

Draft Resolution

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Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Finding Insufficient Protest and Confirming and Ordering Without An Election A Change of Organization Consisting of: Sonoma County Fire District Reorganization No. 2021-01 (Forestville Fire Protection District) Involving Dissolution of the Forestville Fire Protection District and Subsequent Annexation of That Territory

RESOLVED, that the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma (“the Commission”) hereby finds and determines as follows:

I. Procedural History.

1.1 The Sonoma County Fire District (“the Applicant”) filed Application No. 2021-01 with the Executive Officer of the Commission (“the Executive Officer”) requesting a change of organization consisting of annexation to the Sonoma County Fire District (“the District”) of all territory within the boundaries of the Forestville Fire Protection District (“the Proposal”), generally located in the unincorporated town of Forestville and surrounding areas including Mirabel Park, Rio Dell, Hollydale, Hacienda, and Summerhome Park (“the Affected Territory”).

1.2 At its meeting on February 3, 2021, the Commission considered the Proposal, conducted the required proceedings on the Proposal pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, Division 3 (commencing with Section 56000) of Title 5 of the Government Code (“the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act”). The Commission approved the Proposal and adopted Resolution No. 2734, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix “A” and incorporated herein by this reference. Resolution No. 2734 directed that the Commission, or by delegation, the Executive Officer, initiate and conduct protest proceedings for the Proposal in compliance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

1.3 The Commission conducted the duly noticed Protest Proceedings on the Proposal on May 5, 2021. At the hearing, the Commission’s resolution making determinations was summarized. The Commission heard and received all relevant oral and written protests, objections, and evidence presented or filed. All interested persons were given the opportunity to hear and be heard. At the conclusion of public testimony,

the Commission closed the hearing, determined the value of written protests filed against the Proposal and not withdrawn prior to the conclusion of the hearing, and voted to order the Proposal without an election, as set forth herein.

1.5 The Commission has reviewed and considered this resolution and hereby finds that it accurately sets forth the intentions of the Commission with respect to the Proposal.

2. CEQA Compliance.

2.1 Acting as the lead agency for the Proposal, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the Commission, as part of Resolution No. 2734, found and determined, prior to reaching its decision on the Proposal, that the Proposal was exempt from the provisions of CEQA, under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

2.2 The Commission finds that it fully discharged its responsibilities under CEQA for the Proposal by its actions in Resolution No. 2734.

3. Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act Compliance.

3.1 The actions herein on the Proposal are being taken pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

3.2 The Proposal consists of a change of organization consisting of annexation to the Sonoma County Fire District of all territory in the Forestville Fire Protection District in unincorporated area of Forestville and environs in western Sonoma County.

3.3 The exterior boundaries of the Affected Territory included in the Proposal are shown in Exhibit "A" of Resolution No. 2734.

3.4 The terms and conditions upon the Proposal shall be the terms and conditions specified in Resolution No. 2734.

3.5 The reason for the change of organization is to continue to provide fire and emergency medical services in the area in a sustainable fashion.

3.6 The short-form designation for the Proposal is: "File No. 2021-01: Sonoma County Fire District Reorganization No. 2021-01 (Forestville Fire Protection District)."

3.10 The value of written protests filed and not withdrawn is less than 25 percent of the registered voters residing within the Affected Territory or less than 25 percent of the number of owners of land owning less than 25 percent of the assessed value of land within the Affected Territory. In such cases, pursuant to Section 57075(a), the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act directs the Commission to order the change of organization without an election.

