Resolution No: 2024/2025-01

Dated: July 9, 2024

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS' RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SONOMA COUNTY FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of Sonoma Valley Fire District ("SVFD") and the Kenwood Fire Protection District ("KFPD"), 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**, SVFD and KFPD (the "Parties") have agreed to initiate proceedings with Sonoma LAFCO by adoption of this Concurrent Resolution for reorganization consisting of the dissolution of KFPD and annexation of the territory in the dissolved District ("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 SVFD and KFPD, 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
influer	ice of the Parties, based on	specific determinations in Sonoma LAFCO Resolution
No	, adopted on	; 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 remain the "Sonoma Valley Fire 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), 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. The Reorganized District shall be the successor agency to the Parties.
- e. The Parties shall enter into a property tax allocation agreement to transfer the KFPD property tax allocation to SVFD for funding of the Reorganized District.
- 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 SVFD and KFPD, as well as the anticipated increased tax collections projected from the extension of the SVFD's special taxes throughout the Reorganized District.
- g. All liabilities of the Parties shall be transferred to and become liabilities of the Reorganized District.
- h. 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.
- i. 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 Sonoma Valley Fire District, and the Kenwood 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 Sonoma Valley Fire District, and/or his designee, shall be, and the Chair of the Kenwood Fire Protection District, and/or his or her designee, shall be, and are 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.

## **KENWOOD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

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	y the Board of Directors of ular roll call vote of the mem			ion District this 9th day of Jul
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WHEF	REUPON, the President ded	·	going Reso	lution adopted, and
Daymon Doss, President		Tony <mark>Ghisla</mark> , Clerk		Clerk

## SONOMA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT:

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passed by the Board of Directors of the Soregular roll call vote of the members of sa	onoma Valle			
President Norton Vice President Atkinson Treasurer Johnson Director Brady Director Emery Director Leen Director Greben  Vote:  WHEREUPON, the President dec	AyeAyeAyeAyeAyeAyeAye	No No No No No	Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent Absent	
SO ORDERED:	A	ATTEST:		
Matt Atkinson, Vice President	$\overline{\mathbf{N}}$	Iaci Bettenco	ourt, Clerk	