



AGENDA ITEM 8C

MEETING: January 17, 2024
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.

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.

Orick Community Services District MSR and SOI Update

Staff has drafted portions of the report including background information on formation, activation of powers, population, land use, and Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community status. Staff has also review available information on services and is working with the District to gather additional information on services, finances, staffing, and governance. Next steps include finalizing an administrative draft of the document for review and comment prior to public review in March.

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 requesting additional information from the District on services, finances, and governance.

Activity	Tentative Time Frame
Orick CSD MSR/ SOI Update	March 2024 Hearing
Orleans CSD MSR/SOI Update	March 2024 Hearing
City of Eureka MSR/ SOI Update	May 2024 Hearing
Scotia CSD MSR/SOI Update	July 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.