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## Heath & Safety OASAs

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To O'Neal, Chantell <coneal@fortbraggca.gov>

Hello Chantell,

Thank you for taking the time to talk about the two health and safety emergency requests for sewer service at 20710 Dennison Ln and 31501 Cedar Ln.

The preferred approach is for the property owner to make their request to the City and the City apply to LAFCo on their behalf (see Minnesota Ave example sent under separate email).

Application forms are here: <https://www.mendolafco.org/application-materials>

- [Application Form](#) (includes list of application needs)
- [Fee Agreement and Indemnification](#)
- [Deposit to cost](#): \$500 per property (all applications are processed at cost; if over, additional fees will be required, if under we will return unused remainder)

Following is our policy on considering outside agency service extensions outside an agency's SOI (emphasis added):

### **12.2.4.2 Outside SOI**

The Commission recognizes the importance of promptly addressing threats to public health and safety, especially in considering outside agency services related to water and sewer services.

The Commission shall authorize a city or special district's request to provide new or extended services outside their jurisdictional boundary and outside their SOI only in response to an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or affected residents in accordance with G.C. §56133(c).

For water and sewer services, the affected agency and/or landowner(s) shall provide the Commission with documentation consistent with the public health and safety criteria for water and sewer services below.

An existing on-site sewage disposal system may be deemed a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents if it meets one or more of the following criteria, as determined by Mendocino County Environmental Health or another qualified professional:

- i. There is ponding or accumulation of wastewater or septic tank effluent at or above the surface of the ground.
- ii. There is a lack of an unsaturated vertical soil separation between the bottom of a disposal field and seasonal high groundwater.
- iii. There is a failure of the disposal field or septic tank to accept, treat, and dispose of wastewater in quantities discharged by the structure served, and additional capacity cannot adequately or reasonably be developed.
- iv. Any other condition associated with the operation or use of an on-site sewage system that could permit the exposure, either directly or indirectly, of individuals or domestic animals to

inadequately treated wastewater.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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