



AGENDA ITEM 6A

MEETING: September 19, 2018
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz, 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. Currently, the developer is working to submit a revised Tentative Map to the County and has entered into an agreement with the County for a Supplemental EIR analyzing the Tentative Map revisions. Ultimately, the approval of the Tentative Map will require a Coastal Development Permit.

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. 18-14, authorizing a one-year time extension for the SPFPD reorganization, effective November 7, 2018 and extending to November 7, 2019.

Attachments

Attachment A: Draft Resolution No. 18-14



RESOLUTION NO. 18-14

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, the basis for the time extension is 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, 2019.
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 14th of September, 2018, by the following roll call vote:

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

Attest:

Estelle Fennell, Chair
Humboldt LAFCo

Colette Metz, Executive Officer
Humboldt LAFCo