



CITY OF CLEARLAKE

City Council

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Discussion and Consideration of Rescinding the City's Delegation of Authority to the Lake County Board of Supervisors to Serve as the Governing Board of the Lake County Sanitation District

MEETING DATE: Nov. 20, 2025

SUBMITTED BY: Alan D. Flora, City Manager
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PURPOSE OF REPORT: ☐ Information only ☒ Discussion ☒ Action Item

WHAT IS BEING ASKED OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Rescind previous delegation of authority for the Board of Supervisor's related to governance of the Lake County Sanitation District.

BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION:

The Lake County Sanitation District was created to provide sewer service to the communities of Clearlake Park and Clearlake Highlands, long before the City of Clearlake was incorporated in 1980. Upon the City's incorporation, Health and Safety Code 4730 provides that a sanitation district which includes all or part of one city, must adjust the composition of the Board to include City representation, and in some cases be exclusively represented by the City.

Initially the County did not notify the City of this adjustment, however the City became aware and in 1983 adopted a resolution (83-22) delegating the governance of the sanitation district to Board of Supervisors. Further, the City specifically reserved the right to withdraw this designation.

With significant and frequent concerns over the maintenance, operation and planning efforts of Lake County Special Districts management of the sanitation district, coupled with little cooperation in addressing long standing issues, in April of 2024 the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-16. This action notified the Board of these concerns and expressed an interest in meeting to discuss the City's more active role in governance pursuant to HSC 4730. In February of 2025 the Board of Supervisors finally discussed this request, but at the request of the County Administrative Office delayed any meeting until at least July 2025. Since that time numerous inquires have been made to various County officials and no meeting has been scheduled to discuss.

The significance and frequency of maintenance, operation, and planning efforts have only grown since the City initially took action. At this time staff recommends rescinding the resolution 83-24, which will force the orderly transition of governance of the Lake County Sanitation District. The City is proposing

using a work group to determine the appropriate population threshold that applies to the current situation under HSC 4730 and will determine the number of seats appointed by the City. The City of Clearlake remains committed to ensuring our community is safe and prepared to grow and thrive. A reliable and sustainable infrastructure system, including sewer service, is a critical and basic building block of any community.

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution 2025-42
2. Direction to Staff.

FISCAL IMPACT:

☒ None ☐ \$ Budgeted Item? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Budget Adjustment Needed? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, amount of appropriation increase: \$

Affected fund(s): ☐ General Fund ☐ Measure P Fund ☐ Measure V Fund ☐ Other:

Comments: N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

- ☒ Goal #1: Make Clearlake a Visibly Cleaner City
- ☒ Goal #2: Make Clearlake a Statistically Safer City
- ☒ Goal #3: Improve the Quality of Life in Clearlake with Improved Public Facilities
- ☒ Goal #4: Improve the Image of Clearlake
- ☒ Goal #5: Ensure Fiscal Sustainability of City
- ☒ Goal #6: Update Policies and Procedures to Current Government Standards
- ☒ Goal #7: Support Economic Development

☒ **Attachments:**

1. **Proposed Resolution 2025-42**
2. **Resolution 2024-16**
3. **Resolution 83-22**