## NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING HUMBOLDT LAFCO

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Executive Officer of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 16, 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 public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to receive written protests filed against the following item:

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

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 and currently served by Kneeland FPD on a goodwill basis. LAFCo held a public hearing and approved the annexation on May 21, 2025, as set forth in LAFCo Resolution No. 25-03. Within 30 days, Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC), through legal counsel, filed a request for reconsideration, objecting to inclusion of 17 HRC parcels in the annexation boundary. LAFCo held three public hearings on August 20, September 3, and September 17, 2025 to consider the reconsideration request and accept public input. At the conclusion of the hearings, LAFCo adopted Resolution No. 25-06 approving the reconsideration request and removing 17 parcels owned by HRC from the annexation boundary.

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. Protests may either be hand delivered at the protest hearing, mailed to Humboldt LAFCo at 670 9th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521, or emailed to the LAFCo Executive Officer at colette@humboldtlafco.org. Only written protests that are received prior to the conclusion of the hearing will be accepted as timely.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the LAFCo resolution or protest forms, call (707) 445-7508, email colette@humboldtlafco.org, or visit the LAFCo website at www.humboldtlafco.org.

Dated: September 25, 2025