

Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission Activity Report

Prepared for the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association

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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 is now undertaking a Protest Proceeding, allowing landowners and registered voters to register their disapproval of the decision. The Protest Proceeding will conclude at the Commission's November meeting.

Fire Agency Sphere of Influence Study Session

The Commission will be conducting 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.

These proposals include:

- Amending Sonoma County Fire District's sphere of influence to include two IRP areas and a portion of a third (nominally the Armstrong Woods, A Redwood, and lower Sotoyome areas).
- Amending Sonoma County Fire District's sphere of influence to include approximately thirty unincorporated islands within the City of Santa Rosa.
- Amending Gold Ridge Fire Protection District's sphere of influence to include nine VFC territories within County Service Area 40, and the Monte Rio Fire Protection District.

Staff is preparing extensive reports regarding these proposals, which will be available as part of the meeting materials, generally published the week prior to the meeting.

Staff is only seeking Commission guidance on how to manage these proposals - no formal decisions will be made by the Commission at this time.

Commissioners Representing Cities on LAFCO

Both of the Regular City Commissioners and the Alternate City Commissioner are not seeking re-election. The Mayors and Councils Committee has been notified and will hopefully select new representatives to LAFCO in time for the first scheduled meeting in 2023 (February).