



AGENDA ITEM 8A

MEETING: September 15, 2021
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Krystle Heaney, LAFCo Clerk/Analyst
SUBJECT: **Status of MSR Preparations**
The Commission will receive a report summarizing activity on MSR/SOI Updates including a FY 2021-22 MSR workplan and schedule.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act directs Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to regularly prepare municipal service reviews (MSRs) in conjunction with establishing and updating each local agency's sphere of influence (SOI). The legislative intent of MSRs is to proactively assess the availability, capacity, and efficiency of local governmental services. MSRs may also lead LAFCOs to take other actions under their authority, such as forming, consolidating, or dissolving one or more local agencies in addition to any related sphere changes. As part of the Commission's annual budget process, a work plan for MSR completion is adopted.

DISCUSSION

Following is a summary of FY 2020-21 & FY2021-22 MSR Updates.

McKinleyville CSD MSR and SOI Update

See Agenda Item 7A.

Riverside CSD MSR and SOI Update

Riverside CSD provides water services to the agricultural community of Port Kenyon just west of the City of Ferndale in addition to areas along the Salt River to its confluence with Morgan Slough and south along Reas Creek. LAFCo staff has been in contact with Riverside CSD Board Members and staff. Work on the MSR will begin once more information is received from the District.

Manila CSD MSR and SOI Update

Manila CSD provides water, wastewater, and park services to the community of Manila on the Samoa Peninsula east of the City of Arcata along Highway 255. As the last MSR/SOI update was conducted in 2007, this update will provide a comprehensive review of the District's accomplishments and service history over the last decade. Staff has begun initial data collection and has spoken with the District Manager about current services and MSR information needs.

City of Eureka MSR and SOI Update

The City of Eureka is Humboldt County's largest incorporated community with an estimated population of approximately 27,000. The City offers a wide range of services

including water, wastewater, parks and recreation, law enforcement, and others. LAFCo staff will begin preliminary research and outreach to City staff in late 2021.

South County Regional Water/ Wastewater MSR and SOI Update

Southern Humboldt County includes multiple small to medium sized water and wastewater districts. A total of eight districts will be included in the South County Regional Water/ Wastewater MSR/SOI Update which will allow staff and Commissioners to take a comprehensive look at services in the region. LAFCo staff will begin research and outreach in early 2022.

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR and SOI Update

HBMWD is a wholesale water supplier that provides water to many agencies throughout the Humboldt Bay Region. The District is looking into preparing a feasibility study for extension of water service to the Trinidad Rancheria. Due to current planning efforts at the District, staff may hold on this MSR/SOI update until mid to late 2022.

Activity	Tentative Time Frame
McKinleyville CSD MSR/SOI	September 2021 Hearing
Manila CSD MSR/ SOI	November 2021 Hearing
Riverside CSD MSR/SOI	January 2022 Hearing
City of Eureka MSR/SOI	March 2022 Hearing
South County Regional Water/ Wastewater MSR/SOI	July 2022 Hearing
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR/SOI	FY2022/23

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.