

Factors for Consideration (California Government Code §56668)

---

- (a) ***Population and population density; land area and land use; per capita assessed valuation; topography, natural boundaries, and drainage basins; proximity to other populated areas; the likelihood of significant growth in the area, and in adjacent incorporated and unincorporated areas, during the next 10 years.***

The affected territory consists of more than 300 parcels, with an average size of greater than 100 acres. All of the affected territory is unincorporated and relatively sparsely populated. Growth is not anticipated to increase substantially over the next 10 years. According to the recent Municipal Service Review for the District, the District's ability to provide fire and emergency services at current levels and response times will not be affected by its annexation of the affected territory; the District has been providing fire suppression and emergency medical aid to the affected territory for many years as the primary mutual aid provider.

- (b) ***Need for organized community services; the present cost and adequacy of governmental services and controls in the area; probable future needs for those services and controls; probable effect of the proposed incorporation, formation, annexation, or exclusion and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the area and adjacent areas. "Services," as used in this subdivision, refers to governmental services whether or not the services are services that would be provided by local agencies subject to this division, and includes the public facilities necessary to provide those services.***

The District proposes to annex areas within County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) to which it has been providing fire protection and emergency medical aid services for many years, under a contract with the County through the Integrated Response Plan (IRP). The District will also assume responsibility for provision of service to an area within CSA 40 that was receiving service from the Knights Valley Volunteer Fire Company; the District has been the primary mutual aid service provider to that area for many years.

The revenue that would accrue to the District, if the affected territory were annexed, approximates the costs that the District will incur to provide services in the territory.

- (c) ***The effect of the proposed action and of alternative actions, on adjacent areas, on mutual social and economic interests, and on the local governmental structure of the county.***

The affected territory is located within unincorporated Sonoma County and within the District's sphere of influence, making it eligible for annexation. In that the District has been serving the affected territory by contract and through mutual aid for many years, the impact of annexation of the affected areas is projected to be minimal. The District will

continue to provide mutual aid to other fire service providers in the area, as needed. No negative effects of the reorganization are anticipated.

- (d) *The conformity of both the proposal and its anticipated effects with both the adopted commission policies on providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development, and the policies and priorities set forth in Section 56377. (Note: Section 56377 encourages preservation of agricultural and open-space lands.)***

The proposal is consistent with Commission policies. The affected territory is within the District's sphere of influence and contiguous to the District boundary. Annexation is a logical extension of the District boundary.

- (e) *The effect of the proposal on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands, as defined by Section 56016.***

The properties within the affected territory are generally agricultural or open space. Annexation of this territory to the District will not impact the existence of or activities on agricultural or open space lands.

- (f) *The definiteness and certainty of the boundaries of the territory, the nonconformance of proposed boundaries with lines of assessment or ownership, the creation of islands or corridors of unincorporated territory, and other similar matters affecting the proposed boundaries.***

The parcels that comprise the affected territory have specific boundary lines that are certain and identifiable.

- (g) *A regional transportation plan adopted pursuant to Section 65080.***

Annexation of the affected territory would not affect or be affected by Plan Bay Area, the Regional Transportation Plan for the San Francisco Bay Area, in that the Plan focuses growth in Priority Development Areas (PDA). The affected territory is not within a PDA.

- (h) *The proposal's consistency with city or county general plans.***

The proposal is consistent with the Sonoma County General Plan in that it does not promote urban sprawl and the District can provide the necessary service to the affected territory.

- (i) *The sphere of influence of any local agency that may be applicable to the proposal being reviewed.***

The affected territory is located within the Geyserville Fire Protection District's sphere of influence and is not located within the sphere of influence of any other agency that provides fire services. The District proposes to annex a portion of County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) within the service area of the Knights Valley Volunteer Fire

Company, and Integrated Response Plan Areas that the District has provided services for under contract with the County.

**(j) The comments of any affected local agency or other public agency.**

No agency comments have been received.

**(k) The ability of the newly formed or receiving entity to provide the services which are the subject of the application to the area, including the sufficiency of revenues for those services following the proposed boundary change.**

The Geyserville Fire Protection District has been providing fire suppression and emergency medical services under contract and through mutual aid to the affected territory for many years. Reorganization involving annexation of the territory to the District and detachment from CSA 40 will officially allow the residents of the areas to receive the full range of District services. Through a tax exchange agreement with the County, the District will have sufficient revenues to provide the existing levels of service to the affected territory.

**(l) Timely availability of water supplies adequate for projected needs as specified in Section 65352.5.**

Not applicable.

**(m) The extent to which the proposal will affect a city or cities and the county in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the appropriate council of governments consistent with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7.**

Not applicable

**(n) Any information or comments from the landowner or owners, voters, or residents of the affected territory.**

No comments have been received.

**(o) Any information relating to existing land use designations.**

The affected territory is unincorporated, subject to the Sonoma County General Plan. No change is projected in land-use designations as a result of the proposal.

**(p) The extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice. As used in the law, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services.**

The proposal makes no representations or exclusions of peoples of any race, culture and/or income with respect to location of public facilities and public services.