HUMBOLDT LAFCO NOTICE OF HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold public hearings on the items listed below:

1. Annexation of Fire Service Areas Served by Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies to the Rio Dell Fire Protection District (RDFPD)

This public hearing was previously scheduled for March 18, 2020 and was rescheduled due to COVID-19 concerns. The Commission will consider a sphere of influence amendment and annexation of approximately 11,498 acres (608 parcels) to the RDFPD. As proposed, RDFPD would consolidate fire protection operations and administration with Scotia, Redcrest and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies, and annex the respective fire service areas into the boundaries of the District. This annexation requires a finalized property tax exchange agreement between the RDFPD and the County of Humboldt. It would also extend the current RDFPD special assessment to parcels within the annexation area. This action would also necessitate the divestiture of power to provide fire protection services by Scotia Community Services District (CSD). Copies of documents relating to the proposed annexation are available for review on the LAFCo website, www.humboldtlafco.org/proposed-rio-dell-fpd-annexation.

2. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The Commission will consider adopting a final budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 in accordance with California Government Code Section 56381. The overall operating costs as provided in the final budget will allow the Commission to fulfill its regulatory and planning responsibilities, including preparing municipal service reviews and sphere of influence updates for cities and special districts.

Unless the shelter-in-place orders and social distancing guidelines are lifted prior to the meeting, the Commission will conduct this hearing entirely by teleconference. No physical location for the meeting will be available. Anyone who wishes to participate in the meeting should consult the meeting agenda for the Zoom call-in telephone number. The agenda will be posted on the Commission's website <u>www.humboldtlafco.org</u> at least 72 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

Written comments must be received by Humboldt LAFCo by 12:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting in order to be distributed to Commissioners. Please direct comments, questions, and requests to review documents to Humboldt LAFCo, 1125 16th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521. Phone: (707) 445-7508. E-mail: colettem@humboldtlafco.org (preferred).

Dated: 4/27/20