



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING / PROCEEDINGS

PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF PORTIONS OF TERRITORY WITHIN THE OCEANVIEW SPHERE OF INFLUENCE TO THE SMITH RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCo" or "Commission") will hold a public hearing on September 30, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Del Norte Board of Supervisors Chambers located at the Del Norte County Flynn Center (981 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531) to consider the *Smith River Fire Protection District* ("Smith River FPD" or "District") *Proposed Annexation of Portions of Territory Within the Oceanview Sphere of Influence to the ("Proposal")*. The meeting will be conducted in-person. The agenda and related meeting materials will be posted on the Commission's website <https://www.delnortelafo.org/> at least 72 hours before the scheduled start time of the meeting.

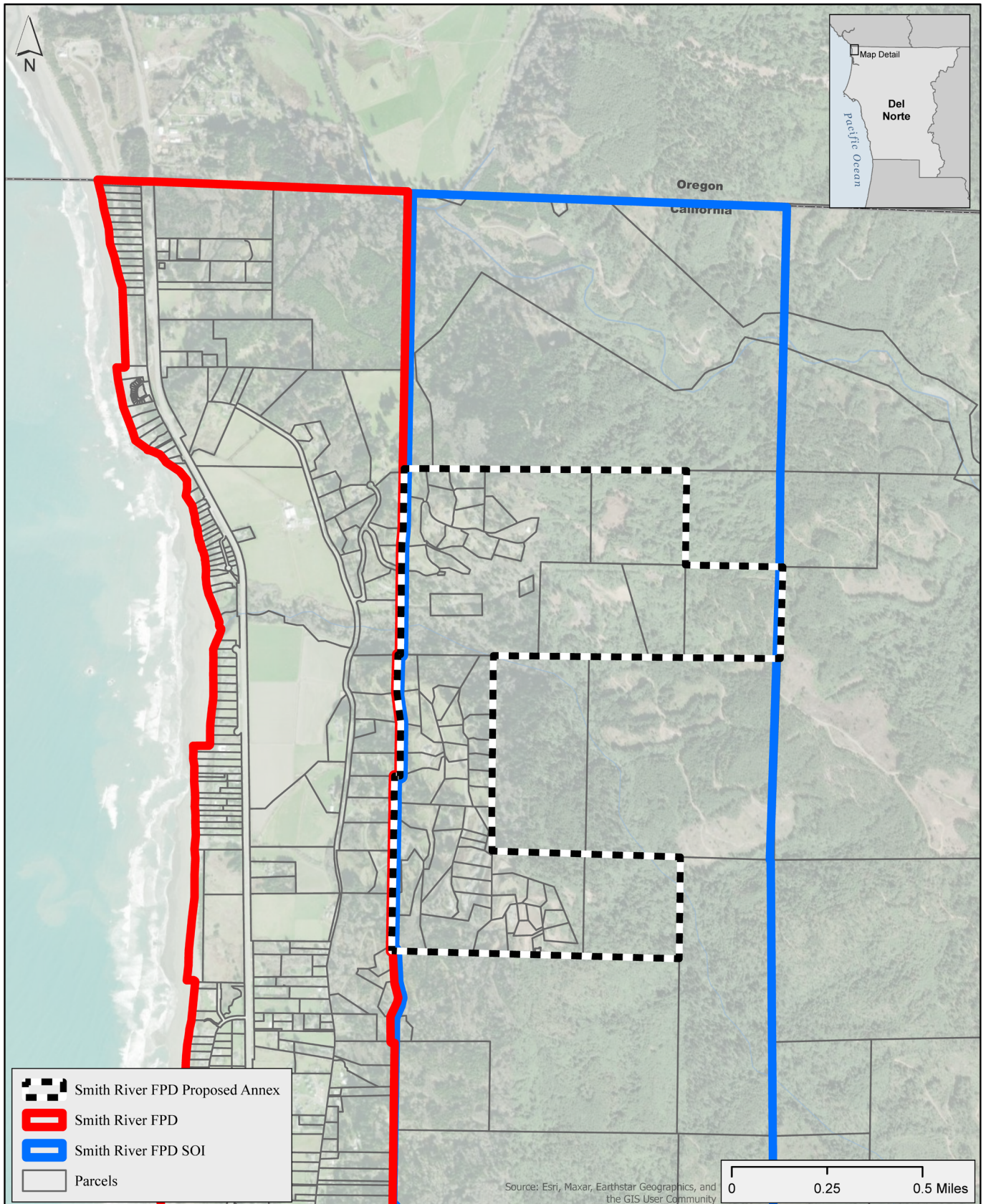
The annexation was originally initiated in January 2023 by the Smith River FPD. The Proposal includes the annexation of approximately 972 acres located adjacent to existing boundaries but within Smith River FPD's Sphere of Influence (SOI). The proposed annexation area is within the Oceanview SOI and has experienced subdivision and homebuilding over the past 20 years, highlighting an increased need for structure fire, emergency fire, and emergency medical responses. The annexation will allow for Smith River FPD to receive increased property tax allocations from the annexed territory so that the District may continue providing services to the area as the calls for service increase from existing and future development. Annexation would give Smith River FPD responsibility for fire protection, emergency basic life support, and rescue services to the annexed territory. A Property Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement between Smith River FPD and the County of Del Norte has been executed by Del Norte County Board of Supervisors Resolution 2024-025 per Revenue and Tax Code §99 and §99.01.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56157, LAFCo hereby gives notice of this hearing. Unless LAFCo receives written opposition to the proposal from landowners or registered voters within the affected territory before the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission intends to waive protest proceedings as authorized by and in compliance with California Government Code Section 56663. Upon annexation, the affected territory would also be subject to the District rates, rules, regulations and ordinances. The affected territory would also be subject to the extension of the previously authorized Smith River FPD benefit assessment to fund the delivery of fire protection services, consistent with the purpose for which the funding source was approved. This is currently set at \$27 per year for habitable structures in District boundaries. For more information, please see the "Applications" tab on www.delnortelafo.org.

At the hearing, the Commission will consider all oral and written testimony of any interested persons or affected agencies. The Commission will consider the report of the Executive Officer and may approve, amend, or deny the proposed annexation.

Written comments must be received by Del Norte LAFCo by 12:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting in order for them to be distributed to Commissioners. Please direct any comments, questions, and requests to review documents to Del Norte LAFCo, 670 9th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521. To contact LAFCo staff, email eo@delnortelafo.org or admin@delnortelafo.org (preferred contact method) or call (707) 825-9301.

Note: State Law requires that LAFCo notify various parties, such as landowners and registered voters, both within and 300 feet adjacent to the affected territory. For this reason, you may receive multiple copies of this notice.



Smith River Fire Protection District Proposed Annexation

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Map Date: 9/5/2024

Sources: Boundaries - Del Norte LAFCO, Smith River Fire Protection District

Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community