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## Agenda Item: 8.a

**MEETING DATE:** December 7, 2023  
**FROM:** George Williamson, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Next MSR/SOI Update Cycle

### **Background:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act directs Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) to regularly prepare municipal service reviews (MSRs) in conjunction with establishing and updating each local agency's sphere of influence (SOI) as detailed in Government Code Section 56430. Per Government Code Section 56425(g), SOIs are to be reviewed every five years, or as necessary. The legislative intent of MSRs is to proactively assess the availability, capacity, and efficiency of local governmental services. MSRs may also lead LAFCOs to take other actions under their authority, such as forming, consolidating, or dissolving one or more local agencies in addition to any related sphere changes.

### **Discussion:**

Shasta LAFCO completed a round of MSR/SOI Updates from 2016 to 2023. Staff will begin preparation of the next round of MSR/SOI Updates in FY2023/2024, expected to be similar to the prior MSR schedule. This will ensure that Shasta LAFCO continues a MSR/SOI update cycle so that the commission can stay informed.

In response to public and agency comments regarding fire services in the intermountain region, staff will begin the Intermountain Fire Services MSR/SOI Update in January 2024. This update will review Burney FPD, CSA #1 (Shasta County Fire), and Fall River Valley FPD. Prior to the end of the fiscal year, staff will also initiate the City of Anderson MSR/SOI Update.

As part of the FY 2024-25 Budgeting, a subsequent MSR/SOI Update cycle will be proposed.

### **Recommendation:**

This is a receive and file agenda item. Commission comments on the next cycle are welcome.

cc: Jim Underwood, legal counsel