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Julie White Plumas County Treasurer – Tax Collector P. O. Box 176 Quincy, CA 95971

Subject: Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District Request to Remove Funds from the Plumas County Treasury.

Dear Ms. White,

This letter is a follow-up to our visit to your office on July 29, 2024, regarding the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District's, (EPRFPD), condition of our Resolution of Annexation to Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District, (BPFPD), to remove our funds from the County and transfer all funds to the Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District. Prior to adoption of the resolution, it was reviewed by our legal counsel and by Jennifer Stevenson, Plumas LAFCo, and both provided their approvals. Further, the annexation of EPRFPD to BPFPD has been conducted in accordance with Plumas LAFCo procedures and processes in partnership with its Executive Officer, Jennifer Stevenson.

As stated in the included and adopted Resolutions for Annexation, item number 14, under "Terms and Conditions", effectively and immediately, requires that BPFPD take control of, and administer the financial assets and liabilities of EPRFPD. This agreed upon condition is due to the non-operational status of EPRFPD and allows for BPFPD to, upon transfer of EPRFPD funds, assume financial and operational control of EPRFPD and thus provide fire and emergency services response to the residents within the EPRFPD territories.

Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District is well prepared to administer the finances of EPRFPD.

BPFPD is aware of and has implemented processes to adhere to all State reporting requirements that govern Special Districts. The district has implemented and follows generally accepted accounting practices and adheres to auditing requirements pursuant to California Government Code 26909 and Plumas County Resolution 98-6207. Annual auditing services have been contracted with Robert W. Johnson, RWJ Financial Auditing Services in Sacramento, CA. Legal counsel for the district is with the firm BB&K in Sacramento, CA, who had a long history with the former Beckwourth Fire. BPFPD belongs to the California Special Districts Association and the Golden State Risk Management Authority who provides training and insurance to the district.

Beckwourth Peak FPD has experience and is versed in processing and administering County funds that are released to a district per request from a district. BPFPD has acquired all staff who participated in the transition of funds from the County to Beckwourth Fire, and then for Sierra Valley FPD funds from the County to Beckwourth Peak FPD.

Eastern Plumas Rural Fire District Board of Directors wants to thank the County for your support during this transition. We are happy to provide any additional documentation and answer questions needed to fulfill this request. Once approval is received from the Plumas County Board of Supervisors, we will ask BPFPD to provide their Plumas bank account and routing numbers so that funds can be wired to the Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District account.



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Sincerely,

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