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

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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 is to be divided has been submitted to the County Surveyor for review and approval. The Surveyor is working on map approval but does not predict a completion date.

LAFCO is otherwise standing ready to process the application and has completed making referrals to affected agencies.

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.

The mapping for the Northern Sonoma County Fire reorganization has been approved and we will begin processing the application posthaste.

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 and one FPD. The District has prepared a Plan for Services that could support a proposed sphere of influence amendment for the District, and that is required in any event for a reorganization proposal.

LAFCO staff is embarking on preparation of a Municipal Service Review of the remaining areas of CSA 40, and will then prepare studies for at least three potential sphere of influence amendments that would allow reorganization applications to be filed with the Commission.

New Alternate Special District and Public Members

Bill Norton, a Director at Sonoma Valley Fire District, has been elected as the Commission's Alternate Special District Member.

Jean Kapolchok was reappointed as the Public Member for the Commission; Ed Hodges was appointed as the Alternate Public Member.

(Terms for these appointments are four years.)