

**COUNTY OF EL DORADO  
ZONE OF BENEFITS  
DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Act:** Title 3, Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 2.5 (formerly Chapter 2.2) of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 25210, or successor statute; also known as “County Service Area Law” or “CSA Law.”

**Action:** a formation, annexation, detachment, dissolution of, or changes to the services provided within a zone of benefit.

**Advisory Committee:** an advisory body of persons voted on by zone property owners and appointed by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to serve as liaison between the property owners and residents in a zone of benefit and the County of El Dorado.

**Applicant and Petitioner:** a person or person(s), either registered voter, property owner, or combination thereof, who submit a petition to the Board to initiate an action under the Act.

**Benefit Assessment:** any levy or charge by an agency upon real property that is based on the special benefit conferred upon the real property by a public improvement or service that is imposed to pay the capital cost of the public improvement, the maintenance and operation expenses of the public improvement, or the cost of the service being provided. New or increased benefit assessments require approval of a weighted majority of property owners through a majority protest proceeding consistent with the requirements of Article XIID of the California Constitution, as described in Government Section 53753 *et seq.*, or successor statute.

**Board or Board of Supervisors:** the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

**Budget:** Yearly amount of planned spending for each budget category.

**CAO:** Chief Administrative Officer of El Dorado County

**Committee Member:** a member of the Advisory Committee.

**County:** the County of El Dorado, California.

**County Service Area (CSA):** an entity established under CSA Law, or successor statute, for the purpose of providing a method to finance and provide needed public facilities and services, specific types of county services, or a higher level of county services within a territory that are not otherwise provided by some other entity.

**County Service Area (CSA) Law:** Title 3, Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 2.5 (formerly Chapter 2.2) of the California Government Code, commencing with Section 25210, or successor statute, also known as the Act.

**DOT:** County of El Dorado, Department of Transportation

**General Meeting:** a meeting open to anyone where all attendees vote on items including advisory committee makeup and budget. This meeting also includes discussion on potential items that will need to be heard by the Board of Supervisors.

**Guidelines:** the County of El Dorado *Policy and Procedure Guidelines for Creation and Administration of Zones of Benefit Within a County Service Area*, Adopted March 12, 1985, Amended June 2, 1987, and Amended herein.

**Inhabited Territory:** for the purposes of a petition for an action as described in these Guidelines means territory within which there reside twelve or more registered voters. All other territory shall be deemed “uninhabited.”

**LAFCO:** El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission is a State mandated local agency whose jurisdiction is all of El Dorado County.

**Legal Description:** the written metes and bounds description of the boundaries of a territory, and which is prepared by a licensed professional land surveyor.

**Majority Protest Proceeding:** a proceeding conducted pursuant to Article XIID of the California Constitution and Government Code §53750 *et seq.*, or successor statute.

**Property Owner:** any person shown as the owner of land on the County’s most recent assessment roll, except where that person is no longer the owner. Where that person is no longer the owner, the property owner is any person entitled to be shown as the owner of land on the next assessment roll.

**Quorum:** the minimum number of voting members needed to make a decision.

**Road Work Season:** typically the months from April through October when road construction work is normally performed. Work can fall outside these months.

**Services:** construction and/or maintenance, operation and/or financing of improvements or facilities, vector control or library operations that are not provided through some other entity, but are specifically designated through a CSA as different County services, and may be provided through a zone of benefit established therein.

**State Board of Equalization (SBE):** the agency responsible as one of many functions for establishing unique tax rate areas for territories within the State of California, including CSAs and zones of benefit.

**Special Tax:** a tax imposed for specific purposes. New or increased special taxes require approval by 2/3 majority of the electorate.

**Territory:** a geographic area that lies within the boundaries described in a legal description and depicted in a professionally prepared map.

**Work Plan:** Description of work the zone would like to have performed during a Road Work Season.

**Zone of Benefit (ZOB) and Zone:** a territory or a specific area within an existing CSA established pursuant to Title 3, Part 2, Chapter 2.5 (formerly Chapter 2.2), Article 8 of the Government Code, or successor statute, for the purpose of providing specific additional or different level of County services within said territory or specific area. The services are funded through various mechanisms such as a benefit assessment or special tax that are approved through the appropriate proceedings.