



## NOTICE OF HEARING/PROCEEDINGS

### PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF GOODWILL RESPONSE AREAS TO THE ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo" or "Commission")** will hold a public hearing on March 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Eureka City Hall Council Chambers (second floor) located at 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501 to consider the ***Proposed Annexation of Goodwill Response Areas to the Arcata Fire Protection District ("Proposal")***. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid combination of in-person and/or virtual attendance. Anyone who wishes to participate in the meeting via teleconference should consult the meeting agenda for the call-in telephone number. The agenda and related meeting materials will be posted on the Commission's website [www.humboldtlafo.org](http://www.humboldtlafo.org) at least 72 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

Proceedings for this annexation were initiated by the Arcata Fire Protection District (Arcata FPD). The proposal includes annexation of approximately 3,561 acres (117 parcels) located outside the boundaries that are currently served as part of their goodwill response area along Jacoby Creek and Fickle Hill Roads. The proposed annexation area is within Arcata FPD's adopted Sphere of Influence and currently receives services from Arcata FPD on a "goodwill" basis with no defined responsibility or sustainable funding. Annexation would make Arcata FPD responsible for services, establish ongoing funding, and define a contiguous fire district coverage between the Arcata FPD and Kneeland FPD.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56157, LAFCo hereby gives notice of this hearing. Unless LAFCo receives written opposition to the proposal from landowners or registered voters within the affected territory before the conclusion of the hearing on the proposal, the Commission intends to waive protest proceedings, as authorized by, and in compliance with, California Government Code Section 56663. Upon annexation, the affected territory would be subject to all previously authorized charges, fees, assessments, and taxes that were lawfully enacted by the Arcata FPD. The affected territory would also be subject to all of the rates, rules, regulations, and ordinances of the District. This includes the extension of the previously authorized Arcata FPD special assessment and special tax to all land within the proposed annexation area to fund the delivery of fire protection services, consistent with the purpose for which both funding sources were approved.

At the hearing, the Commission will consider all oral and written testimony of any interested persons or affected agencies. The Commission will consider the report of the Executive Officer and may approve, amend or deny the proposed annexation. More information regarding the annexation, including an interactive webmap of the proposed annexation area, can be accessed at:

<https://humboldtlafo.org/proposed-arcata-fire-protection-district-annexation/>

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@humboldtlafo.org](mailto:colettem@humboldtlafo.org) (preferred).

*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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