

**Report to Sonoma County Fire Districts Association
From
The Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission**

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Sonoma County Fire District/Bodega Bay FPD Reorganization

The Commission conducted the protest proceeding for this reorganization. The Commission's approval of the reorganization stands, and the final order will be recorded shortly. Congratulations to both agencies for enduring a long and arduous process that nevertheless was ultimately successful.

Northern Sonoma County Fire/CSA 40 Reorganization

Northern Sonoma County FPD has submitted an application for reorganization with LAFCO, involving the annexation of three CSA 40 territories to the District (IRP 61 – Geysers, IRP 63 – Fitch Mountain, IRP 64 – Sotoyome). The District also will be annexing the northern portion of IRP 61 to the west of IRP 64.

The map indicating how IRP 61 was to be divided has been submitted to the County Surveyor for review and approval. We understand that the Surveyor's office has a heavy backlog of work, so processing of the application, including scheduling a hearing by the Commission, is on hold.

Sonoma County Fire District/CSA 40 Reorganization

Sonoma County Fire has requested that LAFCO amend the sphere of influence of the agency to include three areas of CSA 40: IRP 56 – Armstrong Woods, IRP 51, and the portion of IRP 61 not being annexed to Northern Sonoma County Fire. Then proposes to file for annexation of these areas.

This work will be delayed pending approval of the boundary maps noted in the previous item.

Rancho Adobe FPD Board Composition

Rancho Adobe has filed a request to have their board composition changed from seven members to five. LAFCO will order this change as part of the next available reorganization proceeding before the Commission.

Lower River/North Coast Agency Interviews

Supervisor Hopkins is convening a meeting of lower River and northern coast fire agencies in May to assess operational and strategic needs, and has asked LAFCO to work with each agency to help them frame their talking points. Meetings with one agency has concluded, one is scheduled, and three will be scheduled in early May.

Gold Ridge Fire FPD Reorganization Proposal

LAFCO staff has consulted with Gold Ridge staff to develop strategy for preparing a reorganization plan involving eight remaining CSA territories. The District will work on preparation of a Plan for Services that would support a proposed sphere of influence amendment for the District, and that is required in any event for a reorganization proposal.