



NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER PROTEST

REORGANIZATION OF THE SAMOA PENINSULA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT INTO A COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Officer of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo" or "Commission") will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at the Fairhaven Fire Station, 1982 Gass Street, Fairhaven, CA to receive written protests from registered voters within the area proposed for reorganization, which consists of dissolution of the Samoa Peninsula Fire Protection District (FPD) and formation of Peninsula Community Services District (CSD).

The Commission approved the reorganization proposal on May 15, 2017, subject to terms and conditions as set forth in LAFCo Resolution No. 17-06. Pursuant to State law, the reorganization would be terminated if 50% or more of registered voters within the subject territory protest in accordance with this notice. If no majority protest exists, the reorganization proceedings will be forwarded to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to call an election for confirmation by the voters. A favorable election would require that a majority (50%+1) of the votes cast be in support of the reorganization.

Background: The proposal was initiated by resolution of the Samoa Peninsula FPD for purposes of providing expanded municipal services to the peninsula. State law limits what services a fire protection district may provide. The proposed reorganization of the Samoa Peninsula FPD into the Peninsula CSD would provide the necessary governance structure to retain the existing volunteer fire department and expand the type of services peninsula residents may receive.

The Peninsula CSD would be authorized to provide the following services:

- Water
- Wastewater
- Fire Protection, Rescue, & Emergency Response (including tsunami evacuation)
- Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space
- Landscape Maintenance within Public Areas
- Streets and Street Maintenance
- Storm Drainage

The Peninsula CSD would be named "successor agency" for purposes of winding up the affairs of the Samoa Peninsula FPD, carrying out all authorized duties and responsibilities, and overseeing the extension or continuation of any previously authorized assessment or tax in the affected territory. As such, all existing tax-related revenue that currently supports fire protection services by the Samoa Peninsula FPD would be transferred to the Peninsula CSD to support the continued operation of the volunteer fire department. Any new services to be provided by the Peninsula CSD would require new sources of revenue, such as benefit assessments and user fees, which require landowner approval in accordance with Proposition 218 requirements.

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The proposed boundary of the Peninsula CSD would be consistent with the current Samoa Peninsula FPD boundary and sphere of influence, with minor adjustments to account for public lands and tax rate areas (see Exhibit A). In addition, the current Board of Directors of the Samoa Peninsula FPD would serve as the initial Board of Directors of the Peninsula CSD. For this initial board, the terms of three members would be four years, and the terms of two members would be two years. Thereafter, Board members would be elected at-large for four year terms by registered voters residing within the district. Further detail regarding this reorganization may be found at:
www.humboldtlaoco.org/peninsula_csd/

How to file a Protest: Any registered voter within the subject territory may file a written protest against the proposal with the Executive Officer at any time between the date of this notice and the conclusion of the protest hearing on June 28, 2017. Protests may either be mailed to Humboldt LAFCo, 1125 16th Street, Suite 202 Arcata, CA 95521 or delivered to the LAFCo Executive Officer at the protest hearing.

To be considered valid, each written protest submitted by a registered voter shall include the date that the protest has been signed, name of protestor, and current residence address as it appears on the affidavit of registration. Written protest forms are available at the LAFCo office or online at www.humboldtlaoco.org/public-hearing-notices. Use of the form is encouraged, but not required.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND HEARD ON THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE.

Note: Pursuant to state law, only issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to LAFCo at or prior to the public hearing may be raised in any legal challenge to LAFCo actions.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or wish to receive copies of related documents, please contact the LAFCo office at (707)445-7508.

Dated: May 31, 2017
HUMBOLDT LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
George Williamson, Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A



Pacific Ocean



- Existing SPFPD Boundary
- Proposed CSD Boundary
- Parels

0 0.5 1 Miles



Proposed Peninsula Community Services District

Figure

Sources: Boundaries - Humboldt County GIS, Roads - US Census TIGER, Rivers - CA FRAP

Date: 8/22/2016