



AGENDA ITEM 7C

MEETING: July 20, 2016

TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners

FROM: George Williamson, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Proposed Response to Request for Hydrant Connection to the Kimtu Waterline in Garberville**

The Commission will consider a draft letter prepared by staff in response to a property owner inquiry regarding a proposed hydrant connection to the Kimtu Waterline in Garberville.

BACKGROUND

In July of 2010, LAFCo approved an extension of water services outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the Garberville Sanitary District (GSD) to the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision (LAFCo Resolution No. 10-06). This extension involved the construction of 2.5 miles of an 8-inch water main in Sprowel Creek Road and Camp Kimtu Road from downtown Garberville to the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision.

Subsequent to the extension, the District completed an annexation project that included the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision (Area 4) and the Leino Road/Sprowel Creek Road Area (Area 5). As part of the annexation of Area 5, GSD proposed to install new laterals and meters to the existing LAFCo-approved Kimtu waterline stub-outs. As part of this approval, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 14-06, thereby amending the conditions included in Resolution No. 10-06 for the Kimtu Waterline. This resolution states that conditions 1, 3, and 4 of Resolution No. 10-06 have been adequately satisfied and condition 2 is modified as follows:

Any future connections to the Garberville Sanitary District waterline extended to serve the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision shall be submitted to Humboldt LAFCo for review and approval, in conjunction with an application for a change of organization or reorganization or an application for a new or extended service by contract or agreement pursuant to California Government Code Section 56133, prior to the connection being made.

DISCUSSION

At the May 25th LAFCo meeting, a property owner that resides within small residential subdivision along Kimtu Road, located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision, requested LAFCo consider allowing a fire hydrant connection to the Kimtu waterline. Following the meeting, LAFCo staff reviewed whether the request is subject to Government Code Section 56133. Considering this request is to place a fire hydrant on an existing LAFCo-approved waterline, it is LAFCo staff's opinion that the hydrant connection would not be subject to Government Code Section 56133.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission review the attached draft response letter, discuss any necessary changes, and provide direction to staff as needed.

Attachment:

Attachment A: Draft Response Letter for Hydrant Request



July 20, 2016

Gary Wellborn
1025 Kimtu Road
Garberville, CA 95542

Subject: KIMTU WATERLINE HYDRANT CONNECTION

Dear Mr. Wellborn,

At the May 25, 2016 LAFCo meeting, you requested the Commission's consideration of a hydrant connection to the Garberville Sanitary District's waterline that runs along Kimtu Road and serves the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision. As contemplated, the hydrant would be installed near the small residential subdivision along Kimtu Road, located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision in the Garberville area.

As you may know, the Kimtu waterline extension was approved by LAFCo in 2010, and was subject to conditions to assure that extending the waterline to the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision would not induce growth. Specifically, Condition No. 4 included in LAFCo Resolution No. 14-06 (which serves to amend Resolution No. 10-06) states:

Any future connections to the Garberville Sanitary District waterline extended to serve the Kimtu Meadows Subdivision shall be submitted to Humboldt LAFCo for review and approval, in conjunction with an application for a change of organization or reorganization or an application for a new or extended service by contract or agreement pursuant to California Government Code Section 56133, prior to the connection being made.

In accordance with Government Code Section 56133, LAFCo is responsible for approving requests by cities and special districts to extend municipal services, such as water or sewer, outside their jurisdictional boundaries by contract or agreement with property owners. This process is intended to accommodate the logical extension of services when annexation of the affected territory is not available or appropriate.

Specifically, Humboldt LAFCo defines "new or extended services" to mean the actual delivery of services or the intensification of services to a specific property. Considering the proposed hydrant would be connected to an existing waterline and would not be associated with a particular residential property, the hydrant connection is not subject to LAFCo review under Government Code Section 56133.

Thank you for contacting LAFCo concerning this matter. Please contact staff at 445-7508 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

George Williamson, AICP
LAFCo Executive Office

Cc: Garberville Sanitary District