



NOTICE OF HEARING/PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO WAIVE PROTEST PROCEEDINGS

ANNEXATION OF FIRE SERVICE AREAS SERVED BY SCOTIA, REDCREST, AND SHIVELY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES TO THE RIO DELL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo" or "Commission") will hold a public hearing on March 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, to consider the proposed *Annexation of Fire Service Areas Served by Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies to the Rio Dell Fire Protection District ("Proposal")*. The hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chamber, Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, or to such date and time as it may be continued by LAFCo.

Proceedings for this annexation were initiated by the Rio Dell Fire Protection District (RDFPD). The proposal includes annexation of approximately 11,498 acres of land (608 parcels) located outside the boundaries that is currently served by volunteer fire companies. This action would also necessitate the divestiture of power to provide fire protection services by Scotia Community Services District (CSD). The proposed annexation includes the following actions to annex the following out of district service areas, as shown on Exhibit A:

1. Expand the RDFPD Sphere of Influence (SOI) and annex five areas, including: 1) Rio Dell Response Area, Town of Scotia Area, 3) Scotia Response Area, 4) Redcrest Response Area, and 5) Shively Response Area.
2. Execution of an agreement between RDFPD and the County of Humboldt for the exchange of ad valorem property taxes.
3. Extension of the current RDFPD special assessment to all applicable parcels within the proposed annexation area. The District's assessment is applied at a rate of \$25 per "unit of benefit" on a use-of-property basis, with a typical single-family residence paying \$100 per year (\$150 for rural residences without municipal water).

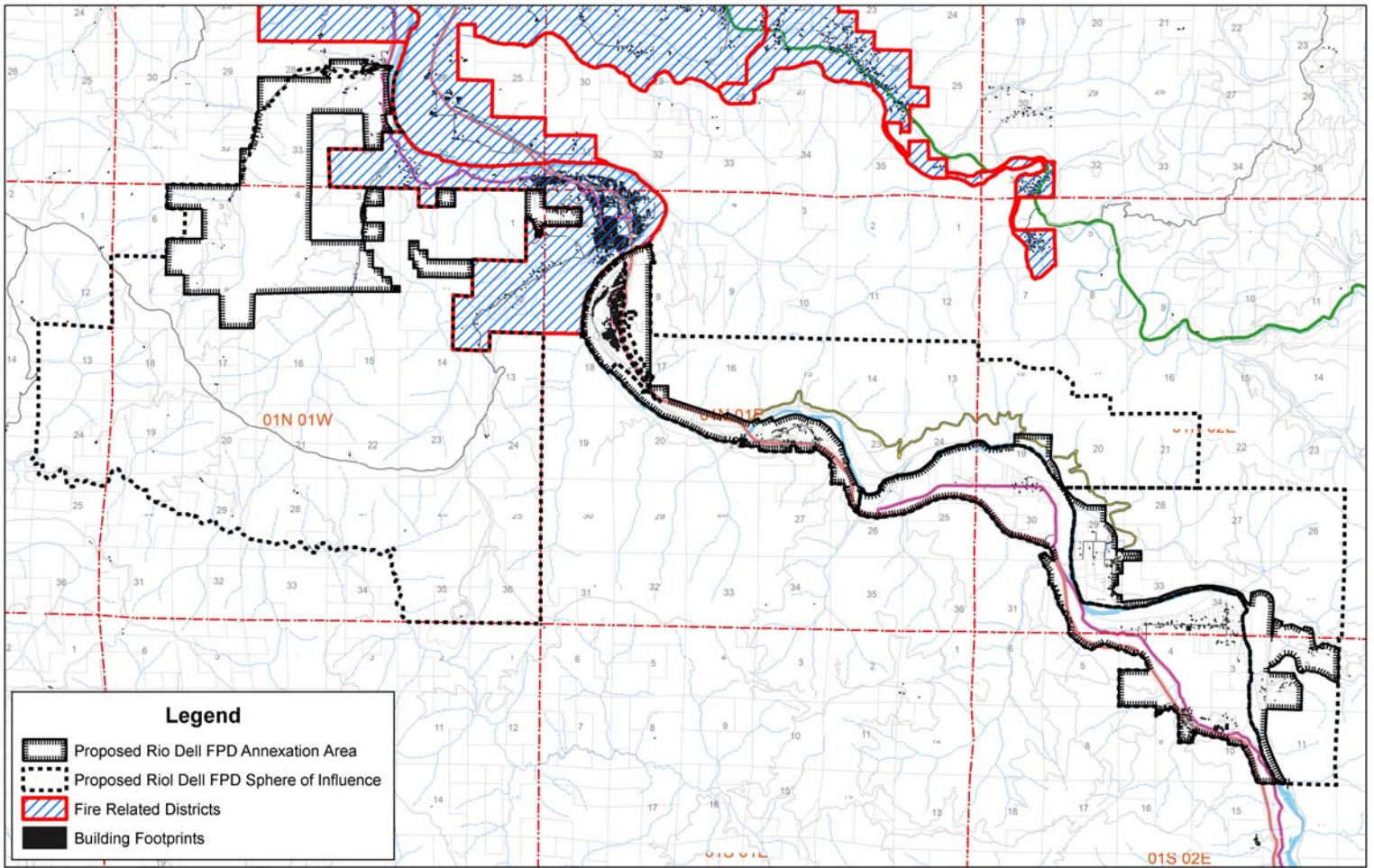
According to the application, the proposed annexation would "extend the Rio Dell FPD's current property tax allocation and special assessment revenue sources to the expanded district boundary and consolidate fire protection service operations and administration with the Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies, providing regular and ongoing revenue sources to these communities to sustain local fire protection services within each community and to also retain the important local identity of each community's fire department."

The Commission hereby gives notice that, unless written opposition to the proposal is received from landowners or registered voters within the affected territory before the conclusion of the Commission's hearing on the proposal, the Commission intends to waive protest proceedings, as authorized by, and in compliance with, California Government Code Section 56663

At said public hearing, the Commission will consider all oral and written testimony of any interested persons or affected agencies. Pursuant to state law, only issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at or prior to the public hearing may be raised in any legal challenge to Commission actions.

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@humboldtlafo.org.

Note: State Law requires that LAFCo notify various parties, such as landowners and registered voters, both within and adjacent to the affected territory. For this reason, you may receive multiple copies of this notice.



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