



AGENDA ITEM 8A

MEETING: May 20, 2015
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: George Williamson, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of Current and Future Proposals**
The Commission will receive a report summarizing active on future proposals. This report is being presented for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 delegates Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCos) with regulatory and planning duties to coordinate the logical formation and development of local governmental agencies. This includes approving or disapproving proposals for annexation, sphere of influence amendments, and outside agency service requests.

DISCUSSION

Following is a summary of active and future proposals.

Active Proposals

There are currently five (5) active applications on file with the Commission, as follows.

City of Fortuna Upper 9th Street Annexation

See agenda item 6A.

Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District Formation

See agenda item 7A.

Fieldbrook-Glendale Community Services District Annexation

On May 13, 2015, the Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD submitted a proposal by resolution of application to annex areas currently served by water and/or fire protection services. In 2013, the Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD received voter-approval of a special tax to fund fire protection and emergency response services, including renovation and expansion of the District's fire station. The District's boundary expansion proposal would include areas where services have historically been provided outside district boundaries. Staff anticipates Commission consideration of this proposal at the July 15th meeting.

Telegraph Ridge Fire Protection District Annexation

On May 13, 2015, the Telegraph Ridge FPD submitted a proposal by resolution of application to annex areas currently within the response area of the fire district. The annexation of land that is already served by the Telegraph Ridge FPD would not change the delivery of fire protection services to the area. Instead, the annexation would change the location of the Telegraph Ridge FPD jurisdictional boundary and allow the district to collect its existing special assessment from property to support the

continued delivery of fire protection services to this area. Staff anticipates Commission consideration of this proposal at the July 15th meeting.

Garberville Sanitary District Annexation Project

On July 16, 2014, the Commission approved the Annexation of Garberville Water Company Serviced Properties to the Garberville Sanitary District, subject to terms and conditions (Resolution No. 14-05). Approval triggered a 30-day reconsideration period followed by a protest hearing. On September 17, 2014, the Commission, acting as the conducting authority, ordered the annexation without election and authorized the Executive Officer to record a Certificate of Completion upon the satisfaction of the terms and conditions (Resolution No. 14-07). The District has been working to fulfill conditions of approval, including preparing a final map and geographic description of the annexation boundaries and amending the existing service agreement(s) between GSD and the property owners served by the Connick Creek Association's private waterline to include the connections on APN 223-061-025. Based on the GSD's progress, LAFCo staff anticipates a certificate of completion will be recorded in summer of 2015.

Future Proposals

There are several potential new proposals that may be submitted to the Commission in the near future based on discussions with proponents. A summary of these anticipated proposals follows.

City of Arcata Community Forest - Sunny Brae Forest Management Unit Annexation

The City of Arcata is considering annexing the Sunny Brae Forest Management Unit of the Arcata Community Forest. This newly acquired property is owned by the City and managed by the City's Environmental Services Department. Annexation would allow the City to apply municipal code and enforcement provisions for that management unit of the forest.

City of Arcata Boyd Road Annexation

The Arcata City Council is considering annexing approximately 18.9 acres in the Boyd Road area (Eureka Ready Mix property). The proposal area consists of four parcels that are currently pre-zoned by the City for Industrial Limited (IL). A Special Considerations and Stream Protection combining zones would be added to the underlying IL zoning district. The City has prepared a Plan for Services describing how services would be extended to the properties to allow for the expansion of uses on the properties. The McKinleyville CSD has existing water infrastructure in the Boyd Road area and has requested that an agreement between MCSD and the City be part of the annexation.

City of Arcata Jacoby Creek Road Annexation

Arcata City Council adopted a resolution of application for annexation of 2212 Jacoby Creek Road (former Jacoby Creek School) for which LAFCo approved an extension of sewer services outside the City boundary due to a public health emergency in March 2013. The City has been keeping LAFCo staff informed of their progress, including addressing property owner concerns related to the annexation. LAFCo has received a letter from an attorney representing the property owner commenting on City actions

related to the annexation. This letter is being held pending filing of the application with LAFCo.

Samoa Peninsula Fire District Reorganization

The Samoa Peninsula FD continues to work with representatives of the Samoa Pacific Group on a proposal for the formation of a new community services district to provide water, sewer, fire protection and recreation services to the town of Samoa and Fairhaven. While referred to as a reorganization, the action would involve a new district formation concurrently with fire district dissolution. Currently, a draft Plan for Services is being prepared to identify in detail how and when services will be provided and funded. The County is intending to apply for a grant for enhanced trails Samoa to increase recreation opportunities for the peninsula. LAFCo staff has also received a draft initial study for review and comment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.