Resolution No. 2022-23-02 of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Mendocino County

Approving Adoption of the County Service Area No. 3 Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission", is authorized to conduct municipal service reviews and establish, amend, and update spheres of influence for local governmental agencies whose jurisdictions are within Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted a municipal service review to evaluate the County Service Area No. 3, hereinafter referred to as the "District", pursuant to California Government Code Section 56430; and

WHEREAS, the Commission conducted a sphere of influence update for the District pursuant to California Government Code Section 56425; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer gave sufficient notice of a public hearing to be conducted by the Commission in the form and manner prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report and recommendations on the municipal service review and sphere of influence establishment study were presented to the Commission in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard and fully considered all the evidence presented at a public hearing held on the municipal service review and sphere of influence study on June 6, 2022 and continued to July 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Commission considered all the factors required under California Government Code Sections 56430 and 56425.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission does hereby RESOLVE, DETERMINE, and ORDER as follows:

- 1. The Commission, as Lead Agency, finds the municipal service review is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations §15061(b)(1) and §15306. This finding is based on the use of the municipal service review as a data collection and service evaluation study. The information contained within the municipal service review may be used to consider future actions that will be subject to additional environmental review.
- 2. The Commission, as Lead Agency, finds the sphere of influence establishment is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations §15061(b)(2), §15306, §15301(c), and §15269(b) & (c). This finding is based on any future indirect physical changes to the environment from the recommended sphere of influence would be limited to the repair and maintenance of existing facilities (roads) to permit emergency egress to preserve life during a wildfire, which is subject to statutory and categorial exemptions.
- 3. This municipal service review and sphere of influence update is assigned the following distinctive short-term designation: "CSA 3 MSR/SOI Study 2022".

- 4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56430(a), the Commission makes the written statement of determinations included in the municipal service review, hereby incorporated by reference.
- 5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56425(e), the Commission makes the written statement of determinations included in the sphere of influence update, hereby incorporated by reference.
- 6. The Executive Officer shall revise the official records of the Commission to reflect this update of the sphere of influence for the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CSA 3 MSR/SOI Study 2022 is hereby approved and incorporated herein by reference and a Service Specific Sphere of Influence is established for CSA 3 that is limited to the future Sherwood Firewise Community Zone of Benefit for road maintenance of emergency access routes as depicted in Exhibit "A", and an Area of Interest is designated for the Ukiah Eastern Hills, Fire Service Gaps, and Water Service Gaps Study Areas as depicted in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" attached hereto.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Mendocino County this 11th day of July 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: (6) Mulheren, McGourty, Gonzalez, Ward, Rodin, Orth

NOES: (1) Froneberger

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Charles A Orth
Charles A Orth (Jul 15, 2022 08:15 PDT)

CHARLES A. ORTH, Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Uma Hinman
Uma Hinman (Jul 15, 2022 13:47 PDT)

UMA HINMAN, Executive Officer





