



To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Date: June 28, 2023
Subject: Future Planning with North Tahoe Fire

Chief Leighton will update the Directors regarding the progress of the future planning with North Tahoe Fire and the LAFCO process.

Daniels, Melissa

From: Edward Miller <ed@meeksbayfire.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 12:12 PM
To: Laine Brooke; sue.hennike@edcgov.us; tiffany.schmid@edcgov.us
Cc: Leighton, Steve; Daniels, Melissa
Subject: Meeks Bay/North Tahoe

June 19, 2023

Brooke Laine, Dist. 5 Supv.
Tiffany Schmid, Interim CAO
Sue Hennike, Asst. CAO

Good Day,

I'm writing on behalf of myself and the members of the Meeks Bay Fire District (MBFD), Board of Directors. As you well know, the process of consolidation/annexation of our district with the North Tahoe Fire District (NTFD), has been taking an inordinate amount of time.

We know that there are significant obstacles due to the bi-county nature of the task, as well as the unfunded liabilities carried by the MBFD.

That said, the lengthy process is becoming "burdensome", particularly with our colleagues on the NTFD Board.

We at MBFD are concerned that if the process drags on much longer, the NTFD Directors will take action to halt the process and that MBFD will be left in "limbo", possibly defaulting to either CalFire, or ...?

We understand that the unfunded liabilities are a great deal for the County to pay, and that fear of establishing precedent could be an issue. As a reminder, unlike other Fire Districts in the County, MBFD is not looking for ongoing support, but just a one time "bailout".

I thank you for your ongoing support of this process. We hope that a resolution can be found before any negative consequences occur.

Respectfully,
Ed Miller, President

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Daniels, Melissa

From: Daniels, Melissa
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2023 4:45 PM
To: Daniels, Melissa
Subject: FW: Meeks Bay Fire / North Tahoe Fire annexation

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From: Louie Fielding <louiefielding@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 19, 2023 at 4:43 PM
Subject: Meeks Bay Fire / North Tahoe Fire annexation
To: <tiffany.schmid@edcgov.us>, <sue.hennike@edcgov.us>, <bosfive@edcgov.us>

Dear Ms. Laine, Ms. Schmid and Ms. Hennike,

I am writing regarding the pending annexation of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (MBF) into the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTF) and to urge El Dorado County to assist with resolving the CalPERS UAL balance so the annexation may proceed.

It is clear that a single fire district serving the north and west shores of Lake Tahoe is the most efficient way to provide a high level of public safety to our residents, 2nd homeowners and visitors to our community. Both MBF and NTF boards of directors and staff have worked tirelessly to move the annexation process forward. I'm sure you are aware that multiple economic studies have found that the consolidated districts will be financially solvent provided that MBF's UAL is paid off prior to the annexation. We have been informed that the Placer County LAFCO will not proceed with the annexation until this issue is resolved.

The situation for El Dorado County residents and homeowners will be dire if the UAL issue is not resolved shortly so that the annexation can proceed. Several fiscal analyses, and MBF's budgets since I joined the board of directors in 2021, demonstrate a persistent annual deficit that will deplete all our reserves within the next few years. The NTF board and staff are growing frustrated with the delays in the process and are reportedly considering terminating the service agreement to provide fire protection services to MBF. This would be nothing short of catastrophic - our community does not have the resources to staff an independently operating fire district at this point. County responsibility, contracting with CalFire or another local agency are likely unfeasible.

With the increasing threat of wildfire, public safety demands from high tourism volumes and insurance companies increasingly dropping coverage in our community, continuity of fire protection services is one of the most fundamental, critical government services. Our community urges you to take all actions to help resolve the MBF UAL so that the annexation with NTF may proceed.

Sincerely,
Louie Fielding
Director, Meeks Bay Fire Protection District
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Daniels, Melissa

From: korie kromydas <kkromydas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Daniels, Melissa; Leighton, Steve
Subject: Fwd: Meeks Bay/North Tahoe Annexation

Please see forwarded message to EDC.

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From: korie kromydas <kkromydas@yahoo.com>
Date: June 23, 2023 at 9:40:15 AM PDT
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Subject: Meeks Bay/North Tahoe Annexation

Good Morning,

I am reaching out today on behalf of Meeks Bay Fire District's Board of Directors with regard to our outstanding submission to consolidate with the North Tahoe Fire District.

We're aware of the obstacles associated with this process given the merge between two Counties and sincerely appreciate your time. That said, this process is uniquely time sensitive and is currently being held up by your teams. We fear that North Tahoe Fire District will soon lose steam to complete this annexation without your attention to this matter.

We kindly ask that you expedite review of our previously submitted request to cover the one time UAL and proceed with such in a timely fashion so we may stay on track to complete the annexation between the two districts; which ultimately, will be of great benefit to both Fire Districts and their residents.

Thank you for your time,

Korie Kromydas
Vice President
Meeks Bay Fire District

2023-24 LAFCO Final Workplan

Item No.	Priority	Task/Project	Category*	Comments
1	High	Reorganization	S	North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts
2	High	Sphere of Influence update	S	City of Lincoln Sphere of Influence update
3	High	City Annexation	S	Lincoln - Annexation of .5-acre parcel and areas of Highway 65
4	High	City Annexation	S	Lincoln - Annexation of Village 5 and 7B
5	High	District Annexation	S	South Placer Municipal Utilities District- Annexation of areas within District's Sphere
6	High	City Annexation	S	City of Rocklin - Annexation of Highway 65 unincorporated island
7	High	Reorganization	S	Placerhills and Newcastle Fire Protection District
8	High	Service Review study/Sphere of Influence update	S	Western Fire Agencies - Ongoing fire/EMS/dispatch study
9	High	Service Review study/Sphere of Influence update	S	City of Rocklin
10	High	Service Review study/Sphere of Influence update	S	South Placer Municipal Utilities District
11	High	Service Review study/Sphere of Influence update	S	City of Colfax and the special districts in the region
12	High	Mapping Cities and Districts	A	Continue working with County GIS to verify, correct, and map cities and special districts. LAFCO will need to provide previously approved annexation boundaries. Post maps by agency on LAFCO website.
13	High	Outreach	A	Continue outreach to local and regional agencies. Staff will update the Commission of activities during the fiscal year.
14	High	Policies	A	Continue reviewing, updating, and creating policies for the Commission's consideration.
15	High	Personnel	A	Hire a full-time analyst classification to process projects that are routine in nature.
16	High	New Website	A	LAFCO's current website is embedded in Placer County's website.
17	High	Service Review study/Sphere of Influence update	S	City of Roseville
18	Moderate	Commissioner Onboarding Packet	A	Continue working on onboarding packets for new Commissioners to help orient new members to key roles, duties, and organization practices of Placer LAFCO.
19	Moderate	Local Agencies Directory	A	Ongoing update of local agency directory.
20	Moderate	LAFCO Central Region	A	Participate in quarterly meetings with other Central LAFCOs.
21	Moderate	CALAFCO	A	Participate in CALAFCO committees, workshops, and conferences.
22	Low	Administrative Files	A	Continue organizing and improving admin files.
23	Low	Fees Update	A	Annual update of fees to reflect current budget.