

SONOMA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT REORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 6th, 2026, at or after 2:00 p.m., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa. The purpose of the hearing is for the Commission to receive **written protests** filed against the following proposal:

File No. 2026-01: Sonoma County Fire District Reorganization No. 2026-01 Involving Annexation of the Territory of the Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District and portions of County Service Area 4 (Fire Services) for the purpose of providing fire and emergency services.

The proposal was initiated by resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Fire District (Sonoma County FD) and by the Board of Directors of the Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District (Rancho Adobe FPD). Sonoma County FD submitted an application including a plan for serving the affected territory. These documents can be viewed on the Commissions website at sonomalafco.org under Proposals and Projects.

The short form designation is Sonoma County FD Reorg No. 2026-01 (Rancho Adobe FPD District and County Service Area 40 (Fire Services)). The reason for the reorganization is to achieve greater economies and efficiency of fire protection and emergency medical services for the residents of and visitors to the area.

The territory to be annexed to Sonoma County FD comprises all parcels located within the Rancho Adobe FPD (including the City of Cotati, the community of Penngrove, and other unincorporated areas north of Petaluma and south of Rohnert Park) and the remaining territory of County Service Area 40 (Fire Services) north of the unincorporated areas of Guerneville and Forestville.

The Commission approved the reorganization by Resolution No. 2807 on March 4, 2026, which sets forth a full and complete description and the terms and conditions of the Commission's approval. The Commission found the proposal exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15320 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Owners of property annexed to the Sonoma County Fire District from the Rancho Adobe FPD territory will continue to pay special taxes, including parcel taxes, that were approved by Rancho Adobe voters. These taxes will not change.

Owners of property annexed to Sonoma County Fire District from the County Service Area 40 (Fire Services) territory will be levied special taxes, in the form of parcel taxes, that were approved by Sonoma County Fire District voters. County Service Area 40 landowners are not currently assessed special taxes.

For information on the taxation level for your property, please contact Sonoma County Fire District at 707-838-1170.

By: Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer

Date: March 17, 2026

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HOW TO FILE A PROTEST (Please read carefully)

Any registered voter residing within, or owner of land located within, the territory of Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District or the portions of County Service Area 40 (Fire Services) designated as IRPs 51, 56, and 61 that are subject to this reorganization may file an official protest.

All protests must be made **in writing**, must **contain the specific information** stated below as required by law and must be **received during the official protest period**, which begins as of the date of this notice and ends at the close of the protest hearing on May 6, 2026.

Registered Voters: All protests submitted by a registered voter must be signed, dated, and include the name of the voter and the voter's residence address.

Landowners: All protests submitted by a landowner must be signed, dated, and include the name of the landowner, the street address of the land owned within the affected territory, and the Assessor's Parcel Number or other description to identify the location of the land. If multiple people are on title, each person may sign a protest form and the value of the protest will be determined by the type of ownership of the title.

Landowners that own more than one parcel within the annexation boundary may file a protest for each parcel. All owners on title for a parcel may vote and the individual vote will be calculated based on the proportional share of ownership.

If you are both a registered voter and landowner, you may file both types of protests.

It is not necessary to state a reason for filing a protest. Anyone who has filed a protest may withdraw it at any time before the end of the May 6, 2026, hearing. If sufficient protests are filed within the protest period, confirmation of the reorganization may be placed before registered voters through an election, or the reorganization may be terminated.

Copies of the protest forms are enclosed and are available on the Commission's website at sonomalafco.org under Proposals and Projects or at the LAFCO office. Use of a protest form is not required, but a protest must meet all the requirements described in this notice.

Written protests may be mailed to: Sonoma LAFCO, PO Box 1428, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

All protests must be received by the conclusion of the protest hearing on May 6, 2026. Any protest that does not meet the conditions stated in this notice will be considered invalid.

Copies of all related documents are on file and may be reviewed by appointment at the office of the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission at 111 Santa Rosa Ave Ste 240 in Santa Rosa. For questions, call Sonoma LAFCO: (707) 565-2577.

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WRITTEN PROTEST FORM

Remit your written protest to the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission by mail to the PO Box address at the top of the form. For your protest to be considered, it **must be received by May 6, 2026**. If you are an owner of multiple properties in the affected area, you may file a protest for each parcel. If you are both a registered voter and landowner within the affected territory, you may file both types of protests.

Check ALL that apply. Please print legibly.

I am a Landowner of the following property located within the boundary of the proposed reorganization

Name: _____

Street Address, City, Zip: _____

Assessor's Parcel Number: _____

I am a Registered Voter residing at the following address within the boundary of the proposed reorganization

Name: _____

Street Address, City, Zip: _____

I am an authorized Agent of the landowner with respect to the property within the boundary of the proposed reorganization (attach required authorization)

Name: _____

Street Address, City, Zip: _____

Assessor's Parcel Number: _____

I am opposed to the LAFCO proposal File No. 2026-01: Sonoma County Fire District Reorganization No. 2026-01 Involving Annexation of the Territory of Rancho Adobe Fiore Protection District and portions of County Service Area 40 – Fire Services for the purpose of providing fire and emergency services.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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