

Glen Ellen Fire Protection District Reorganization No. 2019-1 (Valley of the Moon FPD, Mayacamas VFD)

Factors for Consideration (California Government Code §56668)

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- (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 territories consist of suburban and rural areas nominally referred to as “The Springs” in the central portion of Sonoma Valley, and the rural areas surrounding Cavedale and Trinity Roads between State Highway 12 and the Napa County border. All of the affected territory is unincorporated. Growth is not anticipated to increase substantially over historical levels over the next ten years. According to the recent Municipal Service Review for the Region, the a regional fire and emergency services agency will have the ability to provide fire and emergency services at current levels given additional parcel tax revenue and additional financial resources from the County of Sonoma.

- (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 the territories of the Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District and the territory within County Service Area 40 that is served by the Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Department. The Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District operates as the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, providing direct service to Valley of the Moon FPD, and through contracts, services to Glen Ellen FPD and the City of Sonoma. Additionally, the Authority is providing temporary contracted services to the Mayacamas VFD territory.

(The Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority also provides advanced life support/paramedic and ambulance transport services throughout Region 3.)

Therefore, the expected levels of services within the proposed reorganization area and to agencies outside the area but within Region 3 are expected to be maintained and potentially enhanced. Additional revenues from extension of Glen Ellen FPD’s parcel taxes over the territories of Valley of the Moon FPD and Mayacamas VFD, as well as additional financial contributions from the County of Sonoma for service provision to

Mayacamas will support the existing levels of service and are likely to support continued staffing at “3/0” levels for engine companies after a federal staffing grant concludes.

- (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 proposed reorganization will not affect services to other areas within Sonoma Valley (Region 3). In fact, additional revenue that will accrue from the reorganization will provide sustainable funding for the reorganized agency, allowing it to continue to provide mutual aid support to the Kenwood and Schell-Vista FPDs, continued contractual support to the City of Sonoma, and continued provision of advanced life support/paramedic and ambulance transport services throughout the region.

- (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 include agricultural and open space areas. 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 Glen Ellen 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 Mayacamas Volunteer Fire Department, and the territory of the Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District.

**(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 Valley of the Moon Fire Protection District, operating as the Sonoma Valley Fire and Rescue Authority, has been providing services to Glen Ellen Fire Protection District under contract since 2018, and has recently provided services to County Service Area 40 for the Mayacamas area, again under contract.

According to analysis completed in a Municipal Service Review adopted by the Commission in 2019, the regional organization that would result from the proposed reorganization will have sufficient revenue to maintain and potentially enhance service levels.

**(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.