



AGENDA ITEM 8A

MEETING: September 21, 2016
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz, Administrator
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 two (2) active applications on file with the Commission, as follows:

City of Fortuna Strongs Creek Annexation

See agenda item 7A.

Samoa Peninsula Fire District Reorganization to a CSD

The Samoa Peninsula FPD has filed a reorganization application with LAFCo, consisting of dissolution of the SPFPD and formation of a new CSD. As proposed, the SPFPD would be reorganized to a CSD for purposes of providing expanded services to the Peninsula. Staff has sent a referral to agencies for early notification and comment, and is working with SHN who is preparing an operational plan, infrastructure analysis, and rate recommendations for the new CSD. Staff also attended an August 30th meeting with State agencies, County staff, property owners, and affected special district representatives to discuss wastewater treatment and disposal options in Fairhaven, including potential use of the ocean outfall pipe at Redwood Marine Terminal II.

Future Proposals

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

City of Arcata - 1705 Buttermilk Lane Annexation

Received city referral and provided comments on proposal to annex a single parcel due to failure of an existing septic system. The extension of services outside the city

boundary would require the property be located in the city's urban services boundary for water and sewer services.

City of Arcata Creekside Homes Annexation

LAFCo staff attended the City's EIR scoping meeting on March 10, 2016, and provided comments as responsible agency. LAFCo staff also attended a meeting with the City and project representatives on May 4, 2016. The project proposes the annexation, rezoning, and subdivision of parcel 505-161-011 located at 2000 Foster Avenue near the Foster Avenue and "Q" Street intersection.

Humboldt CSD Indianola Area Annexation

Humboldt CSD has informed LAFCo staff that they are proceeding with evaluating the annexation and provision of water services to the Indianola area.

Fires Services Coordination Efforts

A portion of Measure Z funds granted to the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association is focused on sustainable community fire protection to address the lack of complete community coverage and sustainable revenue. Thus far, efforts have been focused on determining the feasibility of district expansions in Petrolia, Garberville, Rio Dell (in collaboration with Scotia and Redcrest), and in the "Mad River/Redwood Creek Study Area". Additionally, meetings have been held in the "Avenues Study Area" to address service needs and opportunities in coordination with local fire departments.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.