



NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION HEARING

PROPOSED SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT AND ANNEXATION OF GOODWILL RESPONSE AREAS TO THE KNEELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo" or "Commission") will hold a public hearing on August 20, 2025, 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 a request for reconsideration of Humboldt LAFCo's approval of the *Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation of Goodwill Response Areas to the Kneeland 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 remotely should consult the meeting agenda for the video conference link or call-in telephone number. The agenda and related meeting materials will be posted on the Commission's website www.humboldtlafo.org at least 72 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

On May 21, 2025, the Commission approved the annexation of the Goodwill Response Area into the Kneeland Fire Protection District ("FPD" or "District") and related actions including a Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendment, and adoption of findings and determinations pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Proceedings for this annexation were originally initiated by the Kneeland FPD. The proposal included annexation of approximately 61,486 acres (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 and generally within the District's adopted SOI.

On June 20, 2025, LAFCo received a request for reconsideration from Stephen F. Johnson of Mannon, King, Johnson & Wipf, LLP, legal counsel for Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC). The letter opposes annexation of HRC's commercial timberland parcels that are located in a State Responsibility Area into the District.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56895, the Commission shall consider the request and receive any oral or written testimony at the next meeting of the Commission for which notice can be given. At the conclusion of its consideration, the Commission may approve with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or disapprove the request. The determinations of the Commission shall be final and conclusive. No person or agency shall make any further request for the same change or a substantially similar change, as determined by the Commission.

More information regarding the annexation and request for reconsideration can be accessed at: <https://humboldtlafo.org/kneeland-fpd-goodwill-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, 670 9th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521. Phone: (707) 445-7508. E-mail: colette@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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