from this Sphere of Influence review and update.

iii) Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services: The sphere recommendations will not increase the need for city or community district services. No other impacts to services are anticipated to occur within the proposed sphere boundaries as a result of this update.

iv) Evidence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest: As a comprehensive review and update of all City and Community District sphere of influence boundaries, all relevant communities of interest have been taken into account. In particular, the only area of concern related to this issue was the City of Hanford and the adjacent Communities of Armona and Home Garden. The proposed sphere of influences will remove any overlap between these areas and the justification for the recommended changes is provided in the update report.

In addition, the following factors have also been addressed for Community District sphere of influence updates pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(i):

v) Requirement that Districts file a statement with LAFCO specifying the functions or classes of services provided by those Districts: At
present, LAFCO has not received any formal statement from the Community Districts as to the services they provide. As part of the Municipal Service Review, however, an inventory of services has been compiled to identify those types of services provided.

vi) Establish the nature, location, and extent of any function or classes of services provided by the Districts: LAFCO has conducted research of District services through the Municipal Service Reviews and identified the nature, location and extent of services provided by each District.

2. The Commission approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore, and the Community Districts of Armona CSD, Home Garden CSD, Kettleman City CSD, and Stratford PUD as identified on the attached Exhibits A – H. Adopted Sphere of Influence Updates will be effective January 1, 2008.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon a motion by Commissioner Wadsworth, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, at a regular meeting held October 24, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Wadsworth, Thompson, Craighead, Neves
NOES: Commissioner Rachford
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

_/s/ Joe Neves ______________________
Joe Neves, Chairman

WITNESS, my hand this _31st_ day of _October_, 2007.

_/s/ William R Zumwalt ______________
William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer
cc: City of Avenal  
City of Corcoran  
City of Hanford  
City of Lemoore  
Armona CSD  
Home Garden CSD  
Kettleman City CSD  
Stratford PUD  
County of Kings
Exhibit B
CITY OF CORCORAN
2008 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
- Red: City of Corcoran (10/19/2007)
- Blue: Primary Sphere of Influence
- Yellow: Secondary Sphere of Influence

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BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING ) Resolution No. 07-06
THE 2007 LAFCO CITY AND COMMUNITY ) Re: LAFCO SOIA No. 07-01
DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE)

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer initiated a Sphere of Influence Review and Update of all Cities and Community Districts within Kings County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared and adopted Municipal Service Reviews for all Cities and Community Districts considered under the sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2007, this Commission at a Regular Meeting held a duly noticed public hearing concerning the proposed sphere of influence update to hear any and all comments, evidence, or testimony from interested or affected persons; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report, with recommendations, was forwarded to officers, persons, and public agencies as prescribed by law and was reviewed at said meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered the Executive Officer's Report, and the 2007 LAFCO City and Community District Sphere of Influence Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commission finds that:

   a) The Cities and Community Districts will retain territory that has already been planned for urban land uses and analysis has been conducted to determine the adequacy of municipal services to these areas.

   b) The sphere of influence update is determined to result in the overall reduction of all Cities and Community District Primary Sphere of Influences to coincide with planned urban land uses and areas that can adequately be serviced by the municipal service provider.

   c) The Sphere of Influence Update is determined exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the General Rule Exemption, Public Resources Code Section 15061(b) of the CEQA Guidelines.

   d) The required considerations for a sphere of influence update mandated by Government Code Section 56425(a) have been met as follows:
i) Present and Planned Uses in the Area: All City and Community District Sphere of Influence boundaries have been evaluated against each relevant jurisdiction’s existing or proposed General Plan Land Use plan. Areas planned for urban type uses such as residential, commercial, and industrial were allowed to remain within the relevant sphere. Agricultural land and lands under Williamson Act and Farmland Security Zone contract were also evaluated and recommended for removal unless otherwise justified to remain. The Open Space Elements of jurisdictional General Plans were also reviewed and adjustments made accordingly. The attached Sphere of Influence Update document provides details and justification for all areas recommended for change and areas that will remain unchanged due to overriding factors. The sphere of influence recommendations will result in maintaining current sphere of influence boundaries around areas planned for urban land uses. This sphere update is not considered to result in increased growth and urban growth potential has already been addressed in current jurisdictional land use plans.

ii) Present and Probable Need for Public Facilities and Services: The Sphere of Influence recommendations are designed to maintain planned urban land use areas that may potentially need services in the near future. Any new areas considered for urban growth that are not currently covered in existing land use plans will be evaluated separately from this Sphere of Influence review and update.

iii) Present Capacity of Public Facilities and Adequacy of Public Services: The sphere recommendations will not increase the need for city or community district services. No other impacts to services are anticipated to occur within the proposed sphere boundaries as a result of this update.

iv) Evidence of Any Social or Economic Communities of Interest: As a comprehensive review and update of all City and Community District sphere of influence boundaries, all relevant communities of interest have been taken into account. In particular, the only area of concern related to this issue was the City of Hanford and the adjacent Communities of Armona and Home Garden. The proposed sphere of influences will remove any overlap between these areas and the justification for the recommended changes is provided in the update report.

In addition, the following factors have also been addressed for Community District sphere of influence updates pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(i):

v) Requirement that Districts file a statement with LAFCO specifying the functions or classes of services provided by those Districts: At
present, LAFCO has not received any formal statement from the Community Districts as to the services they provide. As part of the Municipal Service Review, however, an inventory of services has been compiled to identify those types of services provided.

vi) Establish the nature, location, and extent of any function or classes of services provided by the Districts: LAFCO has conducted research of District services through the Municipal Service Reviews and identified the nature, location and extent of services provided by each District.

2. The Commission approves the Sphere of Influence Update for the Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore, and the Community Districts of Armona CSD, Home Garden CSD, Kettleman City CSD, and Stratford PUD as identified on the attached Exhibits A – H. Adopted Sphere of Influence Updates will be effective January 1, 2008.

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AYES: Commissioners Wadsworth, Thompson, Craighead, Neves
NOES: Commissioner Rachford
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

_/s/ Joe Neves_____________________
Joe Neves, Chairman

WITNESS, my hand this _31st_ day of _October_, 2007.

_/s/ William R Zumwalt_________
William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer
cc: City of Avenal
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    City of Hanford
    City of Lemoore
    Armona CSD
    Home Garden CSD
    Kettleman City CSD
    Stratford PUD
    County of Kings
Exhibit C
CITY OF HANFORD
2008 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING ) Resolution No. 07-06
THE 2007 LAFCO CITY AND COMMUNITY ) Re: LAFCO SOIA No. 07-01
DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE)

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer initiated a Sphere of Influence Review and Update of all Cities and Community Districts within Kings County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared and adopted Municipal Service Reviews for all Cities and Community Districts considered under the sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2007, this Commission at a Regular Meeting held a duly noticed public hearing concerning the proposed sphere of influence update to hear any and all comments, evidence, or testimony from interested or affected persons; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report, with recommendations, was forwarded to officers, persons, and public agencies as prescribed by law and was reviewed at said meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered the Executive Officer's Report, and the 2007 LAFCO City and Community District Sphere of Influence Update.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commission finds that:
   a) The Cities and Community Districts will retain territory that has already been planned for urban land uses and analysis has been conducted to determine the adequacy of municipal services to these areas.
   b) The sphere of influence update is determined to result in the overall reduction of all Cities and Community District Primary Sphere of Influences to coincide with planned urban land uses and areas that can adequately be serviced by the municipal service provider.
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In addition, the following factors have also been addressed for Community District sphere of influence updates pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(i):

v) **Requirement that Districts file a statement with LAFCO specifying the functions or classes of services provided by those Districts:** At
present, LAFCO has not received any formal statement from the Community Districts as to the services they provide. As part of the Municipal Service Review, however, an inventory of services has been compiled to identify those types of services provided.

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NOES: Commissioner Rachford
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

_/s/ Joe Neves____________________
Joe Neves, Chairman

WITNESS, my hand this _31st_ day of _October_, 2007.

_/s/ William R Zumwalt_____________________
William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer
cc:     City of Avenal
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BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING
THE 2007 LAFCO CITY AND COMMUNITY DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE)

Resolution No. 07-06
Re: LAFCO SOIA No. 07-01

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2007, the Executive Officer initiated a Sphere of Influence Review and Update of all Cities and Community Districts within Kings County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared and adopted Municipal Service Reviews for all Cities and Community Districts considered under the sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2007, this Commission at a Regular Meeting held a duly noticed public hearing concerning the proposed sphere of influence update to hear any and all comments, evidence, or testimony from interested or affected persons; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report, with recommendations, was forwarded to officers, persons, and public agencies as prescribed by law and was reviewed at said meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered the Executive Officer's Report, and the 2007 LAFCO City and Community District Sphere of Influence Update.

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AYES: Commissioners Wadsworth, Thompson, Craighead, Neves
NOES: Commissioner Rachford
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

_/s/ Joe Neves_____________________
Joe Neves, Chairman

WITNESS, my hand this _31st_ day of _October_, 2007.

_/s/ William R Zumwalt_____________
William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer
cc: City of Avenal
    City of Corcoran
    City of Hanford
    City of Lemoore
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    Kettleman City CSD
    Stratford PUD
    County of Kings
Exhibit D
CITY OF LEMOORE
2008 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
- City of Lemoore (10/1/2007)
- Primary Sphere of Influence
- Secondary Sphere of Influence
BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

COUNTRY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING ) Resolution No. 07-06
THE 2007 LAFCO CITY AND COMMUNITY ) Re: LAFCO SOIA No. 07-01
DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE)

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WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared and adopted Municipal Service Reviews for all Cities and Community Districts considered under the sphere of influence update; and

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NOES: Commissioner Rachford
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

_/s/ Joe Neves_____________________
Joe Neves, Chairman

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William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer
cc: City of Avenal
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    Home Garden CSD
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    County of Kings
Exhibit B
CITY OF CORCORAN
2008 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
- City of Corcoran (10/19/2007)
- Primary Sphere of Influence
- Secondary Sphere of Influence

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County of Tulare
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

/s/ Joe Neves
Joe Neves, Chairman

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/s/ William R Zumwalt
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cc: City of Avenal
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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION OF KINGS COUNTY

/s/ Joe Neves
Joe Neves, Chairman

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/s/ William R Zumwalt
William R. Zumwalt, Executive Officer
cc:  City of Avenal
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     City of Lemoore
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Exhibit B
CITY OF CORCORAN
2008 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
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- Primary Sphere of Influence
- Secondary Sphere of Influence

Scale: 0 - 1 Mile
Exhibit E
ARMONA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
2008 SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

Legend
- Red: ARMONA CSD (10/19/2007)
- Blue: Primary Sphere of Influence
- Yellow: Secondary Sphere of Influence

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BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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