



**CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION  
OR REORGANIZATION APPLICATION FORM**

**Proposal Description**

1. Type of proposal:

	<i>Subject Agencies (Cities and/or Special Districts)</i>	<i>Related Jurisdictional Changes (Annexation, Detachment, Sphere Amendment, etc.)</i>
1.	<b>Formation of the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District</b>	<b>District Formation</b>

2. Title of proposal:

**Formation of the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District**

3. Who initiated the proposal? *(LAFCo proposals may be initiated by resolution of application adopted by an affected city, county or special district, or by petition of landowners or registered voters of the affected area. In both cases, a notice of intent must be submitted to LAFCo.)*

The following is attached to this application form:

- Agency Resolution of Application
- Landowner Petition
- Registered Voter Petition

4. Does the proposal have 100 percent consent of all property owners? *(If so, please submit a letter of consent from each property owner to process the application without public notice or hearing.)*

- Yes
- No

5. Applicant:

<i>City/District/Chief Petitioner</i>	<b>Dan Gribi, Fire Chief – Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company</b>
<i>Street Address</i>	<b>3180 Thomas Road</b>
<i>City/State/Zip</i>	<b>Miranda, CA 95554</b>

6. Designated Contact Person:

<i>Name</i>	<b>Dan Gribi, Fire Chief – Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company</b>
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**General Information**

1. Explain in detail the reasons for the proposal and why it is necessary.

**The residents of the Salmon Creek area are proposing to form the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District (FPD) in order to establish a long-term community-based revenue source to support the continued delivery of fire protection services by the Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). There are no development plans proposed as part of this application.**

**The Salmon Creek VFD has been serving the Salmon Creek area since 1978 and currently provides fire suppression, rescue, and basic life support emergency medical services to the proposed district boundaries (the proposed district boundaries correspond to the Salmon Creek VFD response area). The Salmon Creek VFD is governed by the Board of Directors of the Salmon Creek VFD, 501(c)3. The Salmon Creek VFD supports its fire protection operations through fundraising, donations, and grants. However, the future of the Salmon Creek VFD could be in jeopardy if a consistent source of funding cannot be established that will pay for insurances, fuel, and the maintenance and replacement of essential equipment.**

**The purpose of forming the Salmon Creek FPD is to facilitate the establishment of a dependable long-term source of revenue for community fire protection services. The Salmon Creek VFD would request that the approval by the registered voters of a new fire suppression special tax be a condition of approval for the annexation. The formation of the Salmon Creek FPD would also be eligible for the transfer of a share of the County's property tax revenue from the growth in assessed value within the new district and is seeking approval of such transfer by the Board of Supervisors. New revenues that may be available to the new district upon approval of the proposed Salmon Creek FPD (such as special taxes, property taxes, or other new revenues) would be intended to support the maintenance of current service levels and could allow the Salmon Creek VFD to improve the level of fire and emergency medical services in the future. The formation of the Salmon Creek FPD would not change the delivery of fire protection services to the response area. The Salmon Creek VFD would continue to provide fire protection services on behalf of the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District.**

2. Describe the general location and physical features of the subject territory.

**Salmon Creek area, Humboldt County, The project area contains portions of the following USGS topographic quadrangle maps Miranda and Eftersburg. The project area contains portions of land that can be described using the Public Land Survey System, Humboldt Base Line and Meridian;**

- **Township 2 South, Range 2 East, all of Sections 33, 34, and 35 and portions of Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 36;**
- **Township 2 South, Range 3 East, portions of Sections 31 and 32;**
- **Township 3 South, Range 2 East, all of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 24 and portions of Sections 4, 5, 8, and 9, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25, and 26; and**
- **Township 3 South, Range 3 East, all of Sections 6, 7, 8, 18, and 19 and portions of Sections 4, 5, 9, 17, 20, 29, and 30.**

**The Salmon Creek VFD response area is approximately 20,500 acres in area, beginning west of the intersection of Salmon Creek Road and Maple Hills Road and extending west to include areas along Salmon Creek Road, Thomas Road, and Lower Thomas Road.**

**The proposed Salmon Creek FPD boundaries include the Salmon Creek Community School, located near the intersection of Lower Thomas Road and Thomas Road. The proposed**

**boundaries also include unimproved timber and grazing land that is interspersed within a patchwork of land developed with rural residential uses. The vacant rural residential, timber, and grazing land could be developed with rural residential uses, subject to the limitations established by the General Plan and Zoning Regulations. Such development would be expected to occur over time at current rates.**

3. What is the current population of the subject territory?

**Based on the 2020 Census, the Salmon Creek VFD serves approximately 316 residents and 181 total housing units**

4. If the proposal includes development, what is the estimated population of the subject territory?

**Not Applicable. No development is proposed**

5. Number of registered voters within the subject territory.

**2SH-5 = 220, 2SH-6N = 2 Total = 222**

6. Number of parcels within the subject territory.

**335**

### **Proposal Boundaries**

1. A map and geographic description of the proposal area meeting State Board of Equalization requirements must be submitted.

The following is attached to this application form:

- Vicinity Map
- Boundary Map
- Boundary Description

2. Describe how the boundaries of the proposal were determined.

**The proposed boundaries reflect the existing Salmon Creek VFD response area. The Salmon Creek VFD has been serving the Salmon Creek area since 1978 and currently provides fire suppression, rescue, and basic life support emergency medical services to the proposed district boundaries (corresponding to the Salmon Creek VFD response area). The boundaries are also intended to abut the boundaries of the Telegraph Ridge and Briceland Fire Protection Districts.**

### **Land Use Information**

1. What is the total assessed value of properties (land and improvements) within the subject territory? (Note: you are encouraged to provide this information along with any existing assessments in a separate spreadsheet).

**Land: \$42,386,931**  
**Improvements: \$29,802,100**

**Fixture** **\$1,112,906**  
**Total Assessed Value** **\$73,301,937**

- Describe the existing uses within and surrounding the subject territory. Be specific regarding existing commercial corridors, residential communities, relevant structures, etc.

**Prominent developments within the proposed Salmon Creek FPD boundaries include the rural Salmon Creek community, which is generally located along Salmon Creek and Thomas Roads west of the intersection of Salmon Creek Road and Maple Hills Roads There are no commercial structures within the proposed district boundaries. The following is a summary of the land uses within the proposed district boundaries based on the Assessor's Use Codes:**

**LAND USES BASED ON ASSESSOR'S USE CODE**

<i>Land Use Type</i>	<i>Parcel s</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Improved Residential < 5 acres	40	1,303	6.4%
Vacant Residential < 5 acres	22	511	2.5%
Improved Residential 5 - 100 acres	117	5,068	25.1%
Vacant Residential 5 - 100 acres	23	1,191	5.9%
Improved Timber Production	57	4,402	21.8%
Vacant Timber Production	66	7,291	36.1%
Public or Exempt	1	41	0.2%
Other	8	407	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>

**Source:** Humboldt County Community Development Services Geographic Information System. Land Use Type based on Humboldt County Assessor's Use Codes.

**Note:** Acreage based on parcel acres in the Land Information System and some parcels extend across the Middle Fork Eel River, outside the proposed district boundaries.

- What is the current land use and zoning designation(s) within the subject territory?

**GENERAL PLAN LAND USE DESIGNATION**

<i>Land Use Designation</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture Grazing	3,908.8	19.1%
Residential Agriculture	10,171.4	49.7%
Public	40.6	0.2%
Timber Production	6,340.0	31.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,460.8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**ZONE CLASSIFICATION**

<i>Zone Classification</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture Exclusive	3,825.9	18.7%
Agriculture General	172.9	0.8%

<b>Zone Classification</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Forestry Recreation	1,800.8	8.8%
Timberland Production Zone	7,906.6	38.6%
Unclassified	6,754.5	33.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,460.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

4. Describe any proposed change in land use or zoning as a result of the proposal. (For city annexations, attach a copy of the adopted pre-zoning ordinance).

**Not Applicable. No land use or zoning changes are proposed**

5. Is the proposal consistent with city or county general plans, specific plans, and or other adopted land use policies?

**The formation of the Salmon Creek FPD would be consistent with the Humboldt County General Plan policies relating to fire protection. Community Infrastructure and Services Element Policy IS-P15, Expanded Fire Protection Services, encourage the formation of fire-related districts, as a means to provide fire protection services to areas outside of fire district boundaries.**

**Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.**

6. Will the proposal result in development of property now or in the near future? Describe the type of development proposed (type of business or industry, single-family or multi-family residential, etc., and the number of units or facilities).

**Not Applicable. No development is proposed**

7. If development is proposed, what discretionary approvals are needed? Be specific regarding subdivision maps, conditional use permits or other entitlements.

**Not Applicable. No development is proposed**

8. What is the effect of this proposal on agricultural or open-space lands within and adjacent to the subject territory? If the subject territory is subject to a Williamson Act contract, please provide a copy of the contract(s) along with any amendments.

**The County has zoned approximately 7,900 acres within the proposed boundaries of the Salmon Creek FPD as Timber Production, approximately 3,825 acres Agriculture Exclusive, and approximately 173 acres Agriculture General. There are 3 active Williamson Act contracts within the proposed district boundary totaling: approximately 2,58acres (see Williamson Act Contract table below). Only a portion of two of the Williamson Act contracts within the proposed boundaries.**

**WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACTS**

<b>Ranch Name – Ranch ID</b>	<b>Acres Included</b>

Phelps Ranch – 199 (2,123.acres)	406
Tosten Ranch – 231 (3,277 acres)	1509
Gilbert Wallan Ranch – 237 (670 acres)	670
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,585</b>

Source: Humboldt County Building and Planning

The Salmon Creek VFD currently provides fire protection services to the Williamson Act Ranches within their existing response area. The formation of the Salmon Creek FPD does not involve changes to the type or level of fire protection services provided, nor would it convert agricultural land or involve the construction of or alteration to structures, grading, or other site disturbing activities on land planned for agriculture, and does not propose to change land uses or land use patterns.

Agricultural resources within the proposed district boundaries will not be affected by the proposed district formation for the following reasons:

- (1) The Salmon Creek VFD currently responds to calls for service throughout the proposed district boundaries and has done so since 1978. The weight of response and levels of service after the proposed Salmon Creek FPD formation would be substantially similar to current levels and would therefore not significantly influence owners of resource land in their decisions to convert such land to other uses.
- (2) It is common throughout Humboldt County that rural populations are dispersed within and around agriculture and timber land and logical boundaries for fire protection district would include such lands.
- (3) Over 70,000 acres of agricultural preserve land is located within fire-related districts in Humboldt County.
- (4) Humboldt County contains a very large amount of privately owned timber and agriculture resource land in and around rural communities. As a result, approximately 35 percent of the land within existing fire protection district boundaries is zoned TPZ and 30 percent is zoned AE. Fire related districts within the county routinely respond to calls for service at houses on resource land, barns, warehouses, roads, logging sites, and within farm fields.
- (5) The two fire districts that have the most career/professional firefighters and that ostensibly provide the highest level of fire protection service in the County, Arcata FPD and the Humboldt No. 1 FPD, have approximately 62 percent and 59 percent agriculture and resource zoned lands, respectively, within their district boundaries. There are 26 agricultural preserve areas within these two districts totaling over 1,400 acres.
- (6) The provision of fire protection services to land planned for agriculture was not noted as a cause of agricultural land conversion in the Agricultural Resources Report ([http://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/gpu/docs/pdf/agrprt\\_2.pdf](http://www.co.humboldt.ca.us/gpu/docs/pdf/agrprt_2.pdf)) prepared in August 2003 for the Humboldt County General Plan Update.
- (7) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Agency Reorganization Act requires that special districts first receive written approval from LAFCo prior to providing service outside their district boundaries. Therefore, service must be provided within district boundaries and if calls for fire protection services would occur within resource lands, developed or otherwise, such lands must be located within the boundaries of a fire related district.
- (8) In 2013 the California Subdivision Map Act was amended to require that any subdivision of parcels located in the State Responsibility Area (SRA) or a very high fire hazard severity zone, including subdivisions of resource lands not involving development, receive structural fire protection from a public agency or from another

entity organized solely to provide fire protection services that is monitored and funded by a county or other public entity (Government Code Section 66474.02). State law, in effect, requires that all land, even land used for timber or agricultural production, be within the boundaries of a fire related district.

- (9) Land within the proposed district boundaries is within the State Responsibility Area and CAL FIRE is expected to continue to provide wildland protection at current levels of protection.
- (10) Health and Safety Code Section 13811 prohibits the inclusion of commercial forest lands which are timbered lands declared to be in a state responsibility area within Fire Protection Districts. There are 44 Assessor's Parcels zoned Timberland Production (TPZ) proposed to be included within the Salmon Creek FPD. None of these parcels are owned by what would clearly be considered a commercial timber company (i.e., Green Diamond Resource Company, Humboldt Redwood Company, Barnum Timber, Sierra Pacific, etc.); over half of the parcels are a single TPZ parcel holding within the proposed district boundary; seven property owners own more than one TPZ property and the maximum number owned is four parcels; a number of these parcels are part of a Williamson Act Ranch, and approximately 50 percent are improved. The mix of TPZ parcels within the proposed Salmon Creek FPD is similar to parcels zoned TPZ within most fire-related districts in Humboldt County. The parcels zoned TPZ within the proposed district do not appear to qualify as commercial forest lands which are timbered lands declared to be in a state responsibility area.

Therefore, the proposed project would not conflict with existing Timber Production Zoning, zoning for agricultural use, a Williamson Act contract, or would conflict with Fire Protection District Law regarding the inclusion of commercial forest lands which are timbered lands declared to be in a state responsibility area within the proposed district.

**Public Services**

1. List which agencies presently provide public services to the subject territory, and which are proposed to provide service. If not applicable or no change, please indicate accordingly.

	<i>Present Provider</i>	<i>Proposed Provider</i>
<i>Sewer</i>	<b>On Site Systems</b>	<b>On Site Systems</b>
<i>Water</i>	<b>On Site Systems</b>	<b>On Site Systems</b>
<i>Fire</i>	<b>Salmon Creek Volunteer Fire Company CAL FIRE provides seasonal wildland protection within the State Responsibility Areas</b>	<b>Salmon Creek Fire Protection District CAL FIRE provides seasonal wildland protection within the State Responsibility Areas</b>
<i>Police</i>	<b>Humboldt County Sheriff</b>	<b>Humboldt County Sheriff</b>
<i>Recreation</i>	<b>No provider of community recreation services</b>	<b>No provider of community recreation services</b>
<i>Roads</i>	<b>Humboldt County</b>	<b>Humboldt County</b>
<i>Drainage</i>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<i>Street Lighting</i>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>
<i>Other</i>	<b>Humboldt Resource Conservation</b>	<b>Humboldt Resource Conservation</b>

	<i>Present Provider</i>	<i>Proposed Provider</i>
	<b>District Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare/Hospital North Coast EMSA Ambulance services provided by City Ambulance (Garberville)</b>	<b>District Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare/Hospital North Coast EMSA Ambulance services provided by City Ambulance (Garberville)</b>

2. How would the proposal affect the type or level of services within the subject territory?

**The proposal to form the Salmon Creek Fire Protection District is intended to establish a long-term sustainable funding source to support the continued delivery of fire protection services by the Salmon Creek VFD. Fire protection services are currently provided by the Salmon Creek VFD and will continue to be provided by the Salmon Creek VFD after the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD. It is common in Humboldt County for fire protection services to be provided by a volunteer fire department on behalf of a fire protection district. Often the volunteer fire department is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and separate from the fire protection district.**

3. If, as a result of this proposal, increased service demand exceeds the existing capacity, describe what will be done by the service provider to increase capacity of services.

**The Salmon Creek VFD has been providing fire protection services to the Salmon Creek community since 1978, funded through donations and grants. There is no indication that significant development will occur within the proposed district in the future. Future demands for services are expected to be similar to the current service demands. The proposed district formation would establish a special tax that would generate approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year and qualifies for an Option 5 property tax transfer agreement with Humboldt County transferring a portion of Humboldt County's share of the growth in property tax within the proposed district equal to three percent of the one percent property tax. The special tax and property tax revenue would exceed current annual revenue for the Salmon Creek VFD and could be used, in conjunction with fundraising and grants, to expand service capacity in the event that the future demand for services increases.**

4. Will the future delivery of services by any other public agency or service provider be affected by this proposal? If yes, list the agencies and indicate any comments received from these agencies. (Note: applicants must contact affected agencies prior to filing an application with LAFCo)

**Other than the Humboldt Resource Conservation District and the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District, there are no local agencies within the proposed district boundaries. Neither the Humboldt Resource Conservation District nor the Southern Humboldt Community Healthcare District would be affected in any way by the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD. Therefore, no service provider would be affected by the proposed formation of the Salmon Creek FPD.**

**The Myers Flat FPD and the Miranda CSD are the closest fire related districts (the proposed Salmon Creek FPD boundaries adjoin the Briceland and Telegraph Ridge FPDs, but there are very few passable roads between these areas) and they are located one and two miles from the proposed boundaries, respectively. Both agencies have "status quo" Spheres of Influence (SOI), meaning that the SOI is contiguous with the district boundaries. Therefore, the proposed Salmon Creek FPD boundaries would not conflict with the SOI of a local agency providing fire**



protection services.

**CAL FIRE provides seasonal wildland fire protection services throughout State Responsibility Area (100 percent of the proposed Salmon Creek FPD is State Responsibility Area). CAL FIRE may respond to other types of calls for service if they are available. CAL FIRE provided grant funding to support the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD.**

**Humboldt County provides general government, law enforcement, public health, emergency management, and road and drainage maintenance services to the proposed district formation area. These services and funding for these services would not be affected by the proposed district formation.**

5. For proposals submitted by resolution of application by a local agency, a plan for providing services within the affected territory must be prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 56653.

A Plan for Services is attached to this application form:

- Yes  
 Not applicable

## **Financial Information**

1. How will public services be financed? List any assessments, taxes, fees or other charges to be levied as part of this proposal, or levied in the near future. (Note: a fiscal analysis and/or budget may be required).

**Upon approval of the Salmon Creek FPD by LAFCo a special tax would be placed before the registered voters within the proposed district boundaries. The petition to form the Salmon Creek FPD has identified a special tax that would generate approximately \$20,000-\$25,000 per year and would be apportioned to property on an annual basis in the following manner: \$75 for each parcel (approximately 333 taxable parcels within the proposed district boundaries). Beginning on January 1, of the first year after formation, the District Board may increase the maximum tax rate by applying the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index of the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area that has occurred since January of the prior year, up to a maximum of five percent.**

**Landowners with multiple contiguous Assessors Parcels which are undeveloped, held under identical ownership, and used solely for timber production or agricultural grazing, will have the opportunity to lump them together so they are taxed as one parcel. An ordinance establishing the application process will be approved by the local elected governing board**

**The Salmon Creek VFD would continue to carry out fundraising activities; however, this money may remain separate from Salmon Creek FPD revenue. In Humboldt County, volunteer fire departments (501(c)3 non-profit corporations) carry out fundraising within the community and manage funds separate from the fire protection district, which are used to acquire equipment and construct improvements.**

2. Does any affected agency have existing bonded indebtedness for which the subject territory will become/remain liable? If so, please indicate taxpayer cost.

**There are no local agencies affected by the proposed Salmon Creek FPD formation. To the**

**extent that the Southern Humboldt Hospital District has bonded indebtedness, such debt would not be affected by the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD.**

3. Does the resolution of application by a local agency include documentation that the agency is in agreement with a standing Master Tax Exchange Agreement, has negotiated a tax exchange agreement pursuant to [Section 99](#) of the Revenue and Taxation Code, or has made a determination that the proposal is revenue neutral?

**As described above, the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD would also be eligible for the transfer of a share of the County's property tax revenue from the growth in assessed value within the new district and is seeking approval of such transfer by the Board of Supervisors. The proponents of the Salmon Creek FPD expect that by the time of the public hearing by the LAFCo Board, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors will have taken action of the property tax revenue transfer.**

### **Sphere of Influence**

1. Is the subject territory within the existing sphere of influence of the affected agency?  
 Yes  
 No
2. If the proposal includes a request for a city or district sphere of influence amendment/update, justify the proposed changes with respect to the five sphere criteria listed in Government Code Section 56425(e):

- a. "The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands."

**The proposed boundaries represent the long-time response area of the Salmon Creek VFC. The Somerville Road area and the portion of Salmon Creek Road near U.S. 101 were evaluated for inclusion within the proposed district, but were excluded because the Myers Flat FPD or the Miranda CSD may be better situated to respond to these areas. The proposed formation of the Salmon Creek FPD approximately 935 acres of the adopted Spheres of Influence (SOI) of the Miranda CSD. The Miranda CSD provides sewer and water service and fire protection services within an approximately 315-acre boundary that contains the community of Miranda and is located across the Eel River from the proposed Salmon Creek FPD. The Miranda CSD, the Myers Flat FPD, and CAL FIRE may provide mutual aid assistance to the Salmon Creek VFD within its response area, but the proposed boundaries match the long-time response area of the Salmon Creek VFD and the community's expectation for fire response. Proponents for the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD presented the proposed boundaries to the Miranda CSD Board of Directors at a public meeting and the Board did not present objections to the formation of the district.**

**The Humboldt LAFCo is encouraged to modify the Miranda CSD SOI to eliminate the Salmon Creek FPD boundary upon formation.**

- b. "The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area."

**The proposed boundaries represent the long-time response area of the Salmon Creek VFC. Overtime, and as revenue is available, the Salmon Creek FPD may seek to construct and equip a fire station in the eastern portion of the FPD.**

- c. "The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide."

**The proposed boundaries represent the long-time response area of the Salmon Creek VFC, which was formed in 1978. The Salmon Creek VFC has volunteers, equipment, apparatus, and facilities, identified in the Plan of Service, which is adequate for a rural level of fire protection services. The Salmon Creek FPD would hope to improve each of these resources and the level of services over time and as funding is available.**

- d. "The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area."

**There are no identified social or economic communities of interest in the area. However, the proposed boundaries are intended to include the entire Salmon Creek community.**

- e. "For an update of a sphere of influence of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection...the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence."

**There are no disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence**

- 3. If the proposal includes a city sphere of influence amendment/update, provide a written statement that describes whether an agreement on the sphere change between the city and county was achieved pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(b-d). Describe the elements of the agreement (such as, development standards, boundaries, and zoning requirements) and provide a copy of the written agreement.

**Not Applicable. This proposal does not involve a city.**

- 4. If the proposal includes a special district sphere of influence amendment/update, provide a written statement, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(i-j), that specifies the following: (a) the functions or classes of services provided by those districts; and (b) the nature, location, and extent of any functions or classes of services provided by existing districts.

**The Miranda CSD, the Myers Flat FPD, and CAL FIRE may provide mutual aid assistance to the Salmon Creek VFD within its response area, but the proposed boundaries match the long-time response area of the Salmon Creek VFD and the community's expectation for fire response. Proponents for the formation of the Salmon Creek FPD presented the proposed boundaries to the Miranda CSD Board of Directors at a public meeting and the Board did not present objections to the formation of the district.**

## **Environmental Determination**

- 1. Copies of environmental documentation, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared by the lead agency (including an initial study, technical reports, and written comments or recorded public testimony relative to the environmental documents) should be submitted with the application. Please include a copy of the Notice of Determination/Notice of Exemption showing the date filed with the County Clerk, and the environmental filing fee receipt from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The following environmental document has been prepared:

- Statutory or Categorical Exemption
- Negative Declaration
- Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Environmental Impact Report
- Other:

**The proposed formation of the Salmon Creek FPD is not subject to CEQA per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)3. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question will have a significant effect on the environment - where the activity is establishment of a district boundary and funding source for a fire service provider that has provided service since 1978, that does not involve development or a change the manner in which an existing service is provided.**

2. Was the environmental documentation (Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent) circulated to LAFCo prior to adoption by the Lead Agency?
- Yes
  - No

### Notification

Provide the names and contact information of the primary persons or agents who are to receive information requests, staff reports and notices:

Name	Telephone	E-mail Address
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<b>Maria Stefano</b>	<b>(707) 601-9962</b>	<b>maria@stefano.org</b>

### Indemnification Agreement

LAFCo policy requires that all applicants sign an indemnification agreement which indemnifies LAFCo in the event of litigation concerning the approval of an application.

The following is included with this application form:

- Signed Indemnification Agreement

### Filing Fees

Applicants are required to pay fees in accordance with LAFCo's adopted fee schedule to cover the administrative and staff costs required to evaluate proposals. Checks must be made payable to: "Humboldt LAFCo".

The following is included with this application form:

- Check for Filing Fees
- Other (please explain):