

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21

On the motion of Commissioner Jim Anderson  
duly seconded by Commissioner Rachél Lather  
the following resolution is adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION,  
ACTING AS THE CONDUCTING AUTHORITY, MAKING DETERMINATIONS  
ON THE VALUE OF WRITTEN PROTEST FOR THE TERRITORY DESIGNATED AS  
THE "BRANCIFORTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REORGANIZATION"  
(LAFCO PROJECT NO. RO 22-07)

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WHEREAS, on August 2, 2023, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County ("LAFCO" or "Commission") held a public hearing to consider an application submitted by the Branciforte Fire Protection District ("BFPD") to reorganize with the Scotts Valley Fire Protection District ("SVFPD") in accordance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing and considering all evidence, both written and oral, LAFCO adopted Resolution No. 2023-17, approving the reorganization; and

WHEREAS, a 30-day request for reconsideration period was held during August 3 to September 1, 2023, in accordance with Government Code Section 56895. LAFCO did receive a request to reconsider the Commission's approval during this period. The Commission, legal counsel, and staff determined during the September 6, 2023 LAFCO Meeting that the request did not meet the criteria under Government Code Section 56895; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2023, LAFCO provided notice of the protest proceeding in accordance with Government Code Section 57025. A 24-day protest period was conducted during September 4 to September 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2023, LAFCO acting as the conducting authority, held a protest hearing to receive and consider any written protests filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County does HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Valid written protests to the reorganization in accordance with Government Code Section 57075(a)(2)(A) and (B) were not filed. Therefore, an election is not required.

Section 2. A majority written protest to the reorganization in accordance with Government Code Section 57078 was not filed. In total, LAFCO received zero petitions from registered voters or landowners during the protest period.

Section 3. The reorganization, covering 745 parcels and totaling approximately 5,800 acres (9 square miles) and an estimated 1,700 residents, is approved.

Section 4. The boundaries of the reorganization are shown on Exhibits A and B.

Section 5. This action is taken pursuant to division 3, title 5 (commencing with Government Code Section 56000), known as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Section 6. The terms and conditions of the reorganization are set forth in LAFCO Resolution 2023-17, and incorporated by reference.

Section 7. The reasons for the reorganization are those set forth in the analysis included in LAFCO's staff report presented during the August 2, 2023 Commission Meeting, and hereby incorporated by reference.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County this 4th day of October 2023.

AYES: Commissioners Jim Anderson, Roger Anderson, Yvette Brooks, Manu Koenig, Rachél Lather, and Allan Timms

NOES: N/A

ABSTAIN: N/A

  
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YVETTE BROOKS, CHAIRPERSON

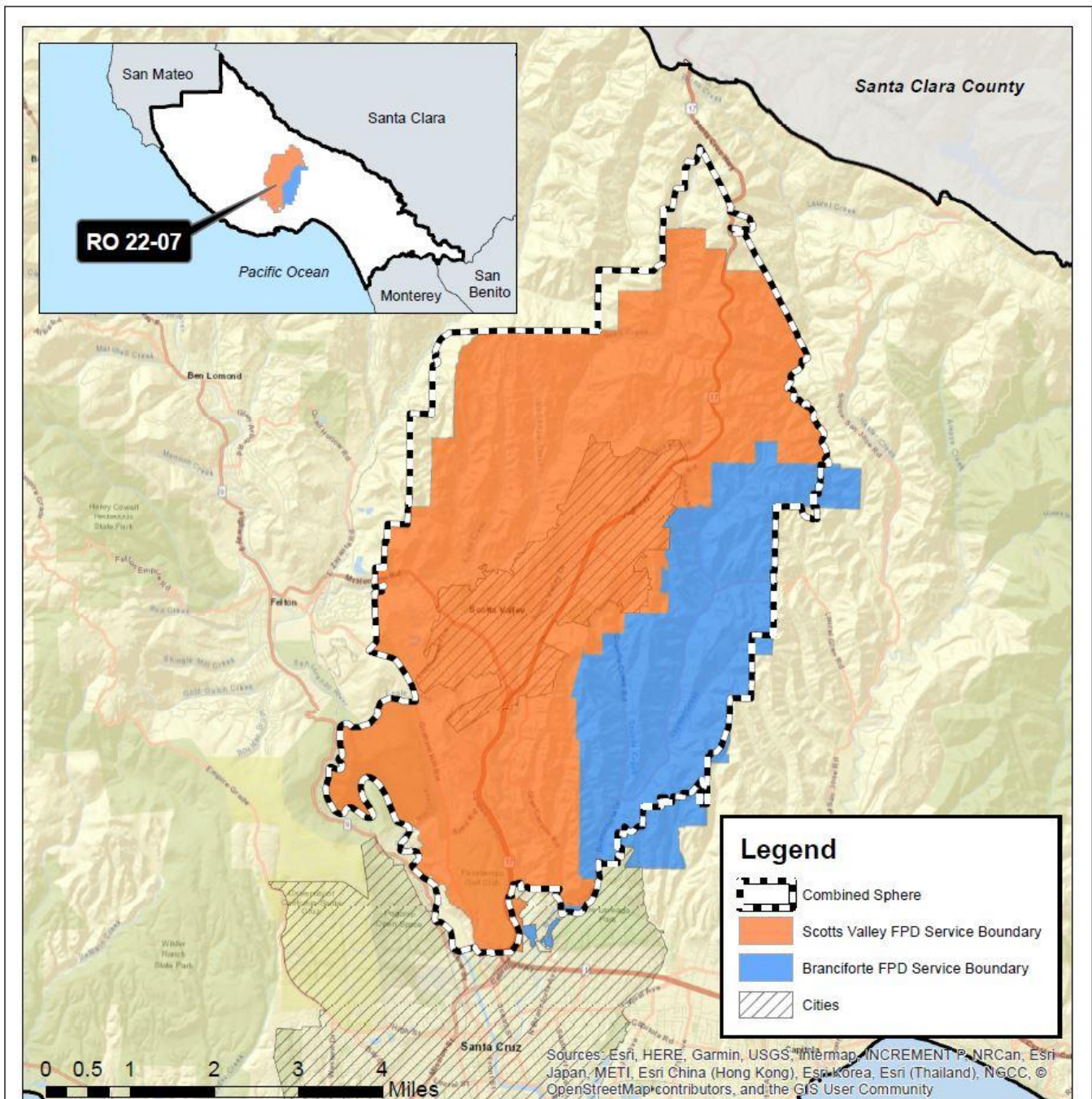
Attest:

  
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Joe A. Serrano  
Executive Officer

Approved as to form:

  
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Joshua Nelson  
LAFCO Counsel

## EXHIBIT A: VICINITY MAP (PROPOSAL AREA)



### "Branciforte Fire Protection District Reorganization" (LAFCO Project No. RO 22-07)



The proposed reorganization includes three actions:

- 1) dissolution of the Branciforte FPD
- 2) concurrent annexation of the dissolved area into SVFPD
- 3) sphere amendment to include the annexation area

*In 1994, Branciforte FPD was added to Scotts Valley FPD's sphere boundary as a precursor to consolidation.*



## EXHIBIT B: VICINITY MAP (POST-REORGANIZATION)



### Scotts Valley Fire Protection District Jurisdictional and Sphere Boundaries

- Combined sphere adopted on March 10, 1994
- Sphere reaffirmed on January 1, 2008
- Sphere reaffirmed on November 2, 2016
- Sphere reaffirmed on October 13, 2021
- Sphere expansion on August 2, 2023

*Branciforte FPD was dissolved and concurrently annexed into Scotts Valley FPD by LAFCO action on Aug. 2, 2023.*

