

# **Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission Activity Report**

## **Prepared for the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association**

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### **No November Meeting**

Due to a lack of pressing agenda items, and the reconsideration of the Northern Sonoma County Fire reorganization (see below), the Commission will not hold a November meeting but will be in session in December.

### **Northern Sonoma County FPD Reorganization**

At its September meeting, the Commission approved the reorganization proposal submitted by the Northern Sonoma County FPD, involving the detachment of two whole and one partial Incident Response Area from County Service Area 40, and annexation of those territories to the District.

The territories are generally referred to as the Geysers, Fitch Mountain, and Sotoyome areas. (Only a northern section of the Sotoyome area was included; the southern section is expected to be reorganized into Sonoma County Fire District at a later date.)

The Commission has received two requests for reconsideration of the approval: one from the District and one from the County. The Commission will consider these requests at a public hearing on December 7. All processing of the application, including the protest proceeding, are timed out due to the reconsideration requests.

### **Fire Agency Sphere of Influence Study Session**

The Commission conducted a study session as part of its regular meeting on October 5th, to provide guidance to staff regarding three sphere of influence amendment proposals for fire and emergency medical service agencies.

- The Commission was not inclined to change the criteria for evaluating changes to spheres of influence for fire agencies, in particular for “Operational Fit”.
- The Commission was amenable to amending Sonoma County Fire District’s sphere of influence to include two IRP areas and a portion of a third (nominally the Armstrong Woods, Austin Creek, and lower Sotoyome areas), but does not consider it a priority.
- Amending the sphere of influence, potentially of Sonoma County Fire, to include about thirty islands of unincorporated territory in Santa Rosa, was not considered a priority.

- The Commission directed staff to complete a Municipal Service Review of “remaining” CSA 40 territories (the lower “six-pack” and the areas mentioned above), and indicated that Gold Ridge FPD will need a more robust Plan for Service to support a sphere of influence amendment and subsequent reorganization application.