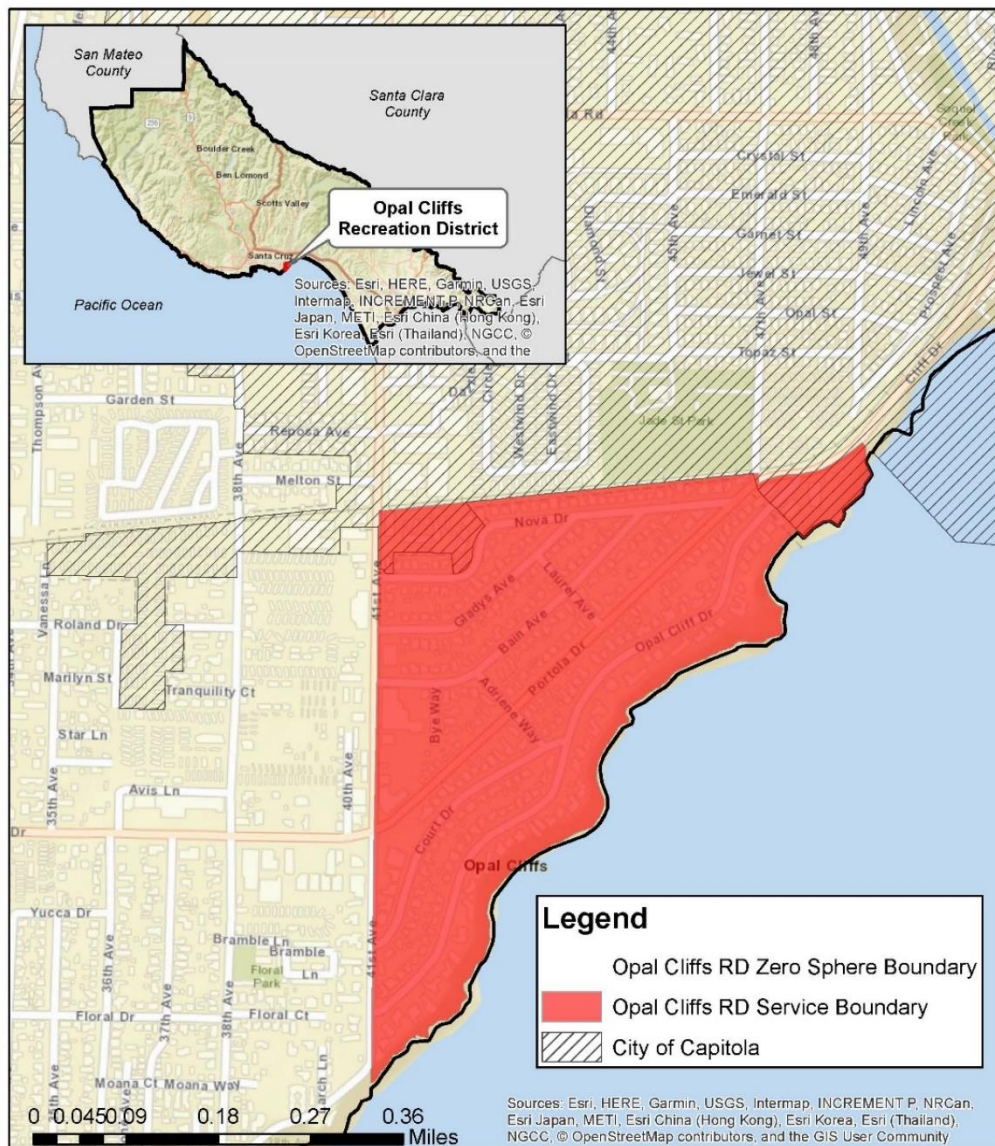




NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing on the following:

- “Opal Cliffs Recreation District Reorganization” (LAFCO Project No. RO 21-18):** Consideration of a request to dissolve the Opal Cliffs Recreation District (OCRD) and concurrently annex the dissolved area into County Service Area 11 (County Parks). OCRD consists of 440 parcels, approximately 67 acres, and is located in the coastal region of Santa Cruz County, south of the City of Capitola, north and west of the Pacific Ocean, and east of 41st Avenue, as shown in the map below. The annexation will exclude 11 parcels currently located in the City of Capitola, which has its own recreational department. If approved, the reorganization will preserve the current levels of service and maintain local demand expectations by the Opal Cliffs community. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LAFCO staff has prepared a Categorical Exemption for this proposal.



Frequently Asked Question

Why is this happening? The County has been providing administrative and operational services to OCRD for the past several years under an existing agreement. That is why the OCRD Board unanimously adopted a resolution in August 2021 to dissolve the district and annex the Opal Cliffs community into CSA 11 in order to fully maximize economies of scale, eliminate operational redundancy, and combine best practices, which may all lead to possible cost-savings in the short and long run.

LAFCO Meeting Format

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted as a teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders and Assembly Bill 361, which suspend certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely. Instructions to participate remotely are available in the Agenda and Agenda Packet: <https://www.santacruzlafco.org/2022-agenda-packets/>

During the meeting, the Commission will consider oral or written comments from any interested person. Maps, written reports, environmental review documents and further information can be obtained by contacting LAFCO's staff at (831) 454-2055 or from LAFCO's website at www.santacruzlafco.org. LAFCO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the LAFCO office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.



Joe A. Serrano
Executive Officer
Date: January 18, 2022