



NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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*DIRECTORS: Lawrence Bettencourt, John Burns, Jonita Elder, James Heisterkamp, William Kahrl
Fire Chief Ian Gow*

NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING and AGENDA

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Long Valley Community Hall, 2008 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle CA 95658

This meeting will be open to in-person attendance.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Pledge of Allegiance
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
4. **BILL APPROVAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT:** February 2024/March 2024
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (The Newcastle Fire Protection District Board of Directors has provided this period for members of the public to address the Board on items of interest to the public and which are applicable to the district. No action may be taken on any matter, which is not already on the agenda for consideration. Public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per person, unless specifically authorized otherwise by the Chair).
7. **CHIEFS REPORTS:**
 - (A) Fire Chief Gow
 - (B) Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi
 - (C) Battalion Chiefs Nelson, Slusher and Williamson
8. **NEVADA COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 3800 REPORT**
9. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - (A) Building Committee: Fire station (Chair Kahrl and Director Bettencourt).
 - (B) Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee (Chair Kahrl and VC Elder).
10. **INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - (A) Board to review LAFCO letter regarding Joint Operations Agreement and Agreement for Administrative Services
 - (B) Board to discuss Newcastle Protection Districts parcel ownership at the ball fields.
11. **ACTION ITEMS REQUIRE A VOTE BY ROLL CALL**
 - (A) Consider and vote for the Special District Representatives for Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission
12. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**
13. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Next Board meeting: April 17, 2024

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Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Special Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2024
Held via teleconference and in-person at:
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairman Kahrl called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Director Burns led the flag salute.
- c. All directors were present.
- d. Chief Gow, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, and DM Armstrong were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. VC Elder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting as presented. Director Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0) with Director Bettencourt abstaining.

4. Approval of Financial Report

- a. Secretary Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the financial report as presented by Chief Gow. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None.

6. Public Comment

- a. Captain Hickok reported that staff would like Retired District Manager Lofrano's name added to the plaque outside of Station 41.
- b. Jon Anacker – Reiterated his thanks for the Chipper Program.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Newcastle
 1. The full LAFCO MSR may be available in March.
 2. Budgets are being worked on to submit to LAFCO.
 3. Local 3800 has spent considerable time interviewing all Board of Supervisor candidates.
 - ii. Penryn
 1. AP Triton has sent Chief Gow the draft of Penryn's Municipal Services Review (MSR) report.
 - iii. Placer Hills
 1. Nothing to report.
- b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi Reporting:
 - i. 1 Single Family Dwelling (SFD) plan reviewed.
 - ii. 1 SFD hydro rough inspection.
 - i. 1 SFD hydro final inspection.
 - ii. 1 LPG inspection.
 - iii. Ralston Ln. 4-lot subdivision is recording now at the county.
 - iv. Indian Hill Arco project is moving forward.
- c. Chief Gow Reporting for BC Nelson:
 - i. Jan. Calls: 50
 - ii. Multi-Company drills are scheduled for March and April.
 - iii. Pre-Position authorization has been given for all three districts prior to the incoming storm.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. None.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.

1. Director Bettencourt reporting:
 - PG&E was supposed to do transformer work on 2/4 but cancelled on 2/2 because of the incoming storm. The work still has not been completed. Director Bettencourt will call and ask about the status.
 - Director Bettencourt will call Placer Counting regarding the return of the landscape erosion deposit.
 - The generator ran at Station 41 for a couple of days. It did a great job with the exception of the water heater. Director Bettencourt will contact the electrician to fix.
 - The fencing is being held up because PG&E has to remove poles first.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 1. No report.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. None

11. Action Items

- a. Consider submitting nominations for upcoming vacancies on Placer LAFCO Commission.
 - i. Chairman Kahrl reported that he is seeking the nomination for a “regular voting member” of the LAFCO Commission.
 - ii. Director Bettencourt made a motion to nominate Chairman Kahrl for the position of “regular voting member” and Teresa Ryland of South Placer Fire District as an “alternate voting member” of the LAFCO Commission. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- b. Board to discuss Newcastle Fire Protection Districts parcel ownership at ball fields. Board to consider creating an Ad-hoc Committee.
 - i. Secretary Heisterkamp reported the following:
 1. There are 3 parcels at the Chantry Hill ballpark.
 2. Two small parcels and a third parcel that encompasses the actual playing field.
 3. The two small parcels are owned by the Newcastle Fire Protection District.
 4. The larger third parcel’s ownership is not as clear.
 5. After much discussion, Secretary Heisterkamp recommended that the board authorize the expenditure of funds to obtain a title report on the ball field.
 - ii. VC Elder made a motion to approve the expenditure of not more than \$500 for a title report on the Chantry Hill Ballpark. Director Bettencourt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (5/0).
- c. Consider and approve the surplus of current self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) by Fire Chief Gow.
 - i. Chief Gow reported that delivery of the new SCBA’s may be up to one year out. Staff would like to sell them now. Placer Hills has more than enough spare units to lend to Newcastle until the new ones arrive.
 - ii. VC Elder made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to surplus the existing SCBA’s immediately with the understanding that Placer Hills Fire will lend their spare units to Newcastle until the new units arrive and are put into service. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- d. Board to consider adding Retired District Manager, Gillian Lofrano, to plaque at Station 41.
 - i. Chief Gow reported that all staff recommends approval of this request.
 - ii. VC Elder made a motion to approve the addition of Retired District Manager Lofrano’s name to the plaque outside at Station 41. Secretary Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- e. Board to consider and approve the purchase of furnishings requested by staff.

- i. Director Bettencourt made a motion to approve \$9600 for the purchase of (2) recliners, (6) chairs, (3) lockers, fencing, (1) rowing machine and (1) laptop computer for Station 41. VC Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).

12. Director's Reports

- a. Director Burns recapped the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council meeting he attended.

- 13.** Chairman Kahrl adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

Approved

Newcastle Fire General Fund Revenue and Expense Report

Fiscal Year 2023/2024

	Jul 1, '23 - Ma...	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
REVENUE			
Property Taxes	185,180.65	332,197.00	55.7%
40180 Other Taxes	326,399.21	592,014.00	55.1%
42010 Investment Income	11,178.93	2,500.00	447.2%
44350 State Homeowners Relief	849.18	1,661.00	51.1%
45010 Grants	4,417.72	0.00	100.0%
46090 Planning, pre-development	234.60	0.00	100.0%
46350 Fire Services	30,748.43	50,500.00	60.9%
46360 Other Fees and Charges	6,000.00	12,000.00	50.0%
47010 Donations	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
48030 Miscellaneous	1,110.29	200.00	555.1%
49030 Proceeds asset sale	436,299.10	436,299.00	100.0%
Total REVENUE	1,012,418.11	1,427,371.00	70.9%
Total Income	1,012,418.11	1,427,371.00	70.9%
Expense			
EXPENSES			
52030 Fire Protective clothing	1,716.54	4,000.00	42.9%
52040 Communication Services	546.50	1,500.00	36.4%
52060 Station/Household Expense	1,115.65	4,000.00	27.9%
52080 General Liability Ins	22,129.00	32,410.00	68.3%
52160 Equipment Maintenance	14,873.86	20,000.00	74.4%
52170 Fuels & Lubricants	6,198.41	12,500.00	49.6%
52180 Building maintenance	4,942.03	3,000.00	164.7%
52220 Gases, medical	1,072.53	1,000.00	107.3%
52260 Miscellaneous Expense	607.57	1,000.00	60.8%
52330 General Office	4,351.92	2,500.00	174.1%
52360 Special Services	105,440.27	195,861.00	53.8%
52370 Professional Services	8,285.32	8,500.00	97.5%
52390 County Services	2,326.79	3,500.00	66.5%
52460 Small Tools, Accessories	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%
52570 Publications Legal Notice	129.67	150.00	86.4%
52580 Special District Expense	2,045.00	3,900.00	52.4%
52800 Utilities	17,298.67	25,910.00	66.8%
53190 Taxes and Assessments	7.92	0.00	100.0%
Total EXPENSES	193,087.65	321,731.00	60.0%
54440 Fixed Assets Blding/Loan	144,955.50	144,956.00	100.0%
54450 Fixed Assets Equipment	0.00	83,000.00	0.0%
Payroll Expenses			
51010 Salaries & Wages			

**Newcastle Fire General Fund
Revenue and Expense Report
Fiscal Year 2023/2024**

	<u>Jul 1, '23 - Ma...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Strike team salaries	0.00	25,000.00	0.0%
51010 Salaries & Wages - Other	289,006.04	446,440.00	64.7%
Total 51010 Salaries & Wages	289,006.04	471,440.00	61.3%
51030 Extra Help	1,221.72	5,250.00	23.3%
51040 Overtime Call Back	51,850.95	75,770.00	68.4%
51220 Payroll Tax	26,495.94	41,700.00	63.5%
51310 Employee Group Insurance	25,325.48	62,200.00	40.7%
51360 Workers Comp Insurance	36,492.00	49,300.00	74.0%
Total Payroll Expenses	430,392.13	705,660.00	61.0%
Total Expense	768,435.28	1,255,347.00	61.2%
Net Income	243,982.83	172,024.00	141.8%

**Newcastle Fire General Fund
Check Detail
February 16 through March 15, 2024**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
03/06/2024	Dawson Oil Company	Acct 42874	US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		Acct 42874	52170 Fuels & Lubricants	-753.67
TOTAL				-753.67
03/06/2024	Fire Risk Management Se...		US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		3rd Quarter	51360 Workers Comp Insuran...	-12,164.00
TOTAL				-12,164.00
03/06/2024	G&T Truck Repair, Inc.		US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		Nox Sensor	Brush 41 2014 Freightliner	-687.14
TOTAL				-687.14
03/06/2024	Harris Industrial Gases	Acct 3148	US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		Acct 3148	52220 Gases, medical	-248.50
TOTAL				-248.50
03/06/2024	Kaiser	Custom 5129353400	US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		April	51310 Employee Group Insur...	-2,119.93
TOTAL				-2,119.93
03/06/2024	Napa Auto Parts	Acct 8804833	US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		Light	E41 2004 HME	-18.76
TOTAL				-18.76
03/06/2024	PCWA	Acct 000008634-000...	US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		01/18 - 02/20/2024	Water	-300.27
TOTAL				-300.27
03/06/2024	PG&E	Acct 3630879520-6	US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		01/16-02/23	Electricity/gas	-720.18
TOTAL				-720.18
03/06/2024	US Bank		US Bank Checking	
03/06/2024		Wave, Verizon	Phone/Cable/Internet	-469.25
		Clark	Pest control	-101.29
		Lunatech	SC2660 Website Maintenance	-392.26
			52060 Station/Household Exp...	-121.64
		Pipe	52180 Building maintenance	-250.02
		Fencing	52180 Building maintenance	-309.53
		Boots - Hicks	52030 Fire Protective clothing	-245.86
TOTAL				-1,889.85

Newcastle Fire Development Fees

Revenue & Expense

July 1, 2023 through March 15, 2024

	<u>Jul 1, '23 - Mar 15, 24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
Income Mitigation Fees			
42010 Investment Income	2,287.60	1,000.00	228.8%
46440 Mitigation Fees	47,768.32	95,000.00	50.3%
Total Income Mitigation Fees	50,055.92	96,000.00	52.1%
Total Income	50,055.92	96,000.00	52.1%
Expense			
52260 Miscellaneous	0.00	20,000.00	0.0%
54440 Fixed Assets (Buildings)	29,121.10	72,800.00	40.0%
54460 Fixed Assets (Equipment)			
53040 Principal	28,088.26	28,087.26	100.0%
53080 Interest	1,092.61	1,092.61	100.0%
Total 54460 Fixed Assets (Equipm...	29,180.87	29,179.87	100.0%
Total Expense	58,301.97	121,979.87	47.8%
Net Income	-8,246.05	-25,979.87	31.7%

Newcastle Fire - USDA
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2023 through March 15, 2024

	<u>Jul 1, '23 - Mar 15, 24</u>
Income	
49120 Long Term Debt Proceeds	174,076.60
42010 Investment Income	333.96
Total Income	<u>174,410.56</u>
Expense	
Bond Interest	60,000.00
Bond Principal	84,955.50
Total Expense	<u>144,955.50</u>
Net Income	<u><u>29,455.06</u></u>

PLACER COUNTY
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS:

February 28, 2024

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City of Auburn
Foresthill Fire Protection District
Newcastle Fire Protection District
Penryn Fire Protection District
Placer Hills Fire Protection District

Subject: Joint Operations Agreement and CA Government Code
Section 56134

Dear City of Auburn and Foresthill, Newcastle, Penryn, and Placer Hills Fire Protection Districts:

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS:

Jim Holmes
(County)

William Kahrl
(Special District)

Jenny Knisley
(City)

Cherri Spriggs
(Public)

Thank you for providing data to and working diligently with the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) consultant, AP Triton, LLC, to complete the service review and sphere of influence study for fire protection service providers in western Placer County. LAFCO staff has received various sections of the study's administrative draft in the last few weeks, including the Penryn Fire Protection District (FPD) section. The Penryn FPD section discusses the Joint Operations Agreement (JOA) between the four fire protection districts dated September 22, 2021. Earlier this morning, I had a brief unrelated call with Chief Ian Gow, who stated that the City of Auburn is now a party to the JOA. (I do not have a copy of the amended JOA with the City of Auburn as a party.)

COUNSEL:

Michael Walker
General Counsel

The JOA appears to contemplate the complete transfer of responsibility for incident response, supervision, and command, as well as the assignment of firefighters and equipment among the parties to the agreement based on the location of incidents, without respect to the jurisdictional boundaries of the parties. The JOA also contemplates further agreements that may transfer responsibility for public and firefighter safety, fire prevention, and public education, among other things.

STAFF:

Michelle McIntyre
Executive Officer

Amy Engle
Commission Clerk

LAFCO staff also has received a copy of an "Agreement for Fire Chief, Duty Chief, Fire Marshal and Administrative Services" between Placer Hills FPD and Penryn FPD. That agreement provides for the transfer of 100% of the responsibility for providing incident management services, daily operations,

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dispatch oversight, fire investigations, plan reviews, inspections, variances, and new development meetings amongst the jurisdictional boundaries of the parties of the agreement to the Placer Hills FPD.

California Government Code (GC) section 56134 (attached) addresses fire protection services contracts and agreements and, in summary, makes a fire protection contract or agreement subject to LAFCO review and written approval when it "[t]ransfers responsibility for providing services in more than 25 percent of the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of any public agency affected by the contract or agreement." Given the nature of the agreements among the parties, LAFCO staff believes the JOA and the Penryn-Placer Hills FPD agreement are subject to compliance with GC section 56134. However, as stated above, I only have one section (Penryn FPD) of the administrative service review draft and the 2021 version of the JOA. In addition, I do not know if the Penryn-Placer Hills FPD agreement remains in effect. Therefore, I may not have all the pertinent information.

If you believe the JOA is not subject to LAFCO review and approval, please provide an explanation and evidence supporting your position by April 1, 2024. Please also provide the most current version of the JOA and the Placer Hills and Penryn agreement. The next LAFCO Commission meeting is Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Michelle McIntyre, MPA
Placer LAFCO Executive Officer

Copy: LAFCO Commission

Attachments: CA GC section 56134



State of California

GOVERNMENT CODE

Section 56134

56134. (a) (1) For the purposes of this section, “fire protection contract” means a contract or agreement for the exercise of new or extended fire protection services outside a public agency’s jurisdictional boundaries, as authorized by Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 55600) of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 5 of this code or by Article 4 (commencing with Section 4141) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code, except those contracts entered into pursuant to Sections 4143 and 4144 of the Public Resources Code, that does either of the following:

(A) Transfers responsibility for providing services in more than 25 percent of the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of any public agency affected by the contract or agreement.

(B) Changes the employment status of more than 25 percent of the employees of any public agency affected by the contract or agreement.

(2) A contract or agreement for the exercise of new or extended fire protection services outside a public agency’s jurisdictional boundaries, as authorized by Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 55600) of Part 2 of Division 2 of Title 5 of this code or Article 4 (commencing with Section 4141) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4 of the Public Resources Code, except those contracts entered into pursuant to Sections 4143 and 4144 of the Public Resources Code, that, in combination with other contracts or agreements, would produce the results described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) shall be deemed a fire protection contract for the purposes of this section.

(3) For the purposes of this section, “jurisdictional boundaries” shall include the territory or lands protected pursuant to a fire protection contract entered into on or before December 31, 2015. An extension of a fire protection contract entered into on or before December 31, 2015, that would produce the results described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) shall be deemed a fire protection contract for the purposes of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 56133, a public agency may provide new or extended services pursuant to a fire protection contract only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission in the affected county pursuant to the requirements of this section.

(c) A request by a public agency for commission approval of new or extended services provided pursuant to a fire protection contract shall be made by the adoption of a resolution of application as follows:

(1) In the case of a public agency that is not a state agency, the application shall be initiated by the adoption of a resolution of application by the legislative body of

the public agency proposing to provide new or extended services outside the public agency's current jurisdictional boundaries.

(2) In the case of a public agency that is a state agency, the application shall be initiated by the director of the state agency proposing to provide new or extended services outside the agency's current jurisdictional boundaries and be approved by the Director of Finance.

(3) In the case of a public agency that is a local agency currently under contract with a state agency for the provision of fire protection services and proposing to provide new or extended services by the expansion of the existing contract or agreement, the application shall be initiated by the public agency that is a local agency and be approved by the Director of Finance.

(d) The legislative body of a public agency or the director of a state agency shall not submit a resolution of application pursuant to this section unless both of the following occur:

(1) The public agency does either of the following:

(A) Obtains and submits with the resolution a written agreement validated and executed by each affected public agency and recognized employee organization that represents firefighters of the existing and proposed service providers consenting to the proposed fire protection contract.

(B) Provides, at least 30 days prior to the hearing held pursuant to paragraph (2), written notice to each affected public agency and recognized employee organization that represents firefighters of the existing and proposed service providers of the proposed fire protection contract and submits a copy of each written notice with the resolution of application. The notice shall, at minimum, include a full copy of the proposed contract.

(2) The public agency conducts an open and public hearing on the resolution, conducted pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5) or the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2), as applicable.

(e) A resolution of application submitted pursuant to this section shall be submitted with a plan which shall include all of the following information:

(1) The total estimated cost to provide the new or extended fire protection services in the affected territory.

(2) The estimated cost of the new or extended fire protection services to customers in the affected territory.

(3) An identification of existing service providers, if any, of the new or extended services proposed to be provided and the potential fiscal impact to the customers of those existing providers.

(4) A plan for financing the exercise of the new or extended fire protection services in the affected territory.

(5) Alternatives for the exercise of the new or extended fire protection services in the affected territory.

(6) An enumeration and description of the new or extended fire protection services proposed to be extended to the affected territory.

(7) The level and range of new or extended fire protection services.

(8) An indication of when the new or extended fire protection services can feasibly be extended to the affected territory.

(9) An indication of any improvements or upgrades to structures, roads, sewer or water facilities, or other conditions the public agency would impose or require within the affected territory if the fire protection contract is completed.

(10) A determination, supported by documentation, that the proposed fire protection contract meets the criteria established pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), as applicable, of subdivision (a).

(f) The applicant shall cause to be prepared by contract an independent fiscal analysis to be submitted with the application pursuant to this section. The analysis shall review and document all of the following:

(1) A thorough review of the plan for services submitted by the public agency pursuant to subdivision (e).

(2) How the costs of the existing service provider compare to the costs of services provided in service areas with similar populations and of similar geographic size that provide a similar level and range of services and make a reasonable determination of the costs expected to be borne by the public agency providing new or extended fire protection services.

(3) Any other information and analysis needed to support the findings required by subdivision (j).

(g) The clerk of the legislative body of a public agency or the director of a state agency adopting a resolution of application pursuant to this section shall file a certified copy of the resolution with the executive officer.

(h) (1) The executive officer, within 30 days of receipt of a public agency's request for approval of a fire protection contract, shall determine whether the request is complete and acceptable for filing or whether the request is incomplete. If a request does not comply with the requirements of subdivision (d), the executive officer shall determine that the request is incomplete. If a request is determined incomplete, the executive officer shall immediately transmit that determination to the requester, specifying those parts of the request that are incomplete and the manner in which they can be made complete. When the request is deemed complete, the executive officer shall place the request on the agenda of the next commission meeting for which adequate notice can be given but not more than 90 days from the date that the request is deemed complete.

(2) The commission shall approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the contract for new or extended services following the hearing at the commission meeting, as provided in paragraph (1). If the contract is disapproved or approved with conditions, the applicant may request reconsideration, citing the reasons for reconsideration.

(i) (1) The commission shall not approve an application for approval of a fire protection contract unless the commission determines that the public agency will have

sufficient revenues to carry out the exercise of the new or extended fire protection services outside its jurisdictional boundaries, except as specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The commission may approve an application for approval of a fire protection contract where the commission has determined that the public agency will not have sufficient revenue to provide the proposed new or different functions or class of services, if the commission conditions its approval on the concurrent approval of sufficient revenue sources pursuant to Section 56886. In approving a proposal, the commission shall provide that, if the revenue sources pursuant to Section 56886 are not approved, the authority of the public agency to provide new or extended fire protection services shall not be exercised.

(j) The commission shall not approve an application for approval of a fire protection contract unless the commission determines, based on the entire record, all of the following:

(1) The proposed exercise of new or extended fire protection services outside a public agency's jurisdictional boundaries is consistent with the intent of this division, including, but not limited to, the policies of Sections 56001 and 56300.

(2) The commission has reviewed the fiscal analysis prepared pursuant to subdivision (f).

(3) The commission has reviewed any testimony presented at the public hearing.

(4) The proposed affected territory is expected to receive revenues sufficient to provide public services and facilities and a reasonable reserve during the three fiscal years following the effective date of the contract or agreement between the public agencies to provide the new or extended fire protection services.

(k) At least 21 days prior to the date of the hearing, the executive officer shall give mailed notice of that hearing to each affected local agency or affected county, and to any interested party who has filed a written request for notice with the executive officer. In addition, at least 21 days prior to the date of that hearing, the executive officer shall cause notice of the hearing to be published in accordance with Section 56153 in a newspaper of general circulation that is circulated within the territory affected by the proposal proposed to be adopted and shall post the notice of the hearing on the commission's Internet Web site.

(l) The commission may continue from time to time any hearing called pursuant to this section. The commission shall hear and consider oral or written testimony presented by any affected local agency, affected county, or any interested person who appears at any hearing called and held pursuant to this section.

(m) This section shall not be construed to abrogate a public agency's obligations under the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1).

(Amended by Stats. 2016, Ch. 165, Sec. 1. (AB 2910) Effective January 1, 2017.)

PLACER COUNTY
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Electronic Transmittal

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Tracy Mendonsa
(City)

Rick Stephens
(Special District)

**ALTERNATE
COMMISSIONERS:**

Jim Holmes
(County)

William Kahrl
(Special District)

Jenny Knisley
(City)

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(Public)

COUNSEL:

Michael Walker
General Counsel

STAFF:

Michelle McIntyre
Executive Officer

Amy Engle
Commission Clerk

Date: February 27, 2024
To: Special District Presiding Officer c/o Clerk of the District
From: Michelle McIntyre
Re: Selection of a Special District Representative and Alternate

On January 17, 2024, LAFCO requested the Special Districts Presiding Officers consider nominating one or two special district board member(s) to serve as the Special District and Alternate Special District Representative on LAFCO.

We received several nominations for both seats within the deadline. Some nominees were nominated as the voting and alternate voting members. As a result, we ask you to complete the ballots in the following manner:

Regular Voting Special District Representative Ballot

- Choose one candidate only.

Alternate Special District Representative Ballot

- Choose your *first-choice* candidate by writing the number 1 next to their name.
- Choose your *second-choice* candidate by writing the number 2 next to their name.

We will count the ballots for the Special District Representative before tallying the votes for the alternate voting member seat. We will only use your second-choice candidate for the Alternate Representative if your first choice was selected as the regular voting member.

To be considered valid, ballots must be signed by the presiding officer of a special district, or another board member designated by the board. Ballots from a quorum of the Special Districts must be received for the election to be valid, and the person receiving the most votes for each seat shall be appointed. This memo contains ballots and any submitted Statement of Qualifications from the candidates.

Please return completed ballots via email to lafco@placer.ca.gov no later than **Friday, April 26, 2024, at 4 pm.**

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Ballot: Selection of Regular Voting Special District Representative on LAFCO

Please choose one candidate:

_____ **H. Gordon Ainsleigh, Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Director**

Nominated by:
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District

_____ **Joshua Alpine, Placer County Water Agency Director**

Nominated by:
North Tahoe Public Utility District
Placer County Water Agency
Tahoe City Public Utility District

_____ **Peter Gilbert, Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District Trustee**

Nominated by:
Placer Mosquito & Vector Control District

_____ **Richard Hercules, Foresthill Fire Protection District President**

Nominated by:
Foresthill Fire Protection District

_____ **William Kahrl, Newcastle Fire Protection District President**

Nominated by:
Newcastle Fire Protection District
Penryn Fire Protection District
Placer Hills Fire Protection District

_____ **Luke Ragan, North Tahoe Fire Protection District Vice President**

Nominated by:
North Tahoe Fire Protection District

_____ **Teresa Ryland, South Placer Fire Protection District Director**

Nominated by:
South Placer Fire Protection District

Name of Special District: _____

Presiding Officer Printed Name

Presiding Officer Signature

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Ballot: Selection of Alternate Special District Representative on LAFCO

Please choose two candidates, numbering your first choice 1 and second choice 2.
Your second choice will be counted in the event your first choice is voted in as the
LAFCO Special District Regular Voting Member.

_____ **H. Gordon Ainsleigh, Auburn Area Recreation and Park District Director**
Nominated by:
Auburn Area Recreation and Park District

_____ **Joshua Alpine, Placer County Water Agency Director**
Nominated by:
Placer Hills Fire Protection District

_____ **Judy Friedman, Tahoe City Public Utility District Director**
Nominated by:
Alpine Springs Community Water District
North Tahoe Public Utility District
Placer County Water Agency
Tahoe City Public Utility District

_____ **William Kahrl, Newcastle Fire Protection District President**
Nominated by:
Penryn Fire Protection District

_____ **Luke Ragan, North Tahoe Fire Protection District Vice President**
Nominated by:
North Tahoe Fire Protection District

_____ **Teresa Ryland, South Placer Fire Protection District Director**
Nominated by:
Newcastle Fire Protection District
South Placer Fire Protection District

Name of Special District: _____

Presiding Officer Printed Name

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Statement of Qualifications
Regular and Alternate Candidate
Gordon Ainsleigh

I am Gordon Ainsleigh, 20-year Board Member of Auburn Recreation District. It has been my fortune, debatably good or bad, to have been president of two boards of directors at a time of crisis.

One was with Midway Heights County Water District in the late 1980s, when the EPA chose us as the first-in-the-nation community water district to attack, and force into chlorination. So in spite of the fact that the head of the National Cancer Institute had recently bragged about the new science showing that chlorinated water caused bowel and bladder cancer, and in spite of our Board's stance that we wanted to pursue ozonization for clean water, the Court went with the statement of the California State Health Officer that chlorinated water did not cause cancer, and we were forced to comply, trading the present giardia risk for a future bowel and bladder cancer risk. Our two small victories were that the EPA started with a proposed \$500,000 fine, and we maneuvered them down to \$37,500, and that we found a way to get the chlorinated water lines installed for less than half of the government-recommended approach, on a time-payment plan that was easy for our customers. It was a tempestuous time. I had taken the Presidency when the hall was full of angry customers, our past president was being unjustly prosecuted, and no one else was willing to sit behind the microphone. I changed the way meetings were handled, and two months later we had a peaceful nearly-empty hall, and could get on with business.

When I got elected to ARD, our organization was the least-trusted and most criticized special district in the Auburn Area. I was the only one who saw what the problem was. ARD had gone through 4 nightmare District Administrators in 10 years. All were wizards at resumes and interviews, but were either inept or dishonest, or both, at managing our recreation district. I also saw what no one else saw: that Placer High School District and Sierra College had also prospered as long as they hired people from within who had proven they were trustworthy and talented; but when they did a national search to get THE BEST, disaster struck. Sierra College paid out \$600,000 to a female librarian who had been bullied by their new wonder administrator, and Placer High School District had to pass a \$23,000,000 local bond to pay for the new high school in Foresthill, because their wonder administrator had deliberately not applied for 1994 State School Bond money that would have built Foresthill High School. Why? Because Mr Wonderful needed passage of a local bond in his resume to get the top job at wealthy Acalanes HSD, which pays twice as much as Placer HSD, and require superintendents with a proven record of bond passage, who can persuade their wealthy citizens in Orinda and Moraga and Lafayette to pass the many bonds and parcel taxes that support their elite school system. I saw that we had to hire from within, and that we had a bright, hard-working, honest young man with a degree in Recreation Management from Northern Colorado University named Kahl Muscott who could save us from disaster. For two month in a row, the rest of the ARD Board ridiculed me because Kahl didn't have the experience. Finally, I got together with the consultant who was doing the nationwide search, and we came up with a plan: hire the new Wonder Administrator for 6 months to teach Kahl how to do the job. Our new wonder administrator was so good that he left after 3 months to build a park from the ground up at decommissioned El Toro Marine Airbase, but Kahl knew enough by then to carry on. And ARD is now a model of success among special districts.

It seems likely that LAFCO could use a person like me on the Board, to see the problems that others don't see, and to formulate solutions that others don't comprehend. That's what I have done, repeatedly. My priorities are simple: to make sure that every LAFCO decision benefits the quality of life of the people who can be affected by that decision.

Joshua Alpine

District 5 Director, Placer County Water Agency | Special District Member, Placer LAFCo

Joshua Alpine is the District 5 Director for Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), where he oversees the Agency's vital efforts to provide an affordable, reliable, and sustainable water supply to the people, environment, and economy of Placer County and the region.

Joshua currently serves on the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission (Commission); he was elected in 2016 to represent Special Districts. He also served on the Commission from 2011-2012, including a term as Chair representing the City of Colfax.

As current President of the Board of Directors for Project GO, Inc., Joshua is engaged in providing affordable housing and energy efficiency programs for low- and moderate-income working families and senior citizens in our area.

Joshua recently served on the Placer County Economic Development Board and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board, serving as Chair of ACWA's Region 3 Board from 2015-2023 (Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, and Tuolumne Counties). He also serves from time to time as a member of numerous other committees and task forces.

Prior to serving as a Director for PCWA, Joshua served on the Colfax City Council from 2003-2012, including two terms as Mayor. During that time, he was very involved in wastewater, regional water, and land planning issues.

Joshua works effectively with elected officials and agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, including the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Water Resources Control Board, developing solutions to water and land use policies that affect our region. At the federal level, he has worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development.

Joshua has a B.S. in Information Systems Management and holds a California State Hydro Power System Operator certification. He worked as a Hydro System Operator from 2003-2009 for Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) operating the Bear, South Yuba, and the American Middle Fork river systems; he is currently a Lead System Operator for PG&E's electric transmission system. Joshua is also a member of the Placer County Historical Society and Colfax Lions Club. Joshua lives in Colfax.

Judy Friedman
Director, Tahoe City Public Utility District
Candidate for Placer County LAFCO Special District Alternate Seat

Judy Friedman has been a full-time resident of Tahoe City, located in the unincorporated area of Placer County, for over 50 years.

Friedman was elected to the Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) Board of Directors in 2008 and is currently serving her 4th publicly elected term. In addition to serving as a director for TCPUD, Friedman has served a variety of community organizations over the years, both as a volunteer and Board member. She is currently the President of Sierra Senior Services and is a small-business owner. Friedman has experience in both the public and private sectors and appreciates the fiduciary responsibility that comes with the office she seeks.

In her role as a public servant, Friedman makes decisions based on sound financial principles and respect for the needs and concerns of residents and the business community.

There has been tremendous growth in Placer County. LAFCO is charged with helping identify ways to organize, simplify, and streamline government and make sure that services are provided efficiently and economically. That requires thoughtful and creative solutions and well-informed decision makers.

Tahoe City was a small town in the '70s. The issues were modest, and the quality of life was hard to beat. As Placer County continues to grow, Friedman believes we need to work hard to balance quality of life while meeting growing service challenges. Friedman is fully committed to serving the citizens of Placer County in this effort, in a collaborative and transparent manner.

Judy Friedman is asking for your support to serve as Special District Alternate Commissioner and appreciates the trust that comes with your vote.

PETER GILBERT

peter-gilbert@sbcglobal.net

Current Chair, Lincoln Planning Commission

Former Councilman/Mayor. City of Lincoln

Former Councilman/Mayor. City of Foster City

Current Board Member, Placer County Mosquito & Vector Control District

Former President/Treasurer, Lincoln Hills Comm. Assoc.

Current member Lincoln Hills Foundation, Board of Directors

Former member Placer County Grand Jury

Former President – League of California Cities Peninsula Division

33 Cities in San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

Former Chair, San Mateo County Criminal Justice Council

San Francisco State University – Speech Major -Radio/TV

U S Army Intelligence Corp. Sgt., E-6 Honorable Discharge

San Mateo County Safety Man of the Year for efforts funding a major highway project. (92/101 highway interchange)

Executive management experience. I have managed groups as large as 5,000 employees.

Statement of Qualifications for Election to Placer LAFCO

Richard Hercules, President, Foresthill Fire Protection District

The Opportunity for Placer County

It is certain that the special districts within Placer County will have new challenges in their opportunities and manner in which they provide unique services to the public. These serviced communities need to be bound together to develop organizational solutions for the County. These may be that is different than what exists, but again, to the benefit of the public. New state laws will also affect those districts, governments, and their purposes.

Placer County has been affected by the increased rate of development in most all areas. Special districts will be affected, but are largely managed by elected volunteers and staff that focus on the operations of that district. It is apparent that there are separations between the larger urban districts and the more remote districts, but some effort is expected to better align these groups for the issues of the County. LAFCO, with staff and support from Placer County officials, the special district volunteers and local city officials, can evaluate impacts of growth and development on these districts and urban communities and effect change. Appropriately, citizens of Placer County have expectations of services at many levels, particularly those funded by property taxes and assessment measures.

My Background

Much of my career in private industry was the development, operation of new businesses and organizations to deliver a service or product to a wide range of users. In almost all cases, my skills in these efforts required knowledge in long term planning, policy development, defined organizational structure, and legislative and financial management. Accordingly, conflict resolution and the need to manage negotiations for those opportunities is part of that environment. Further, my experience in mergers and acquisitions has broadened my perspectives in finding solutions beneficial to those parties involved, however disparate.

I have many strengths to work and balance improvements of these services through separation, consolidations or restructuring. While these activities are within the purview of LAFCO, I would apply the reality of the needs of the County and its citizens. In the last 5 years of my work with the Foresthill Fire Protection District board, I can offer that the district is better managed in this period than some of its previous history, and with better engagement and appreciation by the community it serves. This is the type of energy and commitment I would apply to this appointment. I look forward to discuss and understand the particular issues your district is experiencing. I can be reached through the Fire District web site or by telephone.

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
PLACER LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
WILLIAM KAHRL**

My name is Bill Kahrl. For the last 24 years, my wife Kathleen and I have been working together with local community leaders, business owners, elected officials, friends and neighbors to protect and, where possible, to enhance the quality of life we all enjoy in Placer County.

In that connection, I am just beginning my fourth term as President of the Newcastle Fire Protection District. We've accomplished a lot. In 2023, we opened the new fire station in Newcastle that had been delayed for more than ten years. And we're enjoying considerable success with the Joint Operating Agreement we negotiated with the Penryn and Placer Hills Fire Protection Districts. As a result, we have been able to reduce the administrative costs for all three districts while at the same time improving service, reducing response times, while enhancing overall fire safety throughout central Placer.

It's not just the taxpayers who benefit. These improvements mean more opportunities for training and advancement for our firefighters and a better chance that all the communities we serve will be able to meet the increasing demands of the future.

I believe that closer cooperation, practical coordination, and innovative efficiency are essential to ensure that all our special districts will be able to continue delivering the quality of service the public has come to expect. The Placer LAFCO can be the key to making that happen. But it will require leadership. And it will require better communications among the special districts represented on the commission.

I have a long and detailed familiarity with how the LAFCO process works – and where it can sometimes fall short. In my professional life in government and business, I have worked for Democrats and Republican leaders, held key positions on the staff of the Governor and the Speaker of the Assembly, and advised several of California's major corporations as well as its largest water districts and forestry companies. As a journalist, award-winning editor and author, I've been able to focus on several of the state's major natural resource issues. Some of my proudest accomplishments in this area include the creation of the California Wild and Scenic River System, the acquisition of Point Reyes National Seashore, the preservation of Headwaters National Forest, and initiating the creation of the conservation easement that now protects more than 80,000 acres of pristine coastal lands around Hearst Castle.

The point is, I know how to get things done. And, with respect, I would like to ask for your support so that I can continue working on behalf of all our special districts on Placer LAFCO. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the issues your district is facing, please do not hesitate to call me at 916-663-0785.

William Kahrl, President
Newcastle Fire Protection District
Board of Directors

Statement of Qualifications
Regular and Alternate Candidate
Luke Ragan

Luke Thomas Ragan
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My name is Luke Thomas Ragan. My family is fifth generation Tahoe City. I currently serve on the North Tahoe Fire Protection District Board. I have been the Vice President on that Board for the past four years and have served on the Board since 2016. I also serve on the Boards for North Tahoe Little League and the Tahoe City Recreation Association. I am currently the President of Pacific Built, Inc. and sole owner of Ragan Snow Removal in Tahoe City. I graduated from North Tahoe High School and am currently the head junior varsity football coach and work with the varsity team as well.

I am interested in this position to make a difference and protect the interests in Placer County. I appreciate your consideration to be nominated for a seat on the Placer County LAFCO Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

STATEMENT OF NOMINEE FOR
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Name: Teresa R Ryland, CPA, CFE

Special District: South Placer Fire Protection District

I am excited with this opportunity to serve the County on the LAFCO. This committee work would capitalize on my extensive experience in serving government agencies in Placer and allow for future decisions and conversations that benefit all residents of the County.

I have lived in South Placer for 34 years and am proud to have served as a South Placer Fire Protection District Director for over a decade. Through strategic planning, careful budgeting, and efficient operating practices we have been able to maximize our funding, thereby continuing to provide top notch service. I am committed to working with all agencies in the County to assure our strong, continued operation in support of our community and the entire County.

Professionally, I have spent 37 years working with and for California public agencies in planning, finance and facilities arenas, including the last 20 as a local, small business owner in Placer County. My business has involved working with most of the school districts in the County, several cities, the County of Placer, PCWA and of course fire districts.

I served on the fire board as we worked with Loomis Fire on an administrative and support MOU, then through the actual consolidation of the two districts. I am currently working with two other counties' LAFCOs (school district version) -- Los Angeles and Sacramento county - as we work through potential school district unification projects.

It would be an honor to represent SPFD on the Placer County LAFCO.