



## AGENDA ITEM 9B

**MEETING:** September 18, 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.

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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.

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

See Agenda Item 8A.

#### City of Eureka MSR and SOI Update

Staff has begun gathering information for the City of Eureka MSR/SOI Update and have developed a draft web map showing the City's boundary and SOI in addition to the boundaries for Humboldt CSD. Staff will continue work on drafting background sections of the document and revising the web map for public release.

#### Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR and SOI Update

The HBMWD MSR/SOI Update was initiated by staff in summer 2020. However, the process was put on hold due to planned major projects by the District at the time. LAFCo staff has been in contact with HBMWD about reinitiating the process and will be reaching out to the District for updated information on municipal services, governance, and finance.

Activity	Tentative Time Frame
Orick CSD MSR/ SOI Update	Adopted July 17, 2024
Orleans CSD MSR/SOI Update	July/Sept 2024 Hearing
City of Eureka MSR/ SOI Update	Nov/Jan 2024 Hearing
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District MSR/SOI Update	Nov/Jan 2025 Hearing
Scotia CSD MSR/SOI	Jan/Mar 2025 Hearing
Peninsula CSD MSR/SOI	Mar/May 2025 Hearing

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.