

AGENDA ITEM 8B

MEETING: May 21, 2025

TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners

FROM: Krystle Brogna, Commission Clerk/Analyst

SUBJECT: Status of MSR Preparations

The Commission will receive a report summarizing activity on MSR/SOI Updates. This report is for information only.

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.

DISCUSSION

Following is a summary of current MSR Updates. Staff will continue to work on MSRs through the end of the fiscal year as budget allows. Work on additional MSRs will begin in the new fiscal year.

City of Eureka MSR and SOI Update

Staff met with City representatives on December 11, 2024 to discuss possible sphere of influence changes and required information for the MSR/SOI Update. Background sections including land uses, population, formation, disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and others have been drafted. Staff is continuing to work on services sections including Parks and Recreation, Water, and Wastewater services.

Activity	Tentative Time Frame
Orick CSD MSR/ SOI Update	Adopted July 17, 2024
Orleans CSD MSR/SOI Update	Adopted September 18, 2024
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR/SOI Update	Adopted March 19, 2025
City of Eureka MSR/ SOI Update	Jul/Sep 2025 Hearing
Scotia CSD MSR/SOI	Sep/Nov 2025 Hearing
Peninsula CSD MSR/SOI	Nov/Jan 2025 Hearing

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.