



NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

9350 OLD STATE HIGHWAY, NEWCASTLE, CA 95658

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

NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING and AGENDA

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 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:** March 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
4. **BILL APPROVAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT:** March/April 2026
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
 - (B) Operations
 - (C) Prevention
8. **SIERRA NEVADA FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 3800 REPORT**
9. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - (A) Building Committee: Fire station (Director Bettencourt and Director Lee).
 - (B) Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee (Chair Heisterkamp and Director Elder).
10. **INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - (A) Status on Placer County Local Hazard Mitigation update for 2026 & CWPP
Community Wildfire Prevention Plan
11. **ACTION ITEMS REQUIRE A VOTE BY ROLL CALL**
 - (A) Consider a request from William and Judith Dawson to exempt Measure B & F for their property – APN 031-073010-000
 - (B) Consider and approve a selection process for the board members of the reorganized Placer Hills and Newcastle Fire Protection District
 - (C) Consider and vote for the Special District Representative on the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission
12. **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**
13. **MEETING ADJOURNED:**

Next Board meeting: May 20, 2026

Newcastle Fire Protection District is committed to accommodate individuals with disabilities to participate in the public meeting process. If you have a special need to attend or participate in our public meetings, please contact our office at (530) 878-0405, in advance of the regular meeting so that we may make every reasonable effort to accommodate you.

NEWCASTLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
March 18, 2026
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairman Heisterkamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Chief Gow led the flag salute.
- c. All directors were present except Director Lee.
- d. Chief Gow, BC Williamson and Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (4/0).

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Secretary Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (4/0).

4. Approval of Financial Report

- a. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the financial report as presented by Chief Gow. Chairman Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (4/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None

6. Public Comment

- a. Jennifer – Attended the recent MAC meeting. There was discussion about the recent garage fire where solar batteries burned. A firefighter was sent to the hospital.
 - i. Captain Hicks and Engineer McCoy were on that call and reported that they are okay, but that this was a very hazardous situation.
- b. Jon Anacker –
 - i. Reported that he missed the LAFCO meeting in February where the vote to approve the merger with Placer Hills Fire was taken. He attended the March meeting and thanked the commission for approving the merger.
 - ii. He attended the Q & A meeting hosted by the Newcastle Community Association. He thanked the crews that were in attendance to answer questions.
 - iii. Great job by Chairman Heisterkamp regarding the letter published in the Auburn Journal about the benefits of the merger with Placer Hills Fire.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Having frequent meetings with command staff. The agreement for shared services with Auburn City Fire is working out well.
 - ii. Western Placer County Fire Chiefs Association (WPFCA):
 - 1. There is new cooperation with Cal Fire and South Placer Fire (SPL) as both agencies have new Fire Chiefs.
 - 2. The current discussions center around communications. There are currently five dispatch centers in the county. This is a complex issue and will not be easy to address.
 - 3. The county chiefs are talking with American Medical Response (AMR) about the future of ambulance service in Placer County.
 - iii. The plan is to complete the Engineer/Paramedic hiring process on Friday (3/20).
- b. BC Williamson provided the Fire Marshal report:
 - i. SFD Plans in 0
 - ii. Hydro/Rough Inspection (SFD) 0
 - iii. SFD Final 1
 - iv. Defensible Space Inspection 0
 - v. LPG 1
- c. BC Williamson provided the Operations report:
 - i. 820 calls for service in 2025.
 - ii. Aid given to other agencies: 208

- iii. Aid received: 46
- iv. The bathroom repair project is complete.
- v. VC Bettencourt reported that after a little over two years, both shower pans in the station cracked. Staff ripped everything out. It was discovered that the holes for the drains had been cut larger than they needed to be so the shower pans cracked over the openings. The plumber came back and repaired the drain openings. The showers were upgraded to tile. VC Bettencourt is trying to recover the cost of the original pans. We will never recover the labor costs. The cost of the shower repair/upgrades: \$1,645.91.

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. Engineer McCoy reported that he and Captain Shaw have attended two events regarding the merger with PHF. The events went well with a lot of good discussions.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.
 - i. Covered in 7. c.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 - i. No report.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Board to discuss the progress of the reorganization and the LAFCO process for Newcastle and Placer Hills Fire Protection Districts.
 - i. Chief Gow re-capped the process up to now.
 - ii. There is one more week in the protest period.
- b. Status on Placer County Local Hazardous Mitigation update for 2026.
 - i. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi reporting:
 - 1. The plan will be going to the public for review on March 23rd.
 - 2. The public meeting date is TBD.
 - 3. The process should be completed in October or November 2026.
 - 4. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) survey is currently available on the district's website.

11. Action Items

- a. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 Review and accept the state mandated annual fire inspection report for 2025.
 - i. BC Williamson reviewed the report.
 - ii. Director Elder made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 as presented. Secretary Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- b. Consider and approve the second reading of an addendum to the Wellness and Fitness Program Policy.
 - i. Chief Gow reported that no changes have been made since the first reading.
 - ii. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the second reading of the addendum to the Wellness and Fitness Program Policy as presented. Director Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- c. Consider and accept a proposal for the renewal of the district's insurance policy with CalMutuals JPRIMA for April 1, 2026 – April 1, 2027.
 - i. DM Armstrong reported that there has been a 9% increase in the premium. The renewal premium is \$48,246.00.
 - ii. The board discussed the fact that when the merger with PHF is completed, the policy will be cancelled and there should be a pro-rated refund of the premium.
 - iii. Director Elder made a motion to accept the proposal by CalMutuals JPRIMA for April 1, 2026 – April 1, 2027, at a cost of \$48,246.00. Chairman Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).
- d. Consider and approve the audit for fiscal year 2024-2025 as prepared by Smith & Newell CPAs.
 - i. Chairman Heisterkamp reported that the audit looks good and there were no issues that require action.

- ii. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the audit as presented for fiscal year 2024-2025 prepared by Smith & Newell CPAs. Chairman Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (4/0).

12. Director's Reports

- a. VC Bettencourt congratulated Chief Gow on being inducted into the California Fire Chiefs Association Hall of Fame for 2025.
- b. Chairman Heisterkamp asked that a discussion item be placed on the April agenda for the appointment of two Newcastle board members to the new "merged" Placer Hills Fire board.

13. Chairman Heisterkamp adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary

Approved

**Newcastle Fire General Fund
Revenue and Expense Report
Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

	Jul 1, '25 - Apr 2, 26	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
REVENUE			
Property Taxes			
40010 Current Secured Property	189,409.78	344,474.00	55.0%
40040 Railroad Unitary Property	186.28	339.00	54.9%
40050 Unitary Property	4,754.63	8,645.00	55.0%
40060 Current Unsecured	7,237.77	7,550.00	95.9%
40090 Delinquent Unsecured	93.85	0.00	100.0%
40100 Current Supplemental Prop	3,549.21	7,515.00	47.2%
40110 Delinquent Supplemental	6.70	0.00	100.0%
Total Property Taxes	205,238.22	368,523.00	55.7%
40180 Other Taxes			
40180 Other Taxes Measure B	221,637.80	402,978.00	55.0%
40180 Other Taxes Measure F	125,458.04	227,607.00	55.1%
Total 40180 Other Taxes	347,095.84	630,585.00	55.0%
42010 Investment Income	6,511.44	10,000.00	65.1%
44350 State Homeowners Relief	837.96	1,643.00	51.0%
46090 Planning, pre-development	249.90	0.00	100.0%
46350 Fire Services			
Fire Recovery	410.45	2,500.00	16.4%
Strike Team deployments	11,470.33	50,000.00	22.9%
JOA staffing	26,470.12	0.00	100.0%
Total 46350 Fire Services	38,350.90	52,500.00	73.0%
46360 Other Fees and Charges			
Fire Code Compliance Inspection	4,125.00	7,500.00	55.0%
Total 46360 Other Fees and Charges	4,125.00	7,500.00	55.0%
47010 Donations	20.00	0.00	100.0%
48030 Miscellaneous	370.50	200.00	185.3%
49030 Proceeds asset sale	9,000.00	9,000.00	100.0%
Total REVENUE	611,799.76	1,079,951.00	56.7%
46360 Fuel Reimbursement	1,921.71	15,000.00	12.8%
Total Income	613,721.47	1,094,951.00	56.1%
Expense			
EXPENSES			
55510 Operating Transfer Out	11,921.05	59,413.00	20.1%
52030 Fire Protective clothing	3,166.52	5,000.00	63.3%
52040 Communication Services	0.00	500.00	0.0%
52060 Station/Household Expense	353.30	3,500.00	10.1%
52080 General Liability Ins	20,035.50	44,177.00	45.4%
52160 Equipment Maintenance	6,321.12	18,500.00	34.2%
52440 SC3460 Engine Rental	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
52170 Fuels & Lubricants	13,689.98	25,000.00	54.8%
52380 Building maintenance	4,455.52	3,000.00	148.5%

Newcastle Fire General Fund
Revenue and Expense Report
Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Jul 1, '25 - Apr 2, 26	Budget	% of Budget
52220 Gases, medical	1,720.94	3,500.00	49.2%
52260 Miscellaneous Expense	2,050.39	1,000.00	205.0%
52330 General Office	1,615.75	1,500.00	107.7%
52360 Special Services			
Parcel Tax preparation	2,000.00	2,000.00	100.0%
SC2820 Personnel/policies	4,534.22	4,500.00	100.8%
SC2840 Parcel collection charge	6,297.43	6,306.00	99.9%
SC2860 Prop Tax Admin costs	6,086.17	6,086.00	100.0%
SC2880 Admin Services	92,135.00	184,270.00	50.0%
SC2900 Audit Costs	0.00	6,750.00	0.0%
SC3070 LAFCO fees	1,405.23	1,530.00	91.8%
Total 52360 Special Services	112,458.05	211,442.00	53.2%
52370 Professional Services	13,511.28	11,500.00	117.5%
52390 County Services	6,219.59	6,220.00	100.0%
52460 Small Tools, Accessories	53.62	2,000.00	2.7%
52570 Publications Legal Notice	104.27	150.00	69.5%
52580 Special District Expense	935.00	3,900.00	24.0%
52800 Utilities	23,894.10	38,950.00	61.3%
53190 Taxes and Assessments	8.43	0.00	100.0%
Total EXPENSES	222,514.41	442,252.00	50.3%
54450 Fixed Assets Equipment	26,684.83	26,232.00	101.7%
Payroll Expenses			
51010 Salaries & Wages	301,145.07	485,255.00	62.1%
51030 Extra Help	3,856.26	5,250.00	73.5%
51040 Overtime Call Back	135,752.90	100,000.00	135.8%
51220 Payroll Tax	34,784.71	51,190.00	68.0%
51310 Employee Group Insurance	55,431.58	76,500.00	72.5%
51360 Workers Comp Insurance	35,503.50	49,954.00	71.1%
Total Payroll Expenses	566,474.02	768,149.00	73.7%
Total Expense	815,673.26	1,236,633.00	66.0%
Net Income	-201,951.79	-141,682.00	142.5%

Newcastle Fire General Fund
Check Detail
March 14 through April 2, 2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
03/18/2026	Nationwide Retirement Solutions		Placer County	
03/18/2026			Payroll Liabilities	-2,000.00
			51310 Employee Group Insurance	-2,276.92
TOTAL				-4,276.92
03/26/2026	Hunt and Sons		Placer County	
03/26/2026			52170 Fuels & Lubricants	-1,345.07
TOTAL				-1,345.07
03/26/2026	Kaiser		Placer County	
03/26/2026			51310 Employee Group Insurance	-2,710.66
TOTAL				-2,710.66
03/26/2026	Matt McCoy		Placer County	
03/26/2026		Boot purchase	52030 Fire Protective clothing	-424.97
TOTAL				-424.97
03/26/2026	Principal Life		Placer County	
03/26/2026			51310 Employee Group Insurance	-243.75
TOTAL				-243.75
03/26/2026	SPMUD		Placer County	
03/26/2026			Sewer	-654.88
TOTAL				-654.88
03/26/2026	United Healthcare		Placer County	
03/26/2026			51310 Employee Group Insurance	-124.40
TOTAL				-124.40

Newcastle Fire Development Fees

Revenue & Expense

July 1, 2025 through April 2, 2026

	<u>Jul 1, '25 - Apr 2...</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
Income Mitigation Fees			
42010 Investment Income	454.54	1,000.00	45.5%
46440 Mitigation Fees	96,224.88	50,000.00	192.4%
Total Income Mitigation Fees	96,679.42	51,000.00	189.6%
Total Income	96,679.42	51,000.00	189.6%
Expense			
Operating Transfer Out	88,947.30	84,600.00	105.1%
Total Expense	88,947.30	84,600.00	105.1%
Net Income	7,732.12	-33,600.00	-23.0%

Newcastle Fire - USDA
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2025 through April 2, 2026

	<u>Jul 1, '25 - Apr 2, 26</u>
Income	
42010 Investment Income	1,879.93
49080 Operating Transfer In	100,868.35
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Total Income	102,748.28
Expense	
53060 Bond Interest	82,210.50
Bond Principal	62,000.00
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Total Expense	144,210.50
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Net Income	-41,462.22
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DIRECTORS: Lawrence Battencourt, John Burns, Jansita Elder, James Helsterkamp, Roger Lee
Fire Chief Ian Gee

Measure B/Measure F Appeal Form

Please complete the following information and send to Newcastle Fire Protection District, PO Box 350, Meadow Vista, CA 95722 or email to admin@placerrhillsfire.org. Attach a copy of your property tax bill for the parcel assessment that you are appealing. If you have fully paid this assessment, please attach a document showing that your tax bill is fully paid. All appeals will be addressed at the next regular meeting of the Newcastle Fire District's Board of Directors. For more information call (530) 878-0405.

Taxpayer(s) Name: WILLIAM K & JUDITH A. DAWSON
Mailing Address: 6690 CHAPARRAL LANE, NEWCASTLE, CA 95658
Parcel Site Address: _____
Phone Number: (916) 316 - 5623 Email: JARLENE DAWSON@gmail.com
Appeal Date 3/16/2026 Parcel Number(s) 031-073-010-000
Combined Parcel Number (if applicable) _____
Tax Year 25/26 Taxes Paid yes / no
Reason why you are appealing the measure(s):

This 2 acre, undeveloped parcel has no water. We had three wells drilled without success.


It does have a pump house to pump MID irrigation water for our landscape and Fire Protection.

We can't sell this parcel because a buyer would fence it off, keeping us from being able to maintain our pump.

There is no good building site and we have no plan to change the status of this parcel.

Signed William K. Dawson Judith A. Dawson Date 3/16/2026

PLACER COUNTY 2025-2026 SECURED PROPERTY TAX BILL
 FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026
TRISTAN BUTCHER, TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
 2976 RICHARDSON DRIVE, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603-2640
 (530) 889-4120 • 1-888-888-5218 • www.placer.ca.gov/tax

ASSESSMENT NUMBER	TAX RATE AREA	FEE PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY INFORMATION
031-073-010-000	078-180	031-073-010-000	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION / SITUS ADDRESS: 2 A FR SEC 10 12 7
 *****AUTO**SCH 5-DIGIT 96658 1161 20540 DAWSON WILLIAM K & JUDITH A TRUSTEES 6690 CHAPARRAL LN NEWCASTLE CA 95658-9477			ASSESSED OWNER AS OF JANUARY 1st DAWSON WILLIAM K & JUDITH A TRUSTEES
			MESSAGE AREA

QUESTIONS?	ASSESSED VALUES, PROPOSITION 13 TAXES AND EXEMPTIONS					
PAYMENT INFORMATION		ASSESSED VALUE	X	TAX RATE	=	COUNTYWIDE TAXES
(530) 889-4120	LAND	10,774				
EVALUATION & EXEMPTION						
(530) 889-4300	NET TAXABLE VALUE	10,774		1.000000		\$107.74
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	VOTER APPROVED TAXES, TAXING AGENCY DIRECT CHARGES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS					
(530) 889-4173	35250	Serra Co SFID #4 B&I 2012 Series A	10,774	0.002160		0.23
(530) 889-4173	35390	Serra Co SFID #4 B&I 2012 Series B	10,774	0.002729		0.29
(530) 889-4173	35270	Serra Co SFID #4 B&I 2012 Series C	10,774	0.003409		0.34
(530) 889-4173	35405	Placer Union HS District B&I 1999 Measure W	10,774	0.002206		0.22
(530) 889-4173	35470	Col Oro High Campus B&I 2018 A SFID #2	10,774	0.008685		0.92
(530) 889-4173	35471	Col Oro High Campus B&I 2018 B SFID #2	10,774	0.009463		1.00
(530) 273-5187	59700	Placer Mosquito & Vector Control		DIRECT CHARGE		6.55
(530) 878-0405	70400	Newcastle Fire Measure F 1997		DIRECT CHARGE		105.35
(530) 878-0405	70401	Newcastle Fire Measure B 2012		DIRECT CHARGE		156.10
VOTER APPROVED TAXES, TAXING AGENCY DIRECT CHARGES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TOTAL						\$310.80

FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2025 **\$209.27**

SECOND INSTALLMENT DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2026 **\$209.27**

TOTAL \$418.54

Track your expenses... Tax Deductible Item 1612
 Clothing Food Transportation
 Credit Card Utilities Mortgage
 Entertainment Insurance Other

Sep 22, 2025

PLACER Co TAX COLLECTOR

Four Hundred Eighteen and 54/100

031-073-010-000

THIS ITEM	418.54
BALANCE	
DEPOSIT	
OTHER	
BALANCE FORWARD	

NOT NEGOTIABLE



Electronic Transmittal

COMMISSIONERS

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Interim Executive
Officer

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Executive Officer

Amy Engle
Commission
Clerk/Analyst

March 20, 2026

TO: Independent Special District Presiding Officers
c/o District Clerk

FROM: Colette Santsche, Interim Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: Ballot Distribution and Voting Instructions: Special
District Appointment to Placer LAFCO**

Dear Presiding Officer,

On February 10, 2026, the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) initiated a call for nominations to fill a vacancy for one of the regular Special District Representatives on the Commission. The presiding officer (Board Chair/President) of each independent special district were invited to submit nominations for qualified special district board members to fill this open seat.

At the close of the nomination period, LAFCO received a total of eleven (11) nominations for three (3) candidates, as summarized below:

Judy Friedman, Director, Tahoe City Public Utility District

Nominated by:

- North Tahoe Fire Protection District
- North Tahoe Public Utility District
- Northstar Community Service District
- Olympic Valley Public Service District
- Penryn Fire Protection District
- Placer Hills Fire Protection District
- Tahoe City Public Utility District
- Truckee Tahoe Airport District
- Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency

**Ross Hutchings, Director, Placer Mosquito and Vector Control
District**

Nominated by:

- Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District

Selection of Special District Representative

March 20, 2026

Jennifer Knisley, Director, Newcastle Rocklin Gold Hill Cemetery District

Nominated by:

- Newcastle Rocklin Gold Hill Cemetery District

All three candidates are listed on the attached ballot. Also included in your packet for review are the statements of qualifications received by LAFCO. Please note that submitting a statement was optional and we have included the two that were provided.

Voting Instructions

- **Ballot Completion:** Please complete the attached ballot, clearly indicating your selection.
- **Authorized Signature:** To be valid, ballots must be signed by the district's presiding officer, or the presiding officer's alternate as designated by the governing body.
- **Designation of Alternate:** If an alternate has been designated by the governing body, please include a copy of the official meeting minutes or minute order documenting this designation.
- **Quorum Requirement:** A minimum of 19 of the 37 independent special districts in Placer County must submit ballots for the election to be valid.
- **Election Outcome:** The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be appointed as the Special District Representative to LAFCO.

Submission Deadline

Please return your completed ballot via email to lafco@placer.ca.gov no later than Monday, May 4, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to ensuring that independent special districts remain effectively represented on the Commission. Should you have any questions, please contact our office at (530) 889-4097.

Sincerely,



Colette Santsche

Interim Executive Officer
Placer LAFCO



Ballot: Selection of Special District Representation on LAFCO

Please choose one candidate:

- Judy Friedman**, Tahoe City Public Utility District
- Ross Hutchings**, Placer Mosquito and Vector Control District
- Jennifer Knisley**, Newcastle Rocklin Gold Hill Cemetery District

Name of Special District: _____

Name of Presiding Officer: _____

Signature of Presiding Officer: _____

Date: _____

**Must be received by LAFCO via email at LAFCO@placer.ca.gov no
later than May 4, 2026 by 4pm**

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

I am running for re-election to the Special Districts seat on the LAFCO Board so I can continue representing yours and all the Special Districts in Placer County.

I have been a full-time resident of Tahoe City, located in the unincorporated area of Placer County, for over 50 years. I approach this position from the unique perspective of being an elected member of the of the Tahoe City Public Utility District Board of Directors, Clerk of the Board for the Tahoe City Cemetery District, and volunteer on the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District C.E.R.T. team.

There has been tremendous growth in Placer County. LAFCO is charged with identifying 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. We need to work hard to balance quality of life while meeting growing service challenges.

I am committed to representing the Special District's interests on the LAFCO Board, especially where they may differ from the county and city issues. Many of the communities throughout Placer County rely on special districts to serve our unique needs. It is essential that our concerns and interests be heard and addressed as LAFCO becomes more active in Placer County.

I ask for your vote to continue serving as Special District Commissioner and appreciate the trust that comes with your support.

Statement of Qualifications Placer County LAFCO

Jenny Knisley
4135 Hunters Drive
Loomis, CA 95650
Phone: 916-719-1132 - Email: Jenny4Loomis@gmail.com

March 17, 2026

Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

I am pleased to submit my application for the position of Special District Representative on the Placer County LAFCO. With experience serving as the Alternate City LAFCO Commissioner for the Town of Loomis and ongoing professional development through CALAFCO trainings and conferences, I am prepared to contribute effectively as a knowledgeable and engaged member of the Commission.

During my service as the Alternate City LAFCO Commissioner for the Town of Loomis, I maintained consistent attendance at LAFCO meetings and remained fully engaged in the Commission's work to ensure continuity and preparedness when called upon to serve. Through this experience, along with continued professional development at CALAFCO conferences and trainings, I have developed a strong understanding of LAFCO's role, responsibilities, and impact, and I am prepared to contribute effectively as a voting member of the Commission.

My current role as Special District Representative for the Newcastle, Rocklin, and Gold Hill Cemetery District, along with my service on committees such as the South Placer Fire Oversight Committee, has strengthened my experience in governance, fiscal oversight, and regional collaboration. I understand the importance of balanced representation and bring a practical, solutions-oriented approach to board service.

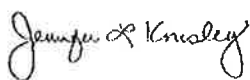
My broader public service background includes serving as Mayor and Council Member for the Town of Loomis, as well as Executive Director of the Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce. In these roles, I worked closely with a wide range of special districts, local agencies, and community stakeholders—building partnerships, supporting economic development, and advocating for thoughtful growth and service delivery.

I am well-versed in the Commission's strategic priorities, work plan, and budget. My professional career—balancing entrepreneurship, civic leadership, and nearly three decades of service with Soroptimist International—reflects a deep and ongoing commitment to community service and regional well-being.

My qualifications include leadership in developing the Loomis Leadership Program, an Economic Development Certificate (CALED), Institute for Organization Management certification, and completion of Leadership Rocklin and the Western Association of Chamber Executives Academy, along with key contributions to the rebuilding of the Loomis Library and Learning Center.

I am committed to representing all special districts with integrity, diligence, and a clear focus on the long-term interests of Placer County. I bring a strong work ethic, attention to detail, and a collaborative leadership style that prioritizes informed decision-making and regional success.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be honored to continue serving the residents and special districts of Placer County in this capacity.



Sincerely,

Jenny Knisley