



## AGENDA ITEM 8B

**MEETING:** May 21, 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.

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### **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.

#### Upper 9th Street Annexation to the City of Fortuna

LAFCo staff has been coordinating with the City of Fortuna regarding CEQA compliance for the Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Street annexation, particularly whether a reduced annexation area would minimize or avoid environmental impacts. The City is exploring whether a reduced area would qualify for a categorical exemption under Public Resources Code Section 15319(a). This section exempts annexations containing existing public or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning or pre-zoning (whichever is more restrictive) provided that the extension of services would have the capacity to serve only the existing facilities. The City has indicated that it will inform LAFCo on whether it will proceed with the annexation process and modify the proposed annexation area map.

#### Garberville Water Company Serviced Properties Annexation to the Garberville Sanitary District

See agenda item 8A.

## ***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.

### Boyd Road and Former Jacoby Creek School Annexations to the City of Arcata

The City of Arcata is preparing to submit an annexation application that would include two distinct areas: 1) the Eureka Ready Mix site and adjacent right-of-way located at 4945 Boyd Road, and 2) the former Jacoby Creek School site located at 2212 Jacoby Creek Road. The Boyd Road annexation area includes three parcels (APNs 507-381-004, -005, and -007) owned and operated by the Eureka Ready Mix. The former Jacoby Creek School annexation is in response to an extension of sanitary sewer services outside the City boundary, approved by LAFCo on March 5, 2013.

### 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.

### 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.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.