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Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission 40 Muir Road, First Floor Martinez, CA 94553 April 13, 2022 Agenda Item 6

Results of Protest Hearing

Annexation of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District to Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and Dissolution of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Dear Commissioners:

At a public hearing on March 9, 2022, the Commission approved the annexation of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD) to Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD) and dissolution of ECCFPD. The subject area comprises 249± square miles including the cities of Brentwood and Oakley, and the unincorporated areas of Bethel Island, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, and the Marsh Creek/Morgan Territory area, serving a population of approximately 132,400 residents.

The purpose of the boundary reorganization is to enhance and expand fire and emergency medical services to East Contra Costa County; improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of fire protection services within the subject area; and better meet the fire, rescue, and emergency medical service needs of the residents of the reorganized district.

Pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, LAFCO conducts the protest hearing, the purpose of which is to receive written protests from affected landowners/registered voters regarding the proposal and determine whether a majority protest exists. This boundary reorganization is "inhabited" because the reorganization area contains 12 or more registered voters; thus, the Commission shall take one of the following actions:

- Order the reorganization if written protests are filed by less than 25% of registered voters or landowners owning less than 25% of the assessed value of land within the subject area; or
- Order the reorganization subject to an election if at least 25% but less than 50% of voters, or at least 25% of landowners owning 25% or more of the assessed value of land file written protests; or
- **Terminate the proceedings** if a majority of voters in the subject area file written protests.

The protest hearing was properly noticed and held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom/teleconference. The hearing was conducted by the LAFCO Executive Officer, who is delegated the authority to conduct the protest hearing on behalf of the Commission.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the number of protests received prior to and during the hearing will be counted. LAFCO staff will report the results of the protest hearing at the April 13, 2022 LAFCO meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive the results of the protest hearing and take one of the following actions based on those results: order the reorganization; order the reorganization subject to an election; or terminate the proceedings.

Sincerely,

Lou Ann Texeira Executive Officer

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