



AGENDA ITEM 8A

MEETING: January 17, 2018

TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners

FROM: George Williamson, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Preview of Proposed Blocksburg Area Detachment from the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District**

LAFCo has received a proposal filed by the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District (SHCHD) for detachment of 524 parcels (totaling approximately 61,653 acres) generally located within the community of Blocksburg. The Commission will receive an informational presentation from District staff regarding its detachment proposal. This report is being presented for information only.

BACKGROUND

LAFCo has received a proposal submitted by Resolution of Application from the SHCHD (Resolution No. 17:24) for a sphere of influence amendment and corresponding detachment of 524 parcels (totaling approximately 61,653 acres) generally located within the community of Blocksburg. The proposed detachment area boundaries were drawn to generally follow two election precinct boundaries containing the Blocksburg area, and adjusted to follow parcel lines. A figure of the existing and proposed boundaries of SHCHD is attached.

According to the application, the detachment would prevent charging residents for services they do not use. While all properties located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the SHCHD pay a parcel tax to fund district services, not all communities are being served within the district. In particular, patients in the community of Blocksburg requiring an ambulance and emergency medical service are generally transported or travel north to Redwood Memorial Hospital in Fortuna (outside of the District), instead of to Jerold Phelps Community Hospital, which is located within the District in the community of Garberville. This information has been confirmed with City Ambulance of Eureka, Inc.

DISCUSSION

LAFCo staff is currently reviewing the application materials and will be circulating a Notice of Filing to subject and interested agencies for referral and comment. An upcoming hearing will be scheduled once the application materials are deemed complete and a Certificate of Filing is issued by the Executive Officer. Once a hearing is scheduled, staff will provide adequate notice, which includes mailed notice to property owners and registered voters within and adjacent to the detachment area.

RECOMMENDATION

This item has been agendized for information only. The Commission is invited to discuss the item and provide direction to staff as needed.