



## AGENDA ITEM 8C

**MEETING:** January 15, 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 three (3) active applications on file with the Commission, as follows.

#### City of Arcata Shirley Boulevard Annexation

See agenda item 7A.

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

The City of Fortuna has submitted an application for the Upper 9th Street annexation area, which consists of 22 parcels with existing residential and agricultural (timber) related uses, including several parcels that receive water and/or sewer from the City. Upon receiving the application in March 2013, LAFCo staff sent a notice of application filing to affected and interested agencies. Shortly thereafter, the City requested the application be placed on hold to allow the expedited proceedings of the Riverwalk Annexation and to address the jurisdictional status of three parcels within and surrounding the proposed Upper 9th Street annexation boundaries. The City has subsequently revised the proposed annexation boundaries and has resubmitted application materials. LAFCo staff is processing the application for Commission consideration in 2014.

#### Town of Scotia CSD Formation

LAFCo staff reviewed and commented on a draft covenant and agreement to dedicate easements and property, and transfer assets to the Town of Scotia CSD, with a corresponding final map phasing diagram. Once the method and timing of

dedications and transfers are finalized, LAFCo staff will proceed with Certificate of Completion recordation.

### ***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

LAFCo staff has met with the Samoa Peninsula Fire District and Samoa Pacific Group representatives to review application submittal requirements for the formation of a new community services district to serve the Samoa Peninsula, from the Highway 255 Bridge south 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.

#### City of Eureka Sphere of Influence Update

See Agenda Item 6C.

#### Humboldt CSD Sphere of Influence Update and Municipal Service Review

The Humboldt CSD is conducting a sphere of influence review process to consider sphere expansion potential consistent with the location of existing district facilities and numerous request for services outside the current jurisdictional boundary and sphere.

#### 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. The District is preparing the requisite application materials to apply to LAFCo for annexation.

#### Rivercrest Annexation to the Garberville Sanitary District

The Rivercrest Mutual Water Company (RMWC) has been under a boil water notice from the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Division of Environmental Health. The RMWC is investigating the possibility of connecting seven Rivercrest parcels to the GSD water system by extending a waterline from the Kimtu Line across the Sprowel Creek Bridge to the Rivercrest subdivision. This project would require modification to GSD's place of use for the water license and permit by the State Water Resources Control Board as well as a jurisdictional boundary change annexation by LAFCo.

A pre-planning grant has been submitted by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) on behalf of the RMWC to research the feasibility of extending a waterline and to cover some of the costs associated with the LAFCo annexation

process and the work associated with the expansion of the water rights place of use. It is important to note that the Southern Humboldt Community Park (SHCP) also submitted an application for the same pre-planning grant to conduct a water supply evaluation and to cover costs associated with the LAFCo annexation process. CDPH has evaluated the applications for funding eligibility, with Rivercrest ranking 8<sup>th</sup> and the SHCP ranking 11<sup>th</sup> out of 20 eligible projects statewide.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.