

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1

**AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
TO TAKE PROCEEDINGS FOR DIVESTITURE OF POWER TO
PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES BY SCOTIA COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Scotia Community Services District (CSD) was formed on March 17, 2014 with the power to provide a range of services to the community of Scotia including fire protection services (by absorbing the Scotia Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Scotia CSD attempted to fund fire protection services by way of a special benefit assessment that did not receive sufficient landowner approval; and

WHEREAS, the Scotia CSD has not been successful in securing the necessary funding to support the transfer of assets and responsibility for providing fire protection services from the Town of Scotia Company LLC; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020, the Rio Dell Fire Protection District (FPD) submitted an application for annexation of fire service areas served by Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies for the purpose of consolidating operations and securing ongoing funding to support continued service to each community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change of organization includes the following jurisdictional change:

Divestiture of the power to provide Fire Protection Services by the Scotia Community Services District (CSD); and

WHEREAS, the reasons for the proposed Rio Dell FPD Annexation are as follows:

1. The Rio Dell FPD has provided fire protection services to its out-of-district response area and the Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies have provided service to their communities for many years.
2. The proposed annexation would extend the Rio Dell FPD's current property tax allocation and special assessment revenue sources to the expanded district boundary and consolidate fire protection service operations and administration with the Scotia, Redcrest, and Shively Volunteer Fire Companies, providing regular and ongoing revenue sources to these communities to sustain local fire protection services within each community and to also retain the important local identity of each community's fire department.
3. The proposed annexation would officially merge the operations of the four fire departments into one efficient, effective, and sustainable emergency services system and make possible a proactive, sustainable solution for future fire and emergency service needs for the area by creating a regional district with an improved economy of scale and associated benefits.
4. The proposed annexation would establish district boundaries that clearly define service responsibilities for the benefit of neighboring fire service providers, land use authorizes, the public, and other service providers.

WHEREAS, the proposed divestiture of power to provide fire protection services by the Scotia CSD would eliminate any real or perceived responsibility of the CSD to operate, administer, or fund fire protection services to the community of Scotia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Scotia Community Services District as follows:

1. The Scotia CSD hereby approves the divestiture of power to provide fire protection services to the community of Scotia, pending the approval of the Rio Dell FPD annexation.
2. Upon the effective date of the annexation, Rio Dell FPD shall have the responsibility of providing fire protection services to the community of Scotia.
3. The Scotia CSD supports the continued operation of the Scotia Volunteer Department through the proposed annexation and consolidation of operations and administration by the Rio Dell FPD.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Scotia Community Services District Board of Directors on the 20th of February, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

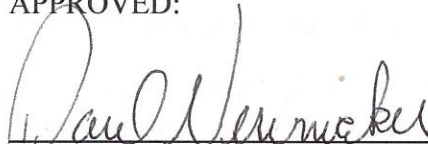
Section 1: The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2: The Bylaws of the Scotia Community Services District dated July 18, 2019, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, are hereby adopted as the official Bylaws of this District.

This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Dated: February 20, 2020

APPROVED:



Paul Newmaker, Board President, Scotia CSD

ATTEST:



Board Clerk, Scotia CSD

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE


I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2020-1, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scotia Community Service District, County of Humboldt, State of California, held on the 20th day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: ~~Bristal~~, Black, Pitcairn, Newmaker, Pryor, Sellen

NOES: \emptyset

ABSENT: \emptyset

ABSTENTIONS: \emptyset


Board Clerk, Scotia CSD