



## AGENDA ITEM 7A

**MEETING:** September 18, 2024

**TO:** Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners

**FROM:** Colette Santsche, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** **Introduction/Overview of LAFCo**

The Commission will receive a presentation by LAFCo staff providing an introduction to and overview of LAFCo. This item has been agendized for information only.

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (CKH Act) is the enabling legislation for Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs). This act enables the Commission to make decisions regarding city and special district boundaries. It also provides direction on how to process applications, conduct municipal service reviews (MSRs), and set spheres of influence (SOIs).

### **DISCUSSION**

Since the Commission has several new members, staff would like to take this opportunity to provide a brief overview of what LAFCo is, how it functions, and the responsibilities of Commissioners.

The primary functions of LAFCo are:

- Discouraging urban sprawl.
- Preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands.
- Encouraging the efficient provision of government services.
- Encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances.

Additional resources for Commissioners include:

- CKH Act: [https://calafco.org/Cortese\\_Knox\\_Hertzberg\\_Act](https://calafco.org/Cortese_Knox_Hertzberg_Act)
- CALAFCO – Guides and Resources: [https://calafco.org/Learning\\_Resources](https://calafco.org/Learning_Resources)
- Humboldt LAFCO – Common Questions: <https://humboldtlaftco.org/common-questions/>

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.