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Honorable Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: Request to Postpone Agenda Item 6b and Direct Staff to Coordinate with LAFCo

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you postpone Agenda Item 6b today related to next steps for implementing the County Service Area 3 Benefit Zone Pilot Program for the Sherwood Road Area and direct County staff to allow time to coordinate with LAFCo regarding the current authorized services for County Service Area (CSA) 3.

As background, LAFCo and County staff worked together in 2019 to maintain CSA 3 as an active district after many years of inactivity and LAFCo budgeted funds to prepare a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Plan to confirm the powers, or services, and boundary of this dependent district. The MSR/SOI process was waylaid by COVID-19 as County staff were necessarily focused on the critical service of responding to public health needs from the pandemic. LAFCo has again budgeted for the CSA 3 MSR/SOI process this fiscal year and LAFCo staff efforts are currently underway.

While LAFCo does not have authority over the creation of benefit zones within a CSA pursuant to GOV §25217.3, LAFCo does have authority over the powers, or services, of a CSA pursuant to GOV 25213.5(a). Services must be active in order for zones of benefit to be established for those services. Therefore, we respectfully request time to work with your staff to determine whether the services needed to effectuate the purposes of the CSA 3 Benefit Zone Pilot Program for the Sherwood Road Area first require an application to LAFCo for activation of latent powers.

As an observational note, it appears that this item has been agendized under the business of the Board of Supervisors instead of the CSA 3 Board of Directors. The proposed action we believe must be made by the Board, sitting as the Board of CSA 3.

We look forward to working with your staff to address the current authorized services for CSA 3 and finishing the MSR/SOI for this dependent district this fiscal year. Please feel free to contact me for additional information or with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

Cc: Carmel J. Angelo, Mendocino County CEO
Howard Dashiell, Mendocino County Department of Transportation