



AGENDA ITEM 8C

MEETING: January 19, 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.

Manila 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 able to obtain basic information on the District from the State Water Resources Control Board and will begin drafting the MSR.

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 beginning in February 2022.

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 February 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 |
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| 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 | Nov/Jan 2021 Hearing |
| Riverside CSD MSR/SOI | March 2022 Hearing |
| City of Eureka MSR/SOI | May 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.