



AGENDA ITEM 8B

MEETING: March 16, 2022
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 FY2021-22 MSR Updates.

Riverside CSD MSR and SOI Update

See agenda Item 7A.

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 has begun the data collection process and has received information from the State Water Resources Control Board to assist with documenting each agency's system.

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 has chosen to delay this MSR/SOI update to the 2022-23 fiscal year.

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 has chosen to delay this MSR/SOI update to the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Activity	Tentative Time Frame
City of Fortuna MSR/SOI	Adopted January 2021
City of Trinidad MSR/SOI	Adopted March 2021
Big Lagoon CSD MSR/SOI	Adopted March 2021
Willow Creek CSD MSR/SOI	Adopted May 2021
McKinleyville CSD MSR/SOI	Adopted November 2021
Manila CSD MSR/ SOI	Adopted January 2022
Riverside CSD MSR/SOI	March 2022 Hearing
South County Regional Water/ Wastewater MSR/SOI	July 2022 Hearing
City of Eureka MSR/SOI	FY 2022/23
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR/SOI	FY 2022/23

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.