



AGENDA ITEM 9B

MEETING: January 18, 2023
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Krystle Heaney, Clerk/Analyst
SUBJECT: **Status of South County Water/Wastewater MSR Preparation**
The Commission will receive an update on the status of document preparation. The report is being presented 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.

As part of the Commission's work plan, staff has been preparing a regional MSR for water and wastewater services for the south county region which can be generally described as all districts south of Rio Dell/Scotia.

DISCUSSION

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 and Wastewater MSR/SOI Update (Alderpoint CWD, Briceland CSD, Garberville SD, Miranda CSD, Phillipsville CSD, Redway CSD, Resort Improvement District #1 (Shelter Cove), and Weott CSD) which will allow staff and Commissioners to take a comprehensive look at services in the region.

LAFCo staff has developed administrative drafts of seven of the eight district profiles which will be sent to each district for review prior to being presented at the March 2023 Regular Commission meeting. Staff will work with each agency to review and complete the administrative draft of their respective profiles. Staff will then bring a full draft before the Commission at the March 2023 meeting for initial review and public comment.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.