

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDED RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION OF THE YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INITIATING PROCEEDINGS WITH THE YOLO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR A CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION TO DISSOLVE THE ELKHORN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND CONCURRENT ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY WITHIN THAT DISTRICT'S BOUNDARIES INTO COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 9**

**WHEREAS**, the Elkhorn Fire Protection District ("Elkhorn FPD") operates and exists pursuant to the provisions of the Fire Protection District Law of 1987, Health and Safety Code section 13800 et seq. with a board appointed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors;

**WHEREAS**, the County's Long-Term Fire Sustainability effort began in 2018 and has since continued exploring options to improve the long-term sustainability of the County's 15 rural fire protection districts ("FPDs") that serve the unincorporated area of Yolo County, including the Elkhorn FPD; and

**WHEREAS**, the County produced a report following this initial effort entitled, "Yolo County Fire Protection Districts: A Review of Challenges and Strategic Approaches," which was presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 23, 2019 and described challenges facing the Yolo County rural fire protection districts, including:

- Recruitment and retention of volunteers
- Increased calls for services
- Obtaining sufficient funding to maintain operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges faced by the FPDs are not unique to Yolo County and mirror challenges in the delivery of fire protection services at both the state and national level; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges affecting the County's rural FPDs affect all Supervisorial districts throughout the County and is a County-wide concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Yolo is an "affected local agency" within the meaning of Government Code section 56014; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2022, the Board of Supervisors received an update on the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission's ("LAFCo") Municipal Services Review ("MSR") and Sphere of Influence ("SOI") Update for the 15 FPDs that serve the unincorporated area of Yolo County, including County staff's regional governance recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of a MSR in general is to provide a comprehensive inventory and analysis of the services provided by local municipalities, county service areas, and special districts, to evaluate the structure and operation of such agencies, and to discuss possible areas for improvement and coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, the LAFCo MSR, adopted July 28, 2022, determined that the FPDs are fragmented and could be improved primarily by adopting joint operation agreements or through reorganization of certain districts to address efficient service delivery and health or safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the MSR determined that Elkhorn FPD’s demand for service/call volume has increased significantly, and Elkhorn FPD is not able to adequately respond to its current service demands, with personnel, apparatus levels and response times significantly below recommended levels, including a significant number of missed calls; and

**WHEREAS**, the MSR recommended that Elkhorn FPD be dissolved, and its territory annexed into Springlake Fire Protection District (“Springlake FPD”) (for the City of Woodland service area) and County Service Area No. 9 (“CSA 9”) (for the City of West Sacramento service area), and approved corresponding sphere of influence updates, dividing Elkhorn FPD’s territory between the Springlake FPD and CSA 9 geographically to minimize response times; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 22-167 on December 6, 2022, initiating an application to the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission to reorganize and dissolve the Elkhorn Fire Protection District and concurrently annex the Elkhorn Fire District territory into Springlake Fire Protection District and County Service Area No. 9; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors modified its previous approval and direction on April 18, 2023 (Minute Order No. 23-36) and approved a change in the successor agencies to Elkhorn Fire Protection District from Springlake Fire Protections District and County Service Area No. 9, to County Service Area No. 9 only; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Government Code section 56654(a), the County of Yolo, as an affected local agency, may request a change of organization to dissolve Elkhorn FPD and further request that Elkhorn FPD’s territory be annexed into CSA 9.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Yolo County as follows:**

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The recitals set forth above are true and hereby incorporated as substantive findings for this Resolution of Application.
2. Reorganization Proposal. A proposal is hereby made by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to LAFCo, amending its prior Resolution of Application (Resolution No. 22-167), as follows:
  - a. This proposal for the Reorganization is made pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code.
  - b. The nature of the proposed reorganization is dissolution of the Elkhorn FPD and concurrent annexation of the FPD’s territory into CSA 9 for the

provision of the fire protection and emergency services provided by Elkhorn FPD with services provided pursuant to the respective principal acts of the CSA 9 (Government Code, §§ 25210 et seq.).

- c. The boundaries of the proposed reorganization area are depicted on the corresponding map attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” and incorporated herein by this reference.
- d. The reasons for proposed Reorganization are as follows:
  - i. Ensure continuity and eliminate redundancies of emergency response services within the boundaries of the Elkhorn FPD and improve service response times with consolidation; and
  - ii. Produce savings by eliminating duplication of personnel, purchase of equipment, and oversight associated with the operation of multiple agencies providing the same service.

3. Application. Staff is directed to prepare the required reorganization application materials, including the information required by Government Code section 56652 and a Plan for Services in accordance with Government Code section 56653, and submit the application to LAFCo.

4. Delegation. The Board authorizes the County Administrative Officer (“CAO”) or CAO’s designee to execute the application for reorganization and any other documents, in forms approved by County Counsel, and to administer all actions necessary to carry out this Resolution of Application and the proposed reorganization of the Elkhorn FPD.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors at its meeting on June 6, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTENTION:

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Oscar E. Villegas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Julie Dachtler, Senior Deputy Clerk  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:  
Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy (Seal)

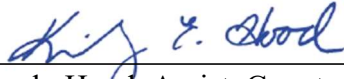
By:   
Kimberly Hood, Assist. County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

