



AGENDA ITEM 6A

MEETING: November 20, 2019
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Time Extension for the Reorganization of the Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District (SPFPD) into the Peninsula Community Services District (PCSD)**
The Commission will consider granting a one-year time extension for completion of proceedings for the above referenced reorganization.

BACKGROUND

This proposal was initiated by resolution of the SPFPD for purposes of providing expanded municipal services to the peninsula. State law limits what services a fire protection district may provide. The proposed SPFPD reorganization into the PCSD would provide the necessary governance structure to retain the existing volunteer fire department and expand the range of services peninsula residents may receive. The proposal was conditionally approved by the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), subject to confirmation by registered voters within the affected territory. The PCSD formation election was approved by voters on November 7, 2017. Staff is continuing to proceed with conditions compliance, including detailed long-range financial planning, rate studies, and asset transfer agreements.

DISCUSSION

LAFCo staff and SPFPD representatives continue to make progress on short-term and long-term planning for the Peninsula CSD. This includes developing rates and charges for the PCSD's water, wastewater, stormwater, parks, road maintenance, and fire/emergency services functions. LAFCo has retained Bartle Wells Associates, an independent public finance advisory firm, to evaluate the funding mechanisms available to the PCSD to fund ongoing capital and operating expenses for each function. Staff is also developing draft agreements for the dedication and transfer of assets from the Samoa Pacific Group LLC to the PCSD. The Supplemental EIR analyzing the Tentative Map revisions was certified by the County Planning Commission in October and there will be subsequent meeting(s) to approve the Tentative Map.

RECOMMENDATION

Given the good progress on the proposal and the sustained commitment of all parties to complete the reorganization proceedings, staff recommends the Commission adopt Resolution No. 19-06, authorizing a one-year time extension for the SPFPD reorganization, effective November 7, 2019 and extending to November 7, 2020.

Attachments

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. 19-06



RESOLUTION NO. 19-06

**AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR TIME EXTENSION FOR THE
REORGANIZATION OF THE SAMOA PENINSULA FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT TO THE PENINSULA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2017, the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," conditionally approved the Reorganization consisting of formation of the Peninsula Community Services District and dissolution of the Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District (Resolution No. 17-08); and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the reorganization received confirmation by a majority of the votes cast within the affected territory in accordance with Government Code Section 61014; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 57001 requires that a Certificate of Completion be recorded within one year unless extended by LAFCo; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2018, the Commission extended the time frame for completion of terms and conditions and for recording a Certificate of Completion to November 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, an additional time extension is requested to allow the Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District sufficient time to satisfy terms and conditions for the reorganization to the Peninsula Community Services District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission as follows:

1. The time extension for the above referenced reorganization is hereby approved.
2. The time frame for completion of terms and conditions and for recording a Certificate of Completion is hereby extended to November 7, 2020.
3. All provisions, terms and conditions of LAFCo Resolution No. 17-08, dated July 10, 2018, shall remain in effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission on the 20th of November, 2019, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners:
NOES: Commissioners:
ABSENT: Commissioners:
ABSTAIN: Commissioners:

Attest:

Estelle Fennell, Chair
Humboldt LAFCo

Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer
Humboldt LAFCo