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AGENDA ITEM 10.A.

Date: April 3, 2025

From: Krystle Heaney, Executive Officer

Subject: Status of MSR/SOI Updates

As part of the FY2024-25 workplan, staff are preparing several MSR/SOI updates for agencies covering fire services and County services.

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

Burney Fire Protection District MSR/SOI Update

Staff previously reached out to Burney FPD to obtain additional background documents to complete a draft MSR/SOI Update. The District was responsive and staff is currently working on an administrative draft that will be provided to the District for review and comment prior to a public hearing which is tentatively scheduled for June 5, 2025.

Fall River Valley Fire Protection District MSR/SOI Update

Staff previously requested information from the district and is continuing to coordinate information gathering. Fall River Valley FPD has indicated that they have been inundated with administrative tasks and will be delayed in providing information to LAFCO.

County Service Area #3 - Castella, and #6 Jones Valley MSR/SOI Update

County Service Area #3 - Castella, provides water services to the community of Castella on the northern border of Shasta County just south of the City of Dunsmuir. County Service Area #6 provides water services to the community of Jones Valley to the northeast of the City of Redding. Staff are in the early stages of data collection for this MSR/SOI update and have reached out to the State Board of Equalization regarding Tax Rate Area discrepancies. Work on this document will continue at the start of the new fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION

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