

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLD RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT APPROVING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY AND SERVICES OF THE MONTE RIO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL; ADOPTING A DISTRICT APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT; AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO COMPLETE THE REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code section 56853, the Board of Directors of Gold Ridge Fire Protection District (“District”), Board of Directors of the Monte Rio Fire Protection District (“MRFPD”), and the City Council of the City of Sebastopol (“Sebastopol”) jointly request and 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 consolidation of County Service Area No. 40 (“CSA-40”) territory and fire services agencies into and as part of a reorganization of the District (the “District reorganization”); and

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2024, the District and Sebastopol adopted a Joint Resolution, District Resolution 24/25-03 and Sebastopol Resolution 6619-2024 (collectively the “Joint Resolutions”) concerning the District reorganization concerning the annexation of Sebastopol fire and emergency services into the District; and

WHEREAS, effective October 21, 2024, the District and MRFPD adopted a Concurrent Resolution, District Resolution 24/25-08 and MRFPD Resolution 2024-03 (collectively the “Concurrent Resolution”) concerning the District reorganization concerning the dissolution of MRFPD and annexation of MRFPD territory and services into the District; and

WHEREAS, effective December 30, 2024, pursuant to the Concurrent Resolution, the District submitted its petition for reorganization concerning MRFPD, designated Sonoma LAFCO Application 2024-13, to Sonoma LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, effective February 5, 2025, pursuant to the Joint Resolution, the District and Sebastopol executed a Revenue Sharing and Property Transfer Agreements to transfer assets and provide supplemental funding for the District reorganization concerning Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, effective February 6, 2025, pursuant to the Joint Resolution, the District submitted its petition for reorganization concerning Sebastopol, designated Sonoma LAFCO Application 2025-02, to Sonoma LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2025, pursuant to California Government Code section 56150 et seq., after a noticed public hearing, Sonoma LAFCO adopted Sonoma LAFCO Resolution 2793, amending the District Sphere of Influence and approving the District petition for reorganization concerning MRFPD; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2025, pursuant to California Government Code section 56150 et seq., after a noticed public hearing, Sonoma LAFCO adopted Sonoma LAFCO Resolution 2794, amending the District Sphere of Influence and approving the District petition for reorganization concerning Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, pursuant to California Government Code section 57075, after a noticed public hearing, Sonoma LAFCO adopted Sonoma LAFCO Resolution 2797, finding insufficient protest, confirming, and ordering, without an election, the District reorganization concerning MRFPD; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2025, pursuant to California Government Code section 57075, after a noticed public hearing, Sonoma LAFCO adopted Sonoma LAFCO Resolution 2798, finding insufficient protest, confirming, and ordering, without an election, the District reorganization concerning Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, pursuant to California Government Code section 57202, Sonoma LAFCO recorded a Certificate of Completion with the Sonoma County Recorder, document number 2025022630, which officially established the effective date of the District reorganization concerning MRFPD; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, pursuant to California Government Code section 57202, Sonoma LAFCO recorded a Certificate of Completion with the Sonoma County Recorder, document number 2025022631, which officially established the effective date of the District reorganization concerning Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on July 9, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District identified the need to take several executory steps to implement the District reorganization concerning MRFPD and Sebastopol as authorized in Sonoma LAFCO Resolutions 2793, 2794, 2797, and 2798.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire District approves and adopts Sonoma LAFCO Resolutions 2793, 2794, 2797, and 2798; authorizing the District reorganization concerning MRFPD and Sebastopol, including all provisions set forth in the District's petitions for reorganization filed with Sonoma LAFCO as Sonoma LAFCO Applications 2024-13 and 2025-02.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District approves and adopts a Fiscal Year 2025/2026 District appropriations limit of \$35,000,000.00, as set forth in the District's petitions for reorganization and authorized in Sonoma LAFCO Resolutions 2793, 2794, 2797, and 279.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District delegates authority to the President of the Board of Directors and the District Fire Chief to execute necessary documents and related agreements to transfer assets and liabilities, and take such other actions necessary to complete the District reorganization as authorized in Sonoma LAFCO Resolutions 2793, 2794, 2797, and 2798.

Passed, approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District by the following votes. Passed and adopted this July 9, 2025.

President, Board of Directors

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent: _____

CERTIFICATION:

Clerk of the Board of Directors