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AGENDA ITEM 10.A.

Date: August 1, 2024
From: Krystle Heaney, Executive Officer
Subject: **Status of MSR/SOI Updates**

The Commission will receive an update on the FY2024-25 MSR/SOI workplan, including the regional fire services MSR/SOI Update for the intermountain region of northeastern Shasta County, the MSR/SOI Update for the City of Anderson, and the MSR/SOI Update for CSA #1.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act directs Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to regularly prepare municipal service reviews (MSRs) in conjunction with establishing and updating each local agency's sphere of influence (SOI). The legislative intent of MSRs is to proactively assess the availability, capacity, and efficiency of local governmental services. MSRs may also lead LAFCOs to take other actions under their authority, such as forming, consolidating, or dissolving one or more local agencies in addition to any related sphere changes.

DISCUSSION

Intermountain Regional Fire Services MSR/SOI Update

The Intermountain MSR/SOI will then be limited to Fall River Vally FPD and Burney FPD. Staff has begun coordination with the Districts and requested initial information from each regarding services, equipment, staffing, finances, and other matters related to operation of the Districts. Staff has set up the document templates for each agency profile and will begin drafting sections as information is received. Fall River Valley FPD has indicated that their ISO rating will be updated this fall and would like the information to be included in the MSR/SOI Update.

City of Anderson MSR/SOI Update

Staff received ample information from the City on provided services, governance, and finances. Staff has prepared an administrative draft of the background and services sections of the document and will be completing the finances section by the end of July. The City will be provided a full administrative draft for review and comment prior to public review of the document. Adoption is planned for October 2024.

CSA #1 - County Fire

Based on public comments received over the last several months and additional input provided by commissioners, staff will be moving forward with an MSR/SOI Update for the entirety of CSA #1 - County Fire. Staff has submitted an initial information request to the Fire Chief and is beginning to draft document sections as information becomes available.

The Executive Officer has received several phone calls from members of the public expressing concerns about the existing CSA #1 contract with CAL FIRE, the increasing costs to provide fire services in the unincorporated part of Shasta County (Schedule A) , and declining volunteers.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission review the status of the upcoming MSR/SOI Updates and provide direction to staff as needed.