

PLUMAS LAFCO MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, October 5, 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:01 a.m.

Present: John Larrieu, Kevin Goss, Terry Swofford, Phil Oels, John Hafen
Also Present: Jeffrey Greening, John Benoit
Absent: Sherrie Thrall, Michelle Gault

2. Approval of Agenda

John Benoit announced that Plumas LAFCo Counsel P. Scott Browne had a heart attack and therefore the training scheduled for today would be postponed. Agenda approved as printed for October 5, 2015.

3. Correspondence

The correspondence Benoit received is all included to be addressed during the meeting.

4. CONSENT ITEM(S)

a. Commissioner Oels moved and Vice-Chair Goss seconded to approve the August 10, 2015 minutes as submitted. Unanimous approval, motion carried.

5. Public Comment

Chair Larrieu opened the meeting for public comment. No public comments offered. Public comment period closed.

6. Authorize payment of Claims for August, 2015 and ratify claims for September, 2015

a. Commissioner Oels moved for the approval of the payment of August, 2015 claims and the ratification of August, 2015 claims. Vice-Chair Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried. Benoit states he still needs one receipt from Vice-Chair Goss for conference expenses.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 7. Public Hearing for the Sphere of Influence update for the Crescent Mills FPD and for fire services provided by the Indian Valley CSD and SOI update for services provided by the IVCSD. (Continued from February 9 and June 8, 2015). Consider request for continuance and meeting location change for December 14, 2015.**

John Benoit handed out a report that includes the fire sphere and the spheres for Indian Valley CSD. The difference between this and an annexation is that the commission is sending a signal that the commission would like to see a consolidation between the fire districts. Benoit received a request from the Indian Valley CSD asking LAFCo to meet in Indian Valley to consider this. Benoit states that LAFCo law does advise meeting in various locations throughout the county periodically to accommodate various groups of people. Benoit suggests the meeting on December 14th take place in Greenville as the Hamilton Branch SOI and Chester PUD SOI will be on the agenda. Commissioner Hafen questioned the “donut holes” on the map handed out by Benoit. Benoit advises that it’s not an issue as far as the fire SOI being as most of the “donut holes” are ranch and farm lands with very few structures. Water and sewer services might trigger a CIQA action though. Commissioner Hafen asked where the consolidation currently stands. Vice-Chair Goss responded that the boards are still discussing doing a JPA. Commissioner Swofford moved to approve the location change of the next meeting to the Greenville Town Hall and postpone this discussion until December 14th. Vice-Chair Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 8. Discussion regarding Healthcare districts in Plumas County: Commissioners Thrall and Greening – Continued**

Benoit advises that LAFCo is required to adopt an SOI for healthcare districts every other year. We can do a consolidated sphere that sends a signal that we would like to see a consolidation. Benoit says that because healthcare districts are so complex, we are not going to initiate a consolidation; we can encourage them and ask for an annual report. We can also put this on an agenda and follow up. Linda Wagner, CEO of the Seneca Healthcare District has been collaborating with Jeff Kepple, CEO of Plumas Healthcare District and other healthcare districts to provide consolidated services. She advises the future of healthcare in this area is out-patient care. Commissioner Hafen asked if LAFCo doing an SOI would have an effect. Linda says yes, but in an adverse way. She advises LAFCo allow the districts to continue their discussions. Sherrie Thrall has been present for the last two meetings, which has been helpful. Alternate Jeff Greening asked Linda to update LAFCo on how the discussions are proceeding. Linda states that new committees have been formed. Guy McNett from the Indian Valley Clinic

advises not to shake up the boards just yet, let the boards work as they understand the issue and are working toward a common goal. Commissioner Hafen asked if maybe it was time for LAFCo to push toward consolidation. Alternate Greening says that LAFCo pushing would be too much. Chair Larrieu asked to continue this discussion. Benoit reminded the board that LAFCo is supposed to adopt SOI's. The SOI's can be co-terminus with district boundaries. Benoit voiced a concern about allowing the discussions to continue given that they can take years. Alternate Greening asked LAFCo to leave the districts alone for a month or two. Benoit reminded the board that if the SOI is left alone it could be an issue with future annexations. Commissioner Hafen moved to continue this discussion until December 14th. Commissioner Swofford seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

9. Discussion regarding Consolidation of Cemetery Districts in Plumas County: Commissioner Hafen - Continued

Benoit recommends doing a combined SOI. Vice-Chair Goss states there is a meeting scheduled for tonight. On the agenda is an item to move from a three person board to a five person board. They seem to be functioning better now. Commissioner Hafen moved to postpone this discussion to the December 14th meeting.

10. Hamilton Branch and Walker Ranch CSD SOI report.

Benoit spoke with Mike at the CSD. When LAFCo adopted the sphere of influence for the Hamilton Branch CSD, it was overlapped with the Walker Ranch CSA. Benoit has changed the maps. A corrected map will be provided when we come to the sphere. Benoit anticipates a fairly smooth public hearing on December 14th. Walker Ranch provides water and sewer and Hamilton Branch provides water. Discussion continued until December 14th.

11. Review of the Calafco Annual Conference by those members attending.

Commissioner Oels attended the conference for the first time. He received lots of information and thought it was a great networking opportunity. Benoit spoke about groundwater service areas and the SIGMA act. Benoit says there is a test case in San Luis Obispo County. They formed a separate agency. Now it has to go to a vote for commission approval. The basic thesis of the whole presentation was "you can do what you want." In the Central Valley, LAFCo had a big role at first but then it changed to the county. LAFCo's need to be mindful of is that when agencies get into the minutiae of having a groundwater management system it'll be on the backs of the boards of supervisors. Benoit also attended a presentation on SOI's and planning areas called "Urban Growth Areas and LAFCo." Benoit says they fundamentally didn't understand the difference between an SOI and a planning area.

Executive Officer's Report

- a. CALAFCo tracks a bunch of legislation, one of which is SB 239 by Hertzberg which requires public agencies to receive approval from LAFCo, meaning LAFCo would need to consult with unions for fire agencies. Public agencies can now enter into agreements utilizing JPA's, with the JPA being the governing agency. That would be available for certain services only. Next year they're anticipating more drought bills, more discussion regarding Prop 218 and more discussions concerning transparency and re-development.
- b. Reminder about the Calafco Special District Management Class scheduled for today has been postponed and will be re-scheduled.

12. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

There were no Commissioner Reports to discuss.

13. Adjourn to the next LAFCO meeting – December 14, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Greenville Town Hall.

The next meeting will take place on December 14, 2015 at the Greenville Town Hall. Chair Larrieu adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.