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Protest Hearing

**LAFCO Project No. 2022-05 Reorganization of Placer Hills and
Newcastle Fire Protection Districts**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 5:00 PM

This meeting will be open to in-person and virtual attendance.

To attend in person:

Newcastle Fire Protection District, Station 41
9350 Old State Highway
Newcastle, CA 95658

To attend remotely via Zoom:

Online: <https://placer-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/98694825736>

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Webinar ID: 986 9482 5736

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER BY COMMISSION CLERK

2. PROTEST HEARING

LAFCO Project No. 2022-05 Reorganization of the Placer Hills and Newcastle Fire Protection Districts. The Placer Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved the proposed reorganization of the Placer Hills Fire Protection District (Placer Hills FPD) and Newcastle Fire Protection District (Newcastle FPD), consisting of the dissolution of the Newcastle FPD and the concurrent annexation of its jurisdictional territory to the Placer Hills FPD as successor agency, at a public hearing on February 11, 2026 (Resolution No. 26-02).

Approval of the reorganization triggered a 30-day reconsideration period followed by a protest hearing. No request for reconsideration was filed. The protest hearing is conducted to allow landowners and registered voters within the Newcastle FPD boundary (the “affected territory”) to file written protests against the Commission’s action with the Executive Officer.

To be considered valid, a written protest must state whether it is made by a landowner or registered voter and include the following information in accordance with Government Code section 57051:

- The printed name of the person submitting the protest
- The property location or assessor’s parcel number(s) (for landowners) or residence address (including street number where applicable) (for registered voters)
- The signature of the person submitting the protest
- The date of signature
- If the person submitting the protest is doing so as an agent of a landowner, written evidence of the agent’s authority must be attached to the protest

Pursuant to State law, should less than 25% of (a) registered voters residing in the affected territory and/or (b) landowners holding at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the affected territory file written protests, the reorganization will be ordered without an election. However, should (a) at least 25% of registered voters residing in the affected territory and/or (b) at least 25% of the number of landowners who also own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the affected territory file written protests, the reorganization will be ordered subject to an election of registered voters to be held at a future date. Protest Forms are available at the LAFCO office or online at <https://placerlafco.specialdistrict.org/2026-03-25-notice-of-protest-hearing>.

The LAFCO Executive Officer or Executive Officer’s designee will conduct the protest hearing as follows:

- A. Describe the proposal and purpose of the hearing
- B. Summarize LAFCo Resolution No. 26-02
- C. Open the hearing
- D. Open public comment and receive written protests, objections or evidence
- E. Announce all written protests received prior to the hearing
- F. Close the hearing
- G. Determine the value of written protests filed and not withdrawn, or, if necessary, defer the determination to allow for verification of protest materials

in coordination with the County Assessor and County Registrar of Voters in accordance with Government Code section 57052.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on April 8, 2026, at 4:00 PM. At the meeting, the Executive Officer will present the results of the protest hearing, with a draft resolution to the Commission for its consideration.

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