



AGENDA ITEM 8B

MEETING: September 17, 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 two (2) active applications on file with the Commission, as follows.

Garberville Sanitary District Annexation Project

See agenda item 8A.

Palmer Creek CSD Out of Area Service Extension

The Palmer Creek Community Services District (CSD) has filed an out-of-area service request for three parcels totaling 34.8 acres. All of the parcels are developed with single-family residences that are currently accessed via Palmer Boulevard and Shirman Way, north of the City of Fortuna. On May 6 and July 15, 2014, the Humboldt County Division of Environmental Health inspected the on-site springs used as a domestic water source for the affected properties. According to HC Environmental Health, connection to the Palmer Creek CSD water system would eliminate ongoing uncertainties and ensure occupants a continuous supply of safe water.

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.

Humboldt CSD Sphere of Influence Update

The Humboldt CSD has circulated a draft Initial Study/ND for the District's Sphere of Influence Update. The project would amend HCSD's Sphere of Influence to include 11

sphere expansion areas totaling approximately 6,046 acres (9.4 square miles). LAFCo staff provided comments on the District's draft IS/ND and draft MSR, and will continue to coordinate with the District and affected agencies.

Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District Formation

On August 18, 2014, chief petitioners representing the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company (VFC) published a Notice of Intent to Circulate a Petition to form the Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District. The reasons for the proposal, as set forth in the petition, are to support the Fruitland Ridge VFC, which has served the area since 1985; establish formal boundaries that clearly define service responsibilities; and establish ongoing revenue sources that can support fire protection services for the community into the future. The petition is currently being circulated for signatures from registered voters within the proposed boundaries.

Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD Annexation

The Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD is preparing to submit a 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.

Samoa Peninsula Fire District Reorganization

The Samoa Peninsula Fire District continues to work with representatives of the Samoa Pacific Group to review application submittal requirements for the formation of a new community services district to serve the Samoa Peninsula, from the Highway 255 Bridge to the North Jetty. This area is currently served by the Samoa Peninsula Fire District who is interested in expanding its services 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 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.