

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS' RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SONOMA COUNTY FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of Gold Ridge Fire Protection District (“GRFPD”) and the Monte Rio Fire Protection District (“MRFPD”), both located in Sonoma County, California, desire to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with section 56000 of the California Government Code (“Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act”), with the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma (“Sonoma LAFCO”) for the reorganization of the Parties as specified herein; and

WHEREAS, GRFPD and MRFPD (the “Parties”) have agreed to initiate proceedings with Sonoma LAFCO by adoption of this Concurrent Resolution for reorganization consisting of the dissolution of MRFPD and annexation to GRFPD of the MRFPD territory (the “Affected Territory”) (“the Proposed Reorganization”) resulting in a reorganized fire protection district (the “reorganized District”); and

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 56853 provides in part that, in the case of a concurrent resolution for reorganization, Sonoma LAFCO shall approve, or conditionally approve, the Proposed Reorganization; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the territory included in the reorganized District will be the combined territories of the GRFPD and MRFPD, as described in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the territory included in the reorganized District is inhabited, as defined in the Cortese-Knox- Hertzberg Act; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Reorganization is consistent with the amended spheres of influence of the Parties, based on specific determinations which will be presented to Sonoma LAFCO at their regular commission meeting to be held on November 6, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties desire that the Proposed Reorganization be subject to the following terms and conditions as set forth herein:

- a. The name of the reorganized District shall be the “Gold Ridge Fire Protection District.”
- b. The reorganized District is intended to achieve greater economy and efficiency in providing fire protection and emergency services. The Parties have determined that

the Proposed Reorganization is in the best interest of the Parties in order to provide better services to the residents of the reorganized District.

- c. Pursuant to the provisions of California Health and Safety Code §13842 and Government Code section 56866(n), the reorganized District shall continue to be governed by a seven (7) member Board of Directors, subject to District-wide election.
- d. All assets, unrestricted, restricted or fiduciary, held by the Parties shall be transferred to and become assets of the reorganized District, subject to specified limitations described herein. The reorganized District shall be the successor agency to the Parties.
- e. The Parties request a determination by Sonoma LAFCO that for the transfer of the taxes, assets, and equipment of MRFPD to the reorganized District, including both MRFPD ad valorem AB8 property taxes and the MRFPD allocation of Measure H sales tax revenue pursuant to Sonoma County Code section 12-60 et seq.
- f. The Parties request a determination by Sonoma LAFCO that the initial appropriation limit for the reorganized District shall be at least the total of the combined existing appropriation limits of GRFPD and MRFPD, as well as the anticipated tax collections projected from the extension of the GRFPD's special taxes throughout the reorganized District.
- g. The Parties request a determination by Sonoma LAFCO that the MRFPD Capital Reserve fund as constituted at the time of the Reorganization be allocated to the Affected Territory for a period of ten (10) years from the effective date of the Reorganization.
- h. The Parties request a determination by Sonoma LAFCO that the Special Tax funds allocated to specified parcels in the MRFPD pursuant to the Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Bohemian Club Of California And Monte Rio Fire Protection District Regarding Allocation Of Special Property Taxes, remain in place for the duration of that Agreement.
- i. All liabilities of the Parties shall be transferred to and become liabilities of the reorganized District.
- j. The effective date of the Proposed Reorganization shall be the date of recordation of the certificate of completion of reorganization as provided by Government Code section 57200 et seq.
- k. Distribution of Services: The Board of Directors of the reorganized District will authorize an annual work plan for services throughout the reorganized District; and

WHEREAS, the Parties hereby consent to the Proposed Reorganization without election by the registered voters within the respective Districts; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties' find that the Proposed Reorganization appears to be categorically exempt on the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") by virtue of section 15320 of the

State CEQA Guidelines (“Class 20 Exemption”) because the Proposed Reorganization is a reorganization of a local government agencies where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Boards of Directors of Gold Ridge Fire Protection District and the Monte Rio Fire Protection District hereby find, determine, declare, resolve and order as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are adopted as set forth herein.
2. Sonoma LAFCO is requested to undertake proceedings for the Proposed Reorganization and approve the reorganization Petition according to the terms and conditions stated above pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.
3. The President of the Board of Directors of each Party is authorized and directed to execute this Concurrent Resolution and any other documents as Sonoma LAFCO may reasonably request to accomplish the Proposed Reorganization initiated by this Concurrent Resolution, with an anticipated completion date of July 1, 2025.
4. The Fire Chief of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, and/or his designee, shall be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to perform any and all acts required to complete the Proposed Reorganization initiated by this Concurrent Resolution, including, but not limited to, preparation and coordination of the reorganization Petition to Sonoma LAFCO, and preparation and filing of Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA guidelines.

This Concurrent Resolution may be executed in counterparts and is effective from the latest date of execution shown below.

MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

IN REGULAR SESSION, the foregoing Resolution was introduced by Director Cahn, who moved its adoption, seconded by Director Morrissey, and passed by the Board of Directors of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District this 21st day of October 2024, by a regular roll call vote of the members of said Board:

Vote: Aye 5 No 0 Absent 0

WHEREUPON, the President declared the foregoing Resolution adopted, and

SO ORDERED:



Dan Fein, Board President

ATTEST:



Tiffanie Herring, Board Clerk

GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

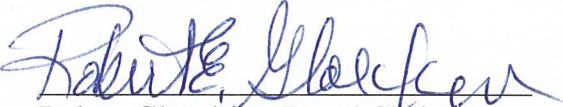
IN REGULAR SESSION, the foregoing Resolution was introduced by Director Lachman, who moved its adoption, seconded by Director Tachouet, and passed by the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District this 9th day of October, 2024, by a regular roll call vote of the members of said Board:

Vote: Aye 6 No 2 Absent 1

WHEREUPON, the President declared the foregoing Resolution adopted, and

SO ORDERED:

ATTEST:


Robert Gloeckner, Board Chair


Leslie McCormick, Board Clerk

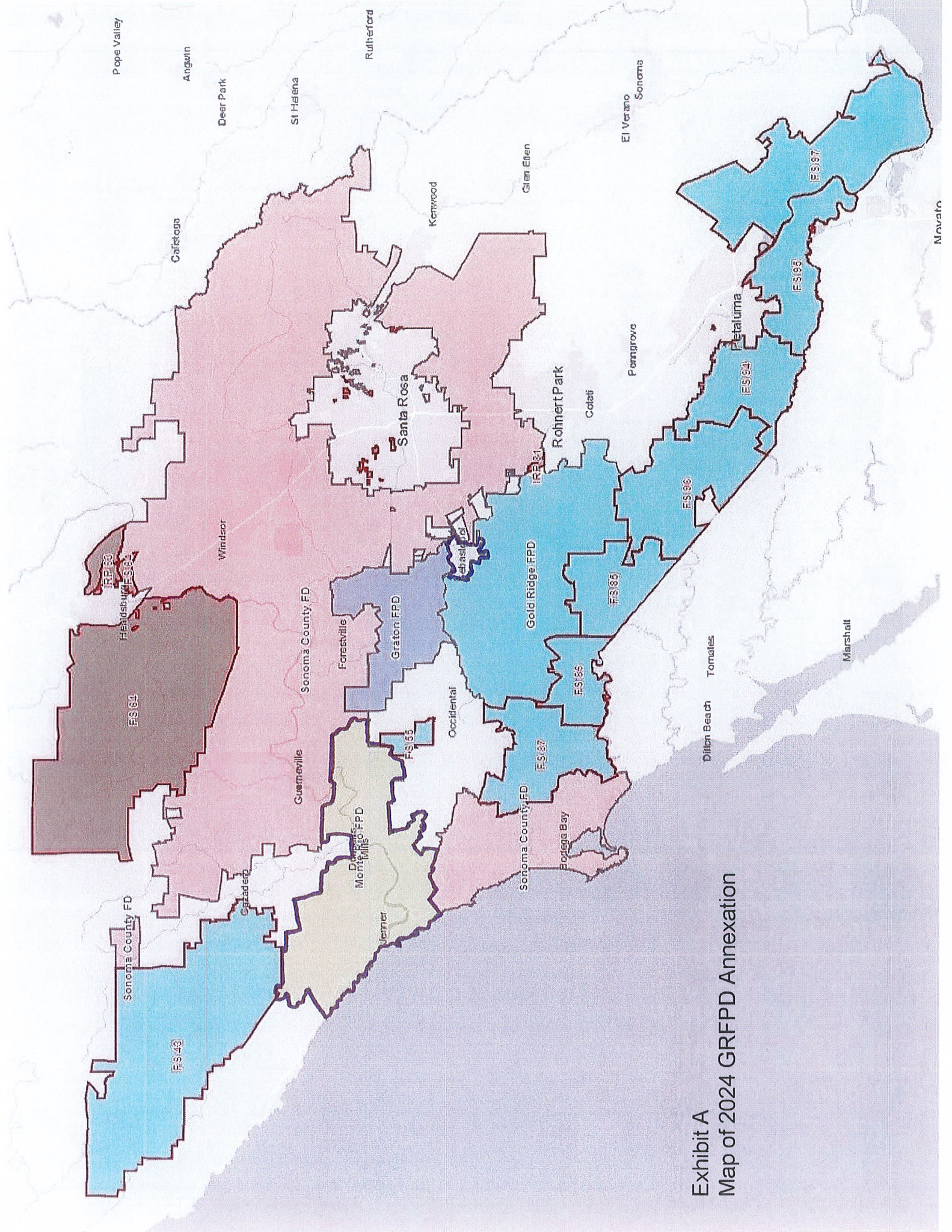


Exhibit A
Map of 2024 GRFPD Annexation