



AGENDA ITEM 9C

MEETING: September 18, 2024
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of Current and Future Proposals**
The Commission will receive a report summarizing active and future proposals. This report is being presented for information only.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 delegates Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCos) with regulatory and planning duties to coordinate the logical formation and development of local governmental agencies. This includes approving or disapproving proposals for annexation, sphere of influence amendments, and outside agency service requests.

DISCUSSION

Following is a summary of active and future proposals.

Active Proposals

Arcata Fire Protection District Annexation

Property tax exchange resolutions by County and AFD are pending final adoption. Once complete, a Certificate of Completion and State Board of Equalization filing will conclude the LAFCo process.

Future Proposals

There are several potential new proposals to the Commission in the near future based on discussions with proponents. A summary of these anticipated proposals follows.

Fire Services Coordination Efforts

Over the last 7 years, a portion of Measure Z funds granted to the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association has been allocated to providing technical assistance for sustainable community fire protection to address the lack of complete community coverage and sustainable revenue. An informal working group consisting of County of Humboldt (Board of Supervisors, Public Works, and County Administrative Office), LAFCo, and Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association representatives continue to meet as needed to address service and funding needs on a countywide basis, including the following fire services planning efforts:

- Arcata FPD Annexation of the Upper Jacoby Creek and Fickle Hill Areas.
- Kneeland FPD Annexation of goodwill response areas.
- Redway FPD Annexation of goodwill response areas.
- Highway 299 goodwill response area between Willow Creek and Blue Lake FPDs.
- County Service Area 4 (CSA 4) governance structure and funding options in the Trinidad/Big Lagoon/Westhaven areas.
- Direct charge list support for various departments.

- 2023 Annual Fire Chief's Report highlighting service calls and achievements of emergency response providers throughout Humboldt County.
- Legislative options to address rural highway calls and the statutory exclusion of commercial forest lands that are timbered in Fire Protection District Law.
- Creating a toolkit for new and existing fire districts to understand all statutory, financial and reporting requirements under state law.

Humboldt CSD McKay Ranch Annexation (SCH #: 2019049166)

Humboldt County served as lead agency for the North McKay Ranch General Plan Amendment (GPA), Zoning Reclassification (ZR), Tentative Subdivision Map and Planned Development (PD) Permit for future residential and commercial development. On March 7, 2023, the Board of Supervisors considered the project and voted to adopt the FEIR, and approved rezoning. The proposed subdivision is located in the Cutten area of Humboldt Community Services District's (HCSD) sphere of influence and is expected to consist of approximately 320 residential units and two (2) commercial lots at full build-out. Annexation to the Humboldt CSD is anticipated to serve water, sewer, and lighting services to the subdivision. Both HCSD and LAFCo would serve as Responsible Agencies for the annexation process. EO Santsche attended the February 13th HCSD Board Meeting to respond to questions about the annexation process. The HCSD Board expressed interest in negotiating for property tax increment in accordance with Section 99.01 and appointed an ad hoc to begin consultation with the county. Once the annexation application is filed with LAFCo and a notice of filing is provided, there are strict timelines for negotiations to be completed as prescribed in Section 99(b).

Recent Inquiries

- Big Lagoon CSD Operational and Maintenance Assistance by McKinleyville CSD
- Redway CSD delivery of temporary or emergency metered bulk (trucked) water outside agency boundaries to the CAL FIRE Eel River Conservation Camp in Redway.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.