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Hi Uma,

Thanks for sending a copy of the DRAFT CSA #3 MSR & SOI Update. I've routed the copy to both the Fire Districts Association membership and Fire Chiefs Association. The creation of this MSR has clearly involved much research and effort.

While I'm still digesting the comprehensive document, I do have some preliminary observations to pass along and all relate to the activation of latent Fire Powers. I recognize some comments relate to developments and discussions that would not have been available until quite recently. The page and item numbers referenced below follow the MSR document format.

- 1) page 2-7, item 2.3.7 DUPLICATION OF SERVICES. Within the current CSA #3 boundaries 20 separate Fire Districts (including 2 cities) plus 2 volunteer Fire Companies exist. Perhaps the language in this item could address the existing agencies and how CSA #3 latent powers will be exercised differently.
- 2) page 2-7, item 2.3.8 ENHANCED SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS. Ambulance services are provided by 6 local districts, 1 city, and Medstar Ambulance a private provider.
- 3.a) page 2-7 & 8, item 2.3.9 REACTIVATED CSA OPTIONS. This item contains, and combines, separate proposed functions at several points in the narrative.
- 3.b) Transportation, Water, and Fire functions would seem best to highlight individually.
- 3.c) Recently, both the Mendocino County Association of Fire Districts and Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association their approval for the activation of CSA #3 Fire Powers. In this process, strong support for memorializing continued allocation of Proposition 172 and Transient Occupancy Tax was voiced.
- 3.d) With the activation of CSA #3 Fire Powers, Fire Agencies are interested in the exploration of potential funding opportunities. Similarly, the activation of CSA #3 Fire Powers will be a catalyst for further study and discussion of organizational opportunities for improvements and effectiveness. EMS and ambulance functions are specific aspects of Fire Powers that may well benefit from their activation under CSA #3.
- 4) page 2-17, FIRE PROTECTION POLICIES, DE-235. It is hoped activation of CSA #3 Fire Powers will promote improved awareness, coordination, and compliance with these important Fire-related policies by other County agencies.
- 5) page 2-18. item 2.5.2 EXISTING POPULATION AND PROJECTED GROWTH. With the late release of 2020 census numbers, the tables and narratives are no longer accurate. As of April 1, 2020,

population increased to 91,601. The population number discrepancies carry forward onto page 3-4, item 3.3.1.1 GROWTH

6) page 3-5, item 3.2.1.6 #18 ACCOUNTABILITY, STRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES. As presented to the Fire Districts and Fire Chiefs associations by Tony Orth, the composition of the CSA #3 Board of Directors could be increased to include representation from Fire Agencies. There is no mention of this enlarged 7 member Board of Directors. Is this not a consideration?

Let me know if you have questions or need more information.

Many thanks for your help and hard work.

Cheers,
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