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ARBUCKLE PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

MEASURE A

"Shall the order adopted on July 6, 2006, by the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Colusa ordering the formation of a District in the territory described, known as the Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District, be approved?"

Yes ____ No ____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF THE ARBUCKLE PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT

A parks and recreation district is a public agency which may be formed to organize, promote, conduct, and advertise programs of community recreation, including, but not limited to parks, and open space, and other related services that improve a community’s quality of life. The Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District, as proposed, will use existing recreation and park facilities, will establish new facilities, and will maintain ongoing recreation programs throughout the community.

By resolution passed March 21, 2006, the Colusa County Board of Supervisors requested the Local Agency Formation Commission of Colusa County (LAFCO) commence proceedings to form the Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District and establish a sphere of influence for the District. Among the conditions requested by the Board of Supervisors was that following its formation, the District not have the power of eminent domain. Consistent with the resolution of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors, and following notice and public hearing, LAFCO made the requisite determinations and approved the formation of the Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District by resolution passed July 6, 2006, contingent upon approval by the registered voters residing within the proposed district.

The initial Board of Directors may be appointed by the Colusa County Board of Supervisors. Thereafter, a five-member Board of Directors residing within the territory are to be elected at large. This election will be held at a later date. Your vote in the November General Election is simply to approve the proposed formation of the District.

LAFCO determined it necessary for the District to be financially viable. To form the District, a landowner assessment will be required to be passed by landowners owning land within the boundaries of the District. The proceeds from this assessment will go to operate the District on an ongoing basis. Formation of the District is conditioned upon approval of a landowner assessment to be submitted to the landowners at a later date.

The boundaries for the Arbuckle Parks and Recreation District are the same as the Arbuckle College City Fire Protection District.

In their deliberations regarding the formation of the District, LAFCO determined there was a demonstrated public need and necessity which warrants the public be afforded an opportunity to determine, by means of an election, whether to form a locally controlled agency to serve the residents of the District with parks and recreation and related services. That is the purpose of your voting on this ballot question.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of this Measure. If you desire a full copy of either the Board of Supervisors’ Resolution or the LAFCO Resolution referenced above, please call the county election office at 530-458-0500 and copies will be mailed at no cost to you.

You may also access the full text of both resolutions on the County Clerk’s Website at the following Website address: www.colusacountyclerk.com go to the “Elections” tab, under “Recent News”.

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