

COUNTY SERVICE AREAS AND ZONES OF BENEFIT

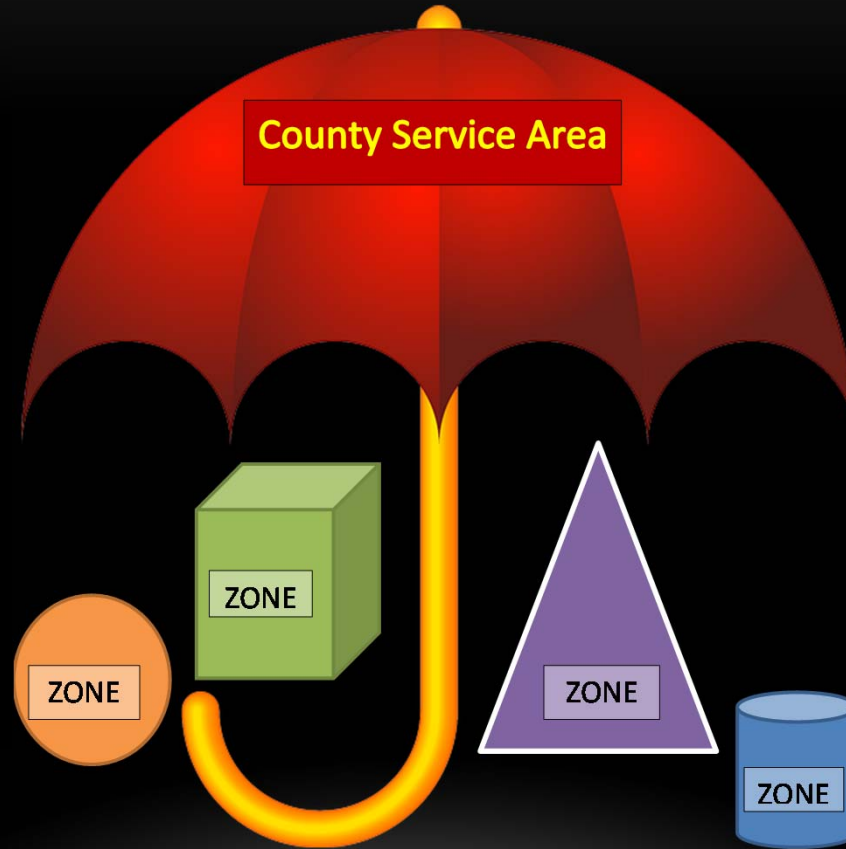
El Dorado County

Department of Transportation

COUNTY SERVICES AREAS

- County Service Area Law guides
 - (GOV 25210, *et seq*)
- LAFCO forms CSA
- Allowed or Authorized services designated.
- Funding varies

COUNTY SERVICE AREAS ZONES OF BENEFIT



COUNTY SERVICE AREA ZONES OF BENEFIT

- Board of Supervisors forms Zones
 - by petition of voters
 - Resolution of Intention
- Purpose designated at formation
- Must be allowed under the CSA
 - Funding required to complete formation
 - No funding, no zone

COUNTY SERVICE AREA AUTHORIZED SERVICES

Transportation Zones

- Road Maintenance & Improvement
- Drainage Facility Maintenance & Improvements
- Snow Removal Equipment and Services
- Street Lighting
- Landscaping
- Wetland Related Services

Other Departments' Zones

- Cemetery Maintenance & Improvement
- Vector Control
- Mosquito Abatement
- Ambulance Services
- Waste Management Services
- Library Services

COUNTY SERVICE AREAS SUMMARY BY SERVICE

- **CSA #2 – 1963** - Road and Drainage Improvements and Maintenance, (2 Zones)
- **CSA #3 – 1963** - “Control or destruction of injurious insects,” Ambulance Services, Drainage, & Snow Removal, (6 Zones)
- **CSA #5 - 1970** - Drainage & Erosion Control, Single CSA
- **CSA #7 - 1976** - Ambulance Services, Single CSA
- **CSA #9 - 1983** - Roads, Drainage, Cemetery, Landscaping, Street Lighting & Wetland Related Services, (94 zones)
- **CSA #10 - 1988** - Waste Management, Library, (10 Zones)

CSA AND ZOB FUNDING

- Pre-1995 – Assessment set by Resolution or Ordinance
- 1995 – County Charter requires approval for assessments, taxes and fees
- 1997 – “Prop 218” differentiates between Special Taxes & Benefit Assessments, their requirements
- 2009 – County Service Area Law revised

CSA AND ZOB FUNDING

Special Tax

- Projected costs can provide basis.
- Is uniformly applied to each parcel.
- Requires approval of two-thirds majority of *registered voters in zone*.
- Tied Elections Calendar Dates in Elections Code
- Conducted by Registrar of Voters (Elections Department)

Benefit Assessment

- Engineer's report required for basis (Nexus).
- Segregate general from special benefits.
- Must vary among parcels.
- Requires approval of weighted majority of property owners in the zone.
- Open ballot at Public Hearing of Board of Supervisors.

FLAVORS OF ZONES

- Road Maintenance (up to 1987)
 - 2 in CSA 2, 30 in CSA 9 – Not County Maintained
- Drainage Maintenance (1988-1994)
 - 1 in CSA 3, 1 as CSA 5, 46 in CSA 9
- Road & Drainage Maintenance (1995 -)
 - 11 in CSA 9 – County Maintained

FLAVOR: ROAD ZONE

- Road Maintenance Zones
 - 91 miles of roads in 31 zones
 - Public, not County Maintained
 - Advisory Committees recommend service
 - Services are contracted

FLAVOR: DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

- Drainage Maintenance
 - County facilities, County maintained
- Road & Drainage Maintenance
 - Roads *are* in County Maintained Mileage
 - County Facilities, County Maintained

FLAVOR: SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

- **CSA 3 Snow Removal Equipment**
 - Services added in 1988
- **West Shore Zone** - Separated in 1996
 - Annual Revenue: \$91,000.00 1,820 parcels
- **South Shore Zone** – The Rest of CSA 3
 - Annual Revenue of \$134,180.00 6,708 parcels

ROAD ZONE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Appointed by the Board
- Serve as community liaisons
- Open Meetings
- No compensation

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

- Role of the Advisory Committee
 - Contracting
 - Budgeting
 - Turnover
- Time Commitment

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

- A Road Zone is Forever
 - Once the road is public, it's hard to make it private
 - County work forces cannot improve or maintain
- Funding is limited
 - Zones have few options

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

"People will forget what you said;
people will forget what you did;

but people will never forget how you
made them feel."

QUESTIONS?