



## NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

### ANNEXATION OF GOODWILL RESPONSE AREAS TO THE KNEELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Executive Officer of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kneeland Fire House, 6201 Greenwood Heights Drive in Kneeland, CA.** The hearing will be conducted by the Commission's Executive Officer who has been delegated authority to conduct this hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide for the submission of written protests against the Commission's approval of the Kneeland Fire Protection District (FPD) Goodwill Response Area Annexation by affected landowners and registered voters within the territory, which may be filed with the LAFCo Executive Officer at any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing.

**Annexation Background:** Proceedings for this annexation were initiated by the Kneeland FPD and includes the annexation of approximately 61,486 acres of land (503 parcels) located outside the current district boundaries, including portions of Butler Valley, Maple Creek, Mtn View Road, Kneeland Road, Showers Pass Road, and Upper Fickle Hill Road. Annexation would formalize Kneeland FPD's service responsibilities, establish reliable funding mechanisms, and clearly define fire service coverage between adjacent agencies.

LAFCo held a public hearing and approved the annexation on May 21, 2025, as set forth in LAFCo Resolution No. 25-03, which provides a full and complete description and the terms and conditions of the Commission's approval. Specifically, the annexation would extend the Kneeland FPD special tax—authorized by Measure D (Nov 2024)—to all parcels within the annexation area, which would be collected on the annual property tax bill. Revenues from the special tax would be used to fund the delivery of fire protection services, consistent with the purposes for which the tax was originally approved. More information regarding the annexation can be accessed at:

<https://humboldtlafo.org/kneeland-fpd-goodwill-annexation/>

**How to file a Protest:** To be considered valid, protests must be written and filed by either a landowner or a registered voter within the annexation area. The protest must be signed and dated, must state whether it is made by a landowner or a registered voter or both, and must include the name and address of the protestor. An Assessor's Parcel Number identifying the location of the land is acceptable for a landowner. A registered voter's protest must show the name and address appearing on the affidavit of registration. Written protest forms are available at the LAFCo office or online at [www.humboldtlafo.org](http://www.humboldtlafo.org) under the "News" heading. Use of the form is encouraged but not required.

**How Protests will be Evaluated:** Pursuant to State law, an election would be called if 25-50% of registered voters protest or 25% or more of landowners protest. The 25% threshold for landowner protest refers to both the number of owners and the assessed value of land. Furthermore, the annexation would be terminated if 50% or more of registered voters protest. The annexation will be confirmed and ordered if the above thresholds are not reached.



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**LANDOWNER OR REGISTERED VOTER**

Address Line 1

City, State, Zip

Protests may either be hand delivered at the protest hearing, mailed to Humboldt LAFCo at 670 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521, or emailed to the LAFCo Executive Officer ([colette@humboldtlafo.org](mailto:colette@humboldtlafo.org)). Only written protests that are received prior to the conclusion of the hearing on June 24, 2025, will be accepted as timely. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the LAFCo office at (707) 445-7508 or [colette@humboldtlafo.org](mailto:colette@humboldtlafo.org) (preferred).

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND HEARD ON THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE.**

Note: Pursuant to state law, only issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to LAFCo at or prior to the public hearing may be raised in any legal challenge to LAFCo actions.

Dated: May 30, 2025

HUMBOLDT LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Colette Santsche, Executive Officer