



AGENDA ITEM 6B

MEETING: November 15, 2017

TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners

FROM: Colette Metz, Administrator

SUBJECT: **Authorization to Become a Partner Member of the Humboldt Area Chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA)**
The Commission will consider becoming a "Partner Member" of the recently formed Humboldt Area Chapter of CSDA.

BACKGROUND

In September 2015, a group of local special district staff and board members, along with California Special District Association (CSDA) representatives, held a meeting to discuss starting a CSDA chapter in Humboldt County. There are currently 14 CSDA-affiliated chapters in the state, forming regional special district networks. Some chapters meet only once a year to elect LAFCo representatives; others meet as often as monthly to share information, host educational events, and participate in grassroots advocacy efforts. CSDA chapters play an important role in advancing the interests of special districts at the local level. CSDA supports local chapters by providing speaker suggestions, legislative updates, communication tools, and other resources.

DISCUSSION

Several organizational planning meetings have been held over the last several months for the purpose of establishing bylaws for the formation of a Humboldt Area Chapter. The stated objectives of the Humboldt Area Chapter are:

- A. To provide a local forum for member districts to discuss and consider issues of importance to special districts.
- B. To establish a communication network among member districts, other chapters, and other local governmental agencies.
- C. To carry out workshops, educational seminars and programs of mutual interest and benefits to member districts.
- D. To make recommendations regarding policy, programs, services and legislation to the Board of Directors of the California Special Districts Association.
- E. To inform the public about the purpose and benefits of local special district government.
- F. To carry out joint studies which benefit the special districts in the Chapter.
- G. To serve as the forum for LAFCO Special District Selection Committee.

Currently, the Humboldt Area Chapter is soliciting member applications. There are two types of memberships available, including Regular Members and Partner Members.

Regular Members consist of independent special districts located within or adjacent to Humboldt County. Partner Members may include dependent special districts and other governmental agencies or organizations that have interest in the purposes and goals of the Chapter. Partner members may attend and participate in meetings and activities of the Chapter but do not have voting rights on matters brought before the Chapter membership.

Humboldt LAFCo is encouraged to become a Partner Member of the Humboldt Area Chapter. Currently, there are no annual dues being collected; however, dues are expected to be nominal once established by the Chapter. The attached Resolution constitutes the application for membership.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission adopt Resolution No. 17-12, thereby authorizing LAFCo to become a Partner Member of the Humboldt Area Chapter of CSDA.

Attachments

Attachment A: Resolution No. 17-12



RESOLUTION NO. 17-12

**APPROVING PARTNER MEMBERSHIP IN THE HUMBOLDT AREA CHAPTER OF
THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," is a member of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) in good standing; and

WHEREAS, a local Humboldt Area Chapter of CSDA is being formed; and

WHEREAS, the Commission meets the qualifications for membership as a "Partner Member" in the Humboldt Area Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the liability insurance to cover staff activity within the Humboldt Area Chapter of CSDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission hereby approves Partner membership, supports participation by staff, and directs payment of annual dues in the local Humboldt Area Chapter of CSDA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission on the 15th day of November, 2017, by the following roll call vote:

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

Estelle Fennell, Chair
Humboldt LAFCo

Attest:

George Williamson, Executive Officer
Humboldt LAFCo