Sonoma County Fire Districts' Association

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Commission Chair Pam Stafford
Sonoma County LAFCO
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Commission Chair Stafford,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association to express our support for the consolidation of CSA-40 North Bay Fire into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District.

At the January 25th, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board approved a funding agreement and concurrent resolution that would provide a pathway for the consolidation of the remaining CSA-40 Volunteer Fire Companies into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District. This agreement, along with the other funding agreements that where part of this Board item, is supported by the Sonoma County Fire Districts Association.

Specific to the reorganization of the CSA-40 territories into Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, the Association wants to recognize Gold Ridge Fire District's three-year long contractual agreement with the County of Sonoma to provide administrative service and leadership over the CSA-40 Stations known as North Bay Fire. Over the past three years Gold Ridge has substantially improved response times, recruited volunteers, and provided critical response to their neighbors and beyond.

The improvements and leadership that Gold Ridge has provided will continue after consolidation. The consolidation of Lakeville, Wilmar, Two Rock, Valley Ford, Bodega, Camp Meeker, and Fort Ross Volunteer Fire Companies into the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District is a major step for fire services in Sonoma County and one that the Association strongly supports.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this consolidation application.

Yours in service,

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