

# Item 6a: **PUBLIC HEARING**

City of Ukiah Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update Study and Potential Approval and Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act

**DECEMBER 19, 2022** 

# City of Ukiah

- Incorporated on March 8, 1876 as a General Law City
- City limits is 4.7-square miles in size
- Serves a resident population of roughly 16,000
- A full-service City that provides 12 municipal services:

Administration, Airport, Animal Control, Electric Utility, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement, Community Services (Parks and Recreation), Public Works, Solid Waste, Stormwater, Wastewater, and Water

### **Public Hearing**

- Public Hearing to consider public testimony and proposed adoption of the City of Ukiah MSR/SOI Update Study. (Page 28)
- •The Commission held two workshops on September 12, 2022 and November 7, 2022 for comments and revisions on the study.
- List of revisions made since the November workshop: Pg 28 & 29
- MSR Determinations: Page 163
- SOI Determinations: Page 178

## **Proposed SOI**

- The City's 2040 General Plan proposed SOI boundary is recommended for the City (yellow).
- Proposed SOI encompasses territory of existing wastewater and water agencies in support of consolidation efforts.
- •Also includes territory located west of City limits for the Western Hills annexation proposal.
- The Planning Area for the City's 2040 General Plan is recommended as an Area of Interest for enhanced coordination with other agencies (pink).

### Notice/Comments

- •21-day Public Hearing Notice was properly published, posted, and distributed by Monday, November 28, 2022.
- No public comments have been received to date.

### CEQA

- The City of Ukiah, as Lead Agency for the sphere of influence update, certified an EIR in connection with the City's 2040 General Plan on December 7, 2022, including SOI analysis.
- The Commission, as a Responsible Agency, will consider affirming the City's 2040 General Plan EIR and consider adopting the City's Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, in connection with consideration of the SOI Update.
- City Council Resolutions, NOD, & General Plan FEIR and DEIR.

### Recommendations

- •1) Find the City of Ukiah MSR is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 CCR §15306, and approve the Notice of Exemption for filing; and
- •2) Adopt LAFCo Resolution 2022-23-06, approving the City of Ukiah MSR/SOI Update and certifying the Commission has Considered the Environmental Effects Identified in the EIR (SCH No. 2022050556) for the Project; adopting Environmental Findings Pursuant to CEQA; and adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations.