



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO: GCSB Board of Directors**

**FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager**

**DATE: October 25, 2022**

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5E: Update Report on the Formation of a Tuolumne County Chapter of CSDA and Tuolumne County LAFCO Activities**

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### **TUOLUMNE COUNTY LAFCO**

In early 2020, the independent special districts of Tuolumne County voted to create two special district seats on the Tuolumne County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The Commission is now made up as follows:

- 2 Commissioners appointed from the County Board of Supervisors
- 2 Commissioners appointed from the Sonora City Council
- 2 Commissioners appointed from special district
- 1 Commissioner appointed at large (public member)

In creating the two seats, the special districts agreed that one of its commission seats would rotate starting with TUD, then GCSB, then THCSB. The second seat was open to appointment from any of the special districts. Currently the special district commissioners are David Boatright (TUD) and John Ferriani (Tuolumne Sanitary District). We are currently waiting for clarification from the LAFCO executive officer, Quincy Yaley regarding the timeline and schedule for elections, as one of the two seats has undoubtedly expired.

LAFCO has held very few meetings over the past two years, with its only action items recently approving the fiscal year budget. At their October meeting, a comprehensive presentation covering the roles and responsibilities of LAFCO was provided by an attorney specializing in LAFCO matters. Commissioners asked solid questions and I believe the discussion to be “eye-opening” for those new commissioners. During public comment, I asked the following questions:

1. Realizing that a special district has no land uses authority and cannot be designated a lead agency, how would an agreement work with a special district and county related to land use within the district’s sphere? For example, if a development project is proposed in a districts SOI and will need and have an impact on district services, ie fire services, can and should the district and county agree in advance that annexation is required, or how services are to be provided?
  - a. The answer was absolutely yes, that advance coordination and agreement between the district and county is critical to avoid conflict, liability and stressed services.
2. Can you elaborate on when is a Municipal Service Review (MSR) is recommended for countywide services provided by multiple agencies such as fire? Recent training provided by CALAFCO-U on MSR for fire is squarely focused on the commission measuring detailed performance factors; financial, operational, administrative, etc

- a. The presenter recommended that TC LAFCO consider the completion of an MSR for fire if there is concern or controversy over the level of service being provided by the various agencies, to determine if reorganizations such as consolidation or annexations are necessary.

Also on the LAFCO agenda recently has been the consideration of the formation of the Tuolumne Community Services District, located in the community of Tuolumne. This new CSD is proposed to include consolidation of the Tuolumne Sanitary District, Park and Recreation District, and lighting district. Additionally, the new CSD is proposing to provide libraries, graffiti abatement, community facilities, snow removal, financing for an area planning commission and municipal advisory council. It is unclear exactly when LAFCO will conduct the proceedings to form the new CSD.

Your General Manager will be meeting with LAFCO EO Quincy Yaley in early November to discuss our previously submitted application for annexation of the Airport Estates subdivision, the process for consolidation of the Groveland Lighting District with GCSD, and the necessary rezoning of the newly acquired 37 acre park parcel from Residential to Public zoning.

#### **TUOLUMNE COUNTY CHAPTER OF CSDA**

In 2022, eight districts in Tuolumne County voted to form the Tuolumne County Chapter of CSDA. All that remains is the scheduling of our inaugural meeting to appoint chapter officers and adopt the bylaws and CSDA Chapter Affiliation Agreement. We are working with the COA's office to schedule the meeting in November or December in the County Supervisors chambers.