

PLUMAS LAFCO MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, June 8, 2015
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
PLUMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
QUINCY, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:00 a.m.

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

2. Approval of Agenda

John Benoit asked to move item #10, Discussion regarding Healthcare districts in Plumas County: Commissioners Thrall and Greening to item #7A. Agenda approved with change for June 8, 2015.

3. Correspondence

Benoit received a preliminary letter with regard to the consolidations of water districts due to the new water restrictions and requirements. Jerry Sipe spoke briefly about it; any district not meeting the current Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's) should consider consolidating with districts that are able to meet those requirements. At this time, none of the districts in Plumas County fall within that spectrum.

4. CONSENT ITEM(S)

a. Vice-Chair Goss moved and Commissioner Oels seconded to approve the April 13, 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 May, 2015 and ratify claims for April, 2015

a. Commissioner Oels moved for the approval of the payment of May, 2015 claims and the ratification of April, 2015 claims. Vice-Chair Goss seconded. Unanimous approval; motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

7. **a) (Formerly item 10 on the agenda)**
Discussion regarding Healthcare districts in Plumas County: Commissioners Thrall and Greening.

Benoit had requested this item be discussed at 10:10 a.m. so that the hospital administrators could attend. Alternate Thrall says that Linda was not going to be able to attend, but Benoit was aware that Jeff Kepple had planned on attending. Benoit requested the item be tabled for the moment.

b) Service Review for Districts within Central Plumas County more or less including services provided by the Central Plumas Recreation and Park District, Crescent Mills Cemetery District, Crescent Mills Lighting District, Greenville Cemetery District, East Quincy Community Services District, Indian Valley Healthcare District, Indian Valley Recreation and Park District, Plumas Healthcare District, Quincy Community Services District, Quincy Lighting District, Quincy-LaPorte Cemetery District, Taylorsville Cemetery District, County Service Area 6 – Genesee Valley, and County Service Area 11 – Ambulance (continued from December 8, 2014, February 9, 2015 and April 13, 2015).

Dick Castaldini with the Quincy Services District told Benoit that the MSR was acceptable. Commissioner Hafen moved to adopt Resolution 2015-0001. Vice-Chair Goss seconded. Roll call vote taken; unanimous approval, motion carried.

8. **Public Hearing for the Sphere of Influence update for the Crescent Mills FPD and for fire services provided by the Indian Valley CSD (continued from February 9, 2015).**

Continued until the August 10th meeting.

9. **Public Hearing regarding the Final 2014-2015 LAFCo Budget and Work Program for 2015-2016.**

Benoit states there are no changes to the proposed budget. Chair Larrieu opened the floor for public comment. No comments offered; public comment period closed. Vice-Chair Goss moved to adopt Resolution 2015-0005, Final Budget for FY 2015-2016. Commissioner Hafen seconded. Roll call vote; unanimous approval, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

10. **Discussion regarding Healthcare districts in Plumas County: Commissioners Thrall and Greening (had been moved to item #7 on the agenda and delayed due to absence of Dr. Kepple).**

Alternate Thrall had requested this item be added to the agenda due to her concern about the financial health of our healthcare districts. She questioned whether LAFCo can assist with some type of consolidation; not so much the districts themselves, but the administration. Commissioner Hafen agrees with Alternate Thrall's concern. Alternate Greening had spoken with a board member of Plumas District Hospital; they've realized their administrative overhead is difficult to meet and have opted to share a CFO with another district. Tom Hayes, CEO of Eastern Plumas spoke regarding a possible consolidation. He says consolidations work, and cooperation works. Guy McNett, Chair for Indian Valley Healthcare District spoke about the hospital in Greenville closing and the impact it has had on the community. Greenville now has a health clinic in Greenville, which is functioning very well. Alternate Thrall volunteered to meet with the hospital to work on a consolidation. Tom Hayes reminded the LAFCo board that there isn't a lot of time to come to an agreement. Chair Larrieu agreed to start with Alternate Thrall's suggestion. Vice-Chair Goss requested to be included in the discussions with the hospital. Continued to the August 10th, 2015 meeting. Alternate Thrall will coordinate a meeting ASAP.

11. Discussion regarding Consolidation of Cemetery Districts in Plumas County: Commissioner Hafen.

Commissioner Hafen asked if there is anything LAFCo can do to move toward a consolidation of cemetery districts. Vice-Chair Goss has spoken with Taylorsville, Crescent Mills and Greenville about consolidating, and Taylorsville and Greenville seem to be back on track. Commissioner Swofford spoke about how well Eastern Plumas Cemetery District is working and they've already consolidated. Vice-Chair Goss says he'd prefer the consolidation comes from within the district itself, and not as a recommendation from LAFCo if at all possible. Benoit says LAFCo can help put together service plans, waive the consolidation fees and help with maps, etc. Commissioner Swofford asked if the consolidations would be in each area or countywide? Benoit says each area. Alternate Thrall reminded the board that the Grand Jury report will likely be coming out soon, and they may have recommendations as well. Discussion continued to the August 10th, 2015 meeting.

12. Special District's Risk Management Authority Election of Officers

Plumas LAFCo is a member of the Special District Risk Management Authority, therefore entitled to a vote. Benoit knows one of the candidates; she works for the Herlong Public Utility District in Lassen County. Benoit has enjoyed working with her on LAFCo issues. Benoit asked if Frank had any suggestions. The LAFCo board has no representation from special districts, so his recommendation was Sandy Seifert-Raffelson. Vice-Chair Goss moved to approve Resolution 2015-0006, voting for Sandy. Commissioner Swofford seconded. Roll call vote; unanimous approval, motion carried.

13. Authorize Commission and Staff to attend the Calafco Annual Workshop in Sacramento on September 2-4, 2015.

Benoit was instructed to register three people; himself, Commissioner Oels, and Chair Larrieu. Alternates will be Alternate Jeff Greening, Vice-Chair Goss and Commissioner Hafen.

14. Appoint voting member to vote on behalf of Plumas LAFCo at Calafco's Annual Conference.

Vice-Chair Goss nominated Chair Larrieu, with the second voting member to be Commissioner Oels.

15. Consider Nominations for Calafco Executive Board of Directors.

If the county member or alternate wishes to run for the Calafco Executive Board of Directors, they should attend the conference. No nominations.

16. Consider Nomination for Calafco's Achievement Awards.

No nominations.

Executive Officer's Report

- a. Benoit is expecting an application from the City of Portola any day.
- b. The application has been received from Plumas Rural Services for the annexation to East Quincy CSD. The maps were insufficient. Also there is a tax sharing agreement currently in Craig Settlemire's office.
- c. Dennis Clemens says there is a packet coming next week from the Quincy Volunteer Fire Department for the Chandler Road annexation.
- d. Benoit filed the Rohrbach annexation this morning.
- e. Benoit says there is a lot of legislation right now. Assemblyman Dodd from Napa County has a bill dealing with out of agency service agreements. Benoit says this is one of the real sticky things with LAFCo. It's pretty well defined that if you're going to have an out of agency service agreement then it has to be in anticipation of annexation or a health and safety concern. This has been reduced to a pilot program between Napa and Sonoma Counties. Benoit sat on the Calafco committee and voiced his opposition to it, as we have a remedy to providing services out of a district called an annexation. There is a series bills regarding vehicle license fee adjustments. VLF's were taken away from new incorporations that inhabited city annexations about 7 or 8 years ago. There were five cities in Riverside and San Bernardino County mostly that relied on the VLF revenue. Those cities are no longer receiving the VLF revenue. Hopefully there will be some resolution. Commissioner Hafen asked how the cities were able to get in on the VLF sharing. Benoit says the

state apportions vehicle license fee revenue based on the population. The account has been frozen though, so new incorporations or inhabited annexation, they don't get anything. Another bill is the Herzberg bill, who is the author of the LAFCo law ten years ago. Benoit says this pertains to a protracted annexation process for fire protection districts. What Calafco opposes is that it goes to LAFCo first and then the unions get to second guess LAFCo. This is a union-backed bill. Mostly it doesn't apply here, but if there are two agencies and they're merging them for example then a study has to be done on employee benefits so the union has a chance to approve or disapprove it. Benoit has been in touch with Frank about a best practices class for special districts. They tentatively thought about October 5th in the afternoon. Commissioner Hafen asked how the training sessions were going. Frank says they're going fairly well; they just completed the ethics and Brown Act training last month, and the 16th of this month is confined space training. August will be harassment training and best practices in October. Benoit spoke briefly about the appellate case about the tiered water rates being subject to the requirements of Prop 13. If you have a water company, if you use more water, they charge you more for the more water you use. This court has said no, you can't do that. This case is not published yet and it is being appealed to the Supreme Court, and it's in conflict with some other cases. This has sent a lot of water companies scrambling; how do you comply with Prop 218 and how to with their water rate structure. Commissioner Oels asked how they would pay their debt for their conservation efforts. Benoit says the case is not final yet.

17. Commissioner Reports – Discussion

Commissioner Hafen asked Jerry Sipe if there were any news on the state drought report. Sipe says they're in the same situation they were in last year. There's still lot of misinformation out there. The board is going to use their discretion about health and safety exemptions, etc. as there's nothing in the state law about it. Commissioner Hafen asked if there was any enforcement action in Plumas County. Sipe hadn't heard of any. Alternate Thrall says they did stress the importance of filling out the paperwork. Sipe confirmed and said they need to be sure to fill out their response and tell them why.

18. Adjourn to the next LAFCO meeting – August 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will take place on August 10, 2015. Chair Larrieu adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.