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Interim Executive
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MINUTES OF THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF PLACER COUNTY

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

PLACER COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CHAMBERS
AND VIA REMOTE CALL-IN

175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Alpine opened the meeting and led a salute to the flag at 4:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioners: Joshua Alpine, Anthony DeMattei, Whitney Eklund, Judy Friedman, Sean Lomen, and Susan Rohan

Present Alternate Commissioners: Shanti Landon (voting as County member), Cherri Spriggs, Scott Wilson, and Stephanie Youngblood

Absent: Commissioner Cindy Gustafson

Present Staff: Amy Engle, Commission Clerk/Analyst; Amanda Ross, Acting Assistant Executive Officer; Colette Santsche, Interim Executive Officer (remote); and Michael Walker, Legal Counsel (remote)

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF

CALAFCO U-LAFCO 101 Webinar February 25, 2026

Commission Clerk/Analyst Amy Engle provided the Commission with information about the CALAFCO Webinar: LAFCO 101.

4. CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Acting Assistant Executive Officer Amanda Ross requested the following corrections to the agenda:

Location	Description	Original Entry	Corrected Entry
Page 2	Date of Minutes	January 21, 2025	January 21, 2026
Page 26	Newcastle Board Vote for Resolution to Initiate Reorganization	Newcastle Board Vote (4-0)	Newcastle Board Vote (5-0)
Page 30	Measure A Special Tax amount per parcel	\$220.00 per parcel	\$220.02 per parcel
Page 37	First entry of government code	(GC § 46425(e)(1))	(GC § 56425(e)(1)), starts with a 5
Page 49	Date of Staff Report for LAFCO Project No. 2024-04 (Cemetery Districts)	February 11, 2025	February 11, 2026
Page 49	Acronym for Fire Protection District (within Project 2022-05 summary)	Placer Hills PFD	Placer Hills FPD
Page 50	Newcastle Board Vote for Joint Resolution of Application	Newcastle Board Vote (4-0)	Newcastle Board Vote (5-0)

Chair Alpine proposed that Item 9 Closed Session Attendance and Item 10 Closed Session be stricken from the agenda.

ACTION

Commissioner Lomen motioned to approve the February 11, 2026, agenda as amended, second by Commissioner Rohan.

The motion passed unanimously. (7,0,1,0)

Yes: Alpine, DeMattei, Eklund, Friedman, Landon, Lomen, Rohan
 No: None
 Absent: Gustafson
 Abstain: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes from the meeting of January 21, 2026

B. Financial Report January 2026

C. **LAFCO Project No. 2024-06 Eastern Placer County Fire and EMS Study–Contract Amendment.** The Commission will consider a contract amendment with Emergency Services Consulting International to complete additional scope requirements.

D. **LAFCO Project No. 2024-04 Placer County Cemetery Districts Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update–Contract Amendment.** The Commission will consider an amendment to the contract with RSG, Inc. for services related to this project.

There were no Commissioner or public comments.

ACTION

Commissioner DeMattei motioned to approve the February 11, 2026, consent items, second by Commissioner Rohan.

The motion passed unanimously. (7,0,1,0)

Yes: Alpine, DeMattei, Eklund, Friedman, Landon, Lomen, Rohan

No: None

Absent: Gustafson

Abstain: None

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 26-01

A. **LAFCO Project 2022-05 Reorganization of Placer Hills and Newcastle Fire Protection Districts–Sphere of Influence Update.** The Commission will consider approving a sphere of influence (SOI) update for the Placer Hills Fire Protection District (Placer Hills FPD) as a first step toward the reorganization of the Placer Hills FPD and the Newcastle Fire Protection District. CEQA Lead Agency: Placer County LAFCO; Exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061(b)(3)).

Acting Assistant Executive Officer Amanda Ross provided the Commission with an overview of the project with a PowerPoint presentation.

There were no Commissioner comments.

Chair Alpine opened the public hearing.

The following speakers provided public comments:

- Danielle Hardesty, Vice-Chair of Penryn FPD
- Judi D’Innocenti, Newcastle Resident
- Spencer, Newcastle Resident
- Patty Neifer via Zoom

Chair Alpine closed the public hearing.

ACTION

Commissioner DeMattei motioned to approve **Resolution 26-01** adopting the sphere of influence update for Placer Hills Fire Protection District, second by Commissioner Friedman.

The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. (7,0,1,0)

Yes: Alpine, DeMattei, Eklund, Friedman, Landon, Lomen, Rohan
No: None
Absent: Gustafson
Abstain: None

Resolution 26-02

B. LAFCO Project 2022-05 Reorganization of Placer Hills and Newcastle Fire Protection Districts. The Commission will hold a public hearing to consider approval of a reorganization initiated by a joint resolution of application from the Placer Hills Fire Protection District (Placer Hills FPD) and the Newcastle Fire Protection District (Newcastle FPD). The proposed reorganization consists of the dissolution of Newcastle FPD and the concurrent annexation of its jurisdictional territory to Placer Hills FPD, which would serve as the successor agency for the provision of fire protection and emergency services. CEQA Lead Agency: Placer Hills FPD; Exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15320 (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15320).

Acting Assistant Executive Officer Amanda Ross provided the Commission with a PowerPoint presentation of the project.

Legal Counsel Michael Walker provided comments.

Commissioner DeMattei asked a question and received an answer from Interim Executive Officer Colette Santsche.

The following speakers provided public comments:

- Mark D'Ambrogi, Placer Hills FPD Chief Officer Fire Marshal
- Alex Harvey, Placer Hills FPD President
- Judi D'Innocenti, Newcastle Resident
- Spencer, Newcastle Resident
- Jennifer Wight, Newcastle Resident
- Brian Myers, Placer Citizens for Neighborhood Rights

Chair Alpine closed the public hearing.

Commissioners Eklund, Landon, and Rohan provided comments.

Ms. Ross and Ms. Santsche provided comments.

ACTION

Commissioner Friedman motioned to adopt **Resolution 26-02** approving the Reorganization of the Newcastle and Placer Hills Fire Protection Districts, second by Commissioner DeMattei.

Ms. Ross and Mr. Walker provided comments.

The motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote. (7,0,1,0)

Yes: Alpine, DeMattei, Eklund, Friedman, Landon, Lomen, Rohan
No: None
Absent: Gustafson
Abstain: None

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Executive Officer's Report

Interim Executive Officer Colette Santsche gave the Commission an update of the Executive Officer recruitment, projects and administrative tasks.

9. CLOSED SESSION ATTENDANCE

This item was removed from the agenda during the "Changes and Approval of the Agenda" portion of the meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION

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11. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Alpine provided comments.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Alpine and Vice-Chair Eklund provided comments.

13. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION

Commissioner Lomen motioned to adjourn at 5:15 PM, second by Commissioner DeMattei.

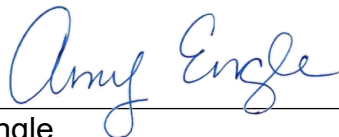
The motion passed unanimously. (7,0,1,0)

Yes: Alpine, DeMattei, Eklund, Friedman, Landon, Lomen, Rohan
No: None
Absent: Gustafson
Abstain: None

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

A complete video recording of this meeting is posted to:
<https://www.placerlafcocca.gov/lafco-meetings>

Submitted by:



Amy Engle
Commission Clerk/Analyst