

Fast Facts Sheet

The City of Lakeport and County of Lake after careful consideration of the benefits and costs of the proposed annexation will consider the adoption of a tax sharing agreement on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM at Lakeport City Hall Council Chambers, located at 225 Park Street, Lakeport, CA.

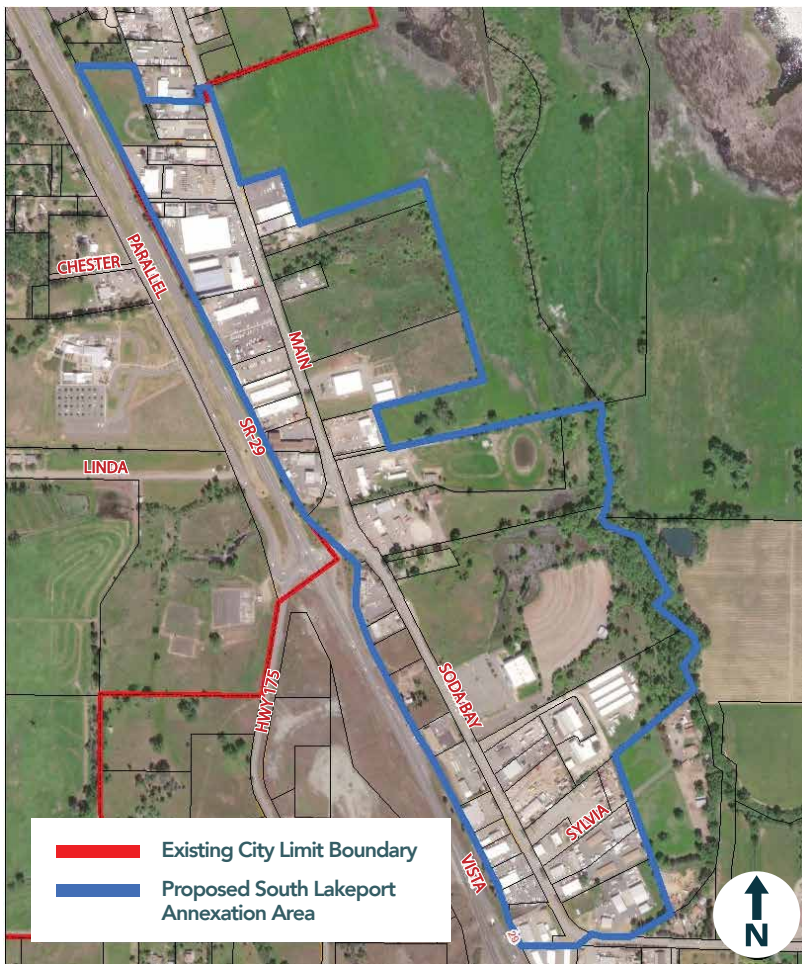
Negotiations were undertaken in good faith, and focused heavily on two priorities: 1) sustainably delivering the best possible public services and governance to residents, businesses and property owners in the project area and the County, as a whole; 2) ensuring efficient use of public funds.

The annexation will expand Lakeport's City Limits to include this additional area, transferring control and provision of many essential government services from the County to the City of Lakeport. The area contains 50 parcels, which total 123.64 acres in area, plus roadway rights-of-way for a total acreage of 136.78 acres. (See map below).

The annexation will provide important health and safety benefits to South Lakeport residents and business owners. Community members are invited to attend the following upcoming meetings: A joint City-County community forum to provide more information about the proposed annexation. Details TBD.

A special meeting of the Lake County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to consider the agreement. Details TBD. Visit LakeportAnnexation.org for updates or email City Manager Kevin Ingram at kingram@cityoflakeport.com.

South Lakeport Annexation Area



Frequently Asked Questions

How will annexation affect landowners? Once approved, landowners will be able to use City of Lakeport municipal services, including the option to connect to City water. Registered voters residing in the area will also be eligible to participate in City elections.

Why is the City of Lakeport applying to annex this area? Lakeport residents within and outside of the annexation area will benefit. Extending water mains in South Main Street will create a closed loop in the City's water system which will increase the reliability and resilience of the system overall, and reduce total maintenance costs for all Lakeport residents. For those in the project area, access to cost-effective public water services will help address water quality issues some have been facing. Quality law enforcement services for the area will be maintained with the switch to municipal police services. We believe businesses will invest with confidence, knowing a quality complement of readily-accessible services is available, and we look forward to thoughtful infill development in this area producing Countywide and regional benefits.

Will landowners property taxes increase? No.

Will landowners be required to connect existing buildings when water mains are extended in the future? No. Property owners will be able to choose whether to connect to City water. Connection will only be required if a property has a failing septic system that poses a health problem.

Will business owners need to charge increased sales tax? Yes. The tax rate in the City of Lakeport is 8.75% compared to 7.25% in the Unincorporated Areas of Lake County. City sales tax is used to provide public services: law enforcement; road maintenance; parks; and more. The newly annexed area will be part of our City, and business owners will benefit from all Lakeport has to offer.

Annexation Process

The annexation moves forward in two main steps. The first step has already been completed. Members of the public are welcome to comment during the Step 2 process noted below.

Step 1: In August 2019, the Lakeport City Council unanimously approved a resolution to submit an annexation application to the Lake County Local Area Formation Committee (Lake LAFCo).

To support this, the City completed an environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City Council held a public hearing on Aug. 13, 2019.

Step 2: Now that the County and City of Lakeport have completed a good faith negotiating process, Lake LAFCo will consider the annexation application. Once the annexation is approved, Lake LAFCo will set a timeline for when jurisdiction over the annexation area will be transferred from Lake County to the City of Lakeport.

Visit LakeportAnnexation.org or email kingram@cityoflakeport.com for more information and future updates

KEY MILESTONES

- City issues Notice of Availability for CEQA documents
- Close of 45-day public review period for CEQA documents
- City Council holds public hearing and votes 5-0 to approve Resolution of Application for annexation
- Annexation application is submitted to Lake LAFCo
- Good faith negotiation process between county and city
- County and city reach agreement
- Lake LAFCo special hearing
- Annexation process completed
- City water main will be installed in the annexation area in conjunction with S. Main Street/Soda Bay Road widening project. If annexation is approved, property owners will have the option to connect to City water.
- City/County agreement for City treatment of wastewater from annexation area will expire. If annexation is not approved, County may need to identify an alternative treatment option.