



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

ADOPTED ACTION MINUTES
PROTEST HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED
“BRANCIFORTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REORGANIZATION”
(LAFCO PROJECT NO. RO 22-07)

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Virtual Setting (Zoom Webinar)
Teleconference: 669-900-6833

The September 27, 2023 Protest Hearing is called to order by declaration of Joe Serrano, LAFCO Executive Officer.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Joe Serrano welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the protest hearing. The hearing is being conducted by LAFCO staff in accordance with state law and the Commission’s Protest Hearing Policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Serrano opened the floor for public comments. There were no requests to address LAFCO on this agenda item.

SUMMARIZATION OF LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17

Joe Serrano reviewed the terms and conditions outlined in the resolution approving the reorganization. This resolution was adopted by the Commission on August 2, 2023 and the reorganization will be recorded once all the terms and conditions are fulfilled.

Mr. Serrano opened the floor for public comments. He indicated that no requests were made to speak on this agenda item.

ORAL OR WRITTEN PROTESTS, OBJECTIONS, OR EVIDENCE

Joe Serrano indicated that one of the conditions in the adopted resolution was to conduct a protest proceeding which would allow affected registered voters and landowners to voice their opposition to the reorganization. If LAFCO receives less than 25% in opposition during the proceeding, then the approval of the reorganization moves forward. If LAFCO receives between 25% to 50% in opposition, then the reorganization will require a special election. If LAFCO receives more than 50% in opposition, then the reorganization is terminated. Protest petition thresholds are based on the number of registered voters and the total assessed land value within the proposal area.

Mr. Serrano opened the floor for any oral or written protests. He indicated that no opposition was raised.

DETERMINATION OF THE VALUE OF WRITTEN PROTESTS

Joe Serrano informed the attendees that a total of zero petitions were received from the registered voters or landowners of the proposal area. Based on this turnout, the reorganization will move forward. He emphasized that this outcome is attributed to outreach efforts from Branciforte and Scotts Valley Fire Protection Districts as well as the coordination between the boards, staff, and its community members over the past two years.

Mr. Serrano opened the floor for public comments. He indicated that no requests were made to speak on this agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Serrano indicated that the Commission will consider certifying the protest results by adopting a resolution during the next LAFCO Meeting. The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023.



YVETTE BROOKS, CHAIRPERSON

Attest:



Joe A. Serrano, Executive Officer