



## AGENDA ITEM 8C

**MEETING:** November 15, 2023  
**TO:** Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners  
**FROM:** Krystle Heaney, Commission Clerk/Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** **Status of MSR Preparations**  
The Commission will receive a report summarizing activity on MSR/SOI Updates.

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### 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.

#### South County Regional Water/ Wastewater MSR and SOI Update

See Agenda Item 7A.

#### Orick Community Services District MSR and SOI Update

Staff has begun drafting the Orick CSD MSR/SOI Update. Staff previously met with Orick CSD representatives to discuss the MSR process and review their current boundaries including their proposed wastewater service area. Next steps include gathering additional information from the district on current finances and governance.

#### Orleans Community Services District MSR and SOI Update

Staff has begun drafting the Orleans CSD MSR/SOI Update utilizing information available from prior LAFCo records and Division of Drinking Water provided information. Next steps include scheduling an initial meeting with the district to discuss the MSR process and requesting additional information from the District on services, finances, and governance.

Activity	Tentative Time Frame
South County Regional Water/ Wastewater MSR/SOI Update	November 2023 Hearing
Orick CSD MSR/ SOI Update	January 2024 Hearing
Orleans CSD MSR/SOI Update	March 2024 Hearing
Scotia CSD MSR/SOI Update	May 2024 Hearing
City of Eureka MSR/ SOI Update	September 2024 Hearing
Peninsula CSD MSR/SOI	November 2024 Hearing
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR/SOI	January 2025 Hearing

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.