



AGENDA ITEM 8B

MEETING: March 19, 2014
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 three (3) active applications on file with the Commission, as follows.

City of Arcata Shirley Boulevard Annexation

A certificate of completion, marking the effective date of the Shirley Boulevard Annexation, was recorded with the County Recorder on March 12, 2013. A statement of boundary change filing has been prepared for the Board of Equalization.

Town of Scotia CSD Formation

Special legal counsel is currently reviewing the draft covenant and agreement to dedicate easements and property, and transfer assets to the Scotia CSD. Once finalized, LAFCo will proceed with recordation of the certificate of completion for the district formation and will submit the requisite filing with the Board of Equalization.

City of Fortuna Upper 9th Street Annexation

A revised annexation boundary has been submitted to LAFCo that removes Timberland Production Zoned (TPZ) land from the proposed annexation area. LAFCo staff is reviewing the revised boundaries and addressing environmental review considerations.

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.

Samoa Peninsula Fire District Reorganization

The Samoa Peninsula Fire District has been meeting with service providers, landowners, and other stakeholders to coordinate the possibility of expanding its services to provide water, sewer, fire protection and recreation services to the towns of Samoa and Fairhaven. While referred to as a reorganization, this action would involve a new district formation concurrently with the dissolution of the current fire district. These proposed actions would require LAFCo approval at a noticed public hearing, a subsequent protest hearing, followed by an election of a District Board and, if applicable, approval of new taxes or assessments.

Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD and Telegraph Ridge FPD Fire Service Annexations

The Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD and the Telegraph Ridge FPD are considering moving forward with fire service annexations. This could be a joint application considering the issues and the need for the change in organization are identical: each district proposes to annex areas outside its district boundaries for which services are currently being provided. LAFCo staff will continue to coordinate with County and District staff on the proposal.

Garberville Sanitary District Annexation Project

The Garberville Sanitary District (GSD) adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a change in jurisdictional boundary and Place of Use on September 24, 2013. To date, the District has not filed an annexation application to LAFCo. The District has recruited for a new general manager and is working to fill board vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.