

TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

August 15, 2023

Trinity County Library Meeting Room
351 Main Street, Weaverville

MINUTES

HYBRID In-Person and Virtual Teleconference

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken. Votes are shown in abbreviated format when unanimous (Ayes-Noes-Abstain).

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A. Roll Call

Chair Carpenter-Harris called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Anna Burke, Heidi Carpenter-Harris, Dan Frasier, Jake Grossman-Crist, Andrew Johnson, Joseph Kasper and Alternate Commissioner Todd Corbett.

Members absent: Commissioner Liam Gogan and Alternate Commissioner Ric Leutwyler.

Staff Present: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer (EO), Krystle Heaney, Clerk/Analyst

*Attended remotely for "just-cause" in accordance with AB2449.

2. **PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No presentations were given.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Minutes from the June 20, 2023 Commission Meeting.

Commissioners noted that they reviewed the prior meeting minutes and had no comments or changes.

Motion to approve the consent calendar was presented by Commissioner Kasper, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and passed by 6-0-0 roll call vote.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

No public comment was provided.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Post Mountain Public Utility District Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and provided information on the Post Mountain PUD MSR/SOI Update and went over the changes made since the draft agency profile was presented in June. The District has recruited an additional board member and is now meeting regularly. However, based on the status of the District staff recommends adopting a provisional sphere with a number of steps that need to be taken by the District in order to improve governance, financial standing, and the provision of services. If the District is unable to make progress on these items within 12 months, then a zero sphere will be adopted for the District.

Commissioners held discussion including the potential benefits and drawbacks of adopting a provisional sphere and the possibility of dissolving the District. In the event that Hayfork FPD annexed the Post Mountain area their special assessment would be extended to the area which would help cover the additional expense of providing fire services to the area. However, these discussions are still a year or more away.

Chair Carpenter-Harris opened the public hearing and invited comments from those in attendance.

President of the Post Mountain PUD Board of Directors, Peter Dobo, addressed the Commission and

stated that the District is committed to improving and is not interested in reorganization at this time. He explained that their current assessment for road maintenance brings in approximately \$25,000 annually but current expenses exceed this amount. The District is unable to fix roads because there is not sufficient income to do so. He also indicated there is renewed community interest in supporting the District and accomplishing the list of improvements set forth by LAFCo. There is also currently no interest in electrification of the Post Mountain area with Trinity PUD as it would be costly and potentially create hazardous fire conditions with overhead powerlines.

The public hearing was closed and Commissioners held additional discussion on how much of the improvement list would need to be completed in one year in order to maintain the District. Staff clarified that it is ultimately a Commission decision based on the level of effort seen from the District and whether or not the Commission feels the District can continue to improve.

Commissioner Grossman-Crist left the meeting at 4:45pm prior to the vote due to technical issues.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-04 approving the Post Mountain PUD MSR/SOI Update and provisional SOI as presented by staff was presented by Commissioner Kasper, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and passed by 5-0-0 roll call vote.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. Expiring Commissioner Terms Update

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and provided an overview of expiring Commissioner terms. There is currently one vacancy for the Alternate Public Member that was published in the local newspaper. In an effort to future spread the word, staff created flyers that are to be posted around Weaverville.

B. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Year End Financial Report

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and provided an overview of the Commissions financial standing for FY 2022-23. Under for revenues but also under for expenses. Only dipping into reserves about 3k. Auditors office does a good job of sending out invoices.

7. **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE (Information Only)**

A. CALAFCO Conference (October 18-20) and Voting Delegates

B. CALAFCO Board Recruitment

C. CALAFCO Legislative Update

EO Santsche provided a brief overview of CALAFCO. The annual conference is in October but Trinity LAFCo typically does not send a delegate. EO Santsche can act as voting delegate for the Commission if they so choose. There is also active recruitment going on for open CALAFCO Board of Director seats. The CALAFCO meetings typically move from location to location but they are also offering online options now. The Commission gave direction to EO Santsche to figure out how to designate her as voting delegate for CALAFCO.

Commissioners asked if its possible to get approval from the state to do remote meetings if there is a local emergency. EO Santsche stated that there is legislation in progress that may help with this which was included in the Commission's packet.

8. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kasper noted that they met with Chris Norden about establishing a Trinity County chapter of CSDA (California Special Districts Association) including the potential for virtual meetings. A CSDA chapter would allow for greater communication among districts in the county and across the state. They indicated that all are welcome to join and help get the chapter established.

Commissioners held a brief discussion regarding establishment of a local CSDA chapter including

potential fees and activities. Potential benefits include greater amounts of shared information and resources.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Carpenter-Harris noted a correction to the next meeting date, which will be held on October 17, 2023 [*subsequently cancelled*], and adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Colette Santsche
Executive Officer

Heidi Carpenter-Harris
Chair

DATE: _____

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