

HUMBOLDT LAFCO
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City of Eureka Council Chambers, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA, to consider the following proposal:

Proposed Annexation of Goodwill Response Areas to the Ferndale Fire Protection District. The Commission will consider approving an annexation of approximately 45,456 acres (316 parcels) to the Ferndale Fire Protection District (KFPD). The proposed annexation area is generally within FFPD's adopted Sphere of Influence and currently receives services from FFPD on a "goodwill" basis without a formal service obligation or dedicated funding. Mailed notices were sent to all landowners and registered voters within and adjacent to the affected territory in accordance with California Government Code Section 56157. Upon annexation, properties within the affected territory would become subject to all applicable charges, fees, assessments, and taxes lawfully enacted by the Ferndale FPD, as well as the District's rates, rules, regulations, and ordinances. Ferndale FPD has placed a proposed special tax (Measure F) on the November 3, 2026, ballot for voter consideration. If approved by voters, the new special tax would apply to properties within the annexation area upon effective date of annexation. If the special tax is not approved, the District's existing benefit assessment would instead be extended to properties within the annexation area. In either case, the revenues would support the provision of fire protection services in accordance with the applicable funding measure. More information regarding the annexation can be accessed at: <https://humboldtlafo.org/ferndale-fpd-goodwill-annexation/>

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and be heard on the item listed above. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and virtual participation. Those wishing to participate remotely should consult the meeting agenda for the video conference link or call-in information.

The agenda and related meeting materials will be available at least 72 hours prior to the meeting on the Commission's website at www.humboldtlafo.org.

Please direct comments, questions, or requests to review documents to: Humboldt LAFCo, 670 9th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521. Phone: (707) 445-7508. E-mail: info@humboldtlafo.org.