

TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting
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 Frasier called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Members absent: Alternate Commissioner Jill Cox.

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

2. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No presentations were given.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from the June 18, 2024 Commission Meeting

Motion to approve the consent calendar was presented by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gogan, and passed by 7-0-0 voice vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

No public comment was received.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Resolution of Intent to Initiate Dissolution of the Post Mountain Public Utility District

EO Santsche presented the staff report and provided a summary of the prior Municipal Service Review conducted in August 2023 for the District which established a provisional Sphere of Influence. She noted that over the last year the District has been able to make some improvements which included conducting an audit, filling Board of Director vacancies, and conducting a preliminary study for a potential road maintenance assessment. However, there are still several deficiencies that remain and have not been sufficiently addressed. As such, staff is recommending moving forward with the notice of intent to initiate dissolution the District, providing an additional 12-month remediation period.

EO Santsche provided several options for moving forward including maintaining Post Mountain PUD with improvements, reorganization to form a new FPD, reorganization to annex the Post Mountain area into an adjacent FPD, or complete dissolution of Post Mountain PUD. In order to help guide the efficient provision of services moving forward, staff recommends establishing a working group with various stakeholders from the area.

Commissioners held discussion regarding the proposed next steps for the District which included clarification of successor agencies, requirements for establishment of a special assessment, contract service models, and timelines for moving forward. It was noted that if the District was annexed into the Hayfork FPD, the existing Hayfork FPD assessment would be applied to parcels within the Post Mountain area. However, this would only be for fire services, and not road maintenance.

The public hearing was opened and numerous public comments were received. Post Mountain Fire Chief Astrid Dobo provided information on the District's current financial status and indicated a support for consolidating under Hayfork under a battalion model where Post Mountain volunteers continue to

respond from the PM Fire Station. Board President Peter Dobo submitted his resignation, and Blong Yang discussed the desire for new District Board leadership. Additional comment from the public conveyed a strong desire by the Hmong community to maintain the District, with possible community support for a \$250 per parcel tax to support services, and allow them time to restructure and make the improvements outlined in previous documents.

The Public Hearing was closed and additional Commissioner discussion was held. It was clarified that the action today was only to adopt a resolution of intent to initiate proceedings to dissolve the District. This will give the District 12 months to make additional improvements. If after 12 months, sufficient progress has not been made on necessary improvements, then LAFCo may choose to dissolve the District. The list of deficiencies and concerns contained in the MSR was reviewed and Commissioners indicated this list should be completed or at least have a good plan in place at the end of 12 months.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-03 declaring the Commission's intent to initiate the dissolution of Post Mountain PUD was presented by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Carpenter-Harris, and passed by 7-0-0 roll call vote.

6. BUSINESS

A. FY2023-24 Year End Financial Summary and Amendment

Commissioner Gogan left the meeting at 5:39pm to attend another meeting.

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and provided an overview of the FY2023-24 actual expenses. Expenses are submitted as quarterly claims to County which are then reviewed and paid out by the County Controller-Auditor. The 4th quarter FY2022-23 was accidentally recorded to the wrong fiscal year and since that fiscal year has been closed out, the County is unable to correct the entry. As such, a budget amendment is required for FY2023-24 to cover the additional claim.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-04 approving a budget amendment for FY2023-24 was presented by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Grossman-Crist, and passed by 6-0-0 voice vote.

B. Expiring Commissioner Terms Update

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and noted that no applications for the vacant Alternate Special District Member seat were received. As such, the nomination period was extended to November 29, 2024.

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

A. CALAFCO Legislative Update (October 2024)

EO Santsche provided an update on current legislative proposals being tracked by CALAFCO. She also noted that the annual CALAFCO conference is occurring at the end of the week and she will report back at the next meeting.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Kasper noted that he was pleased to see the public in attendance during the meeting. He also shared his Certificate of Appreciation for Biomass and Energy development noting that Post Mountain may be able to develop independent power production. He has information to provide to anyone that may be interested.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Frasier adjourned the meeting at 5:49 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Colette Santsche
Executive Officer

Dan Fraiser
Chair

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