

EASTERN PLUMAS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EASTERN PLUMAS RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CONFIRMING CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE REORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

RESOLUTION 2021-001

WHEREAS, in January 2020 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed by the following agencies; Beckwourth Fire District, C-Road Community Services District, City of Portola, Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District (EPRFPD), Gold Mountain Community Services District, Sierra Valley Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlined the formal commitment of each agency to establish and participate in a framework for cooperative and collaborative action to explore ways to strengthen and improve fire and emergency services throughout their service boundaries by reorganizing how those services are provided; and

WHEREAS, the Local Emergency Services Study Group (LESSG) was formed in accordance with the MOU and brought together the Ad Hoc Committee members appointed by each agency to develop a plan for improved regional fire and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2020 members of the LESSG unanimously voted to follow a course of action necessary to form a new district and requested members to report this action and request approval from their respective governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020 at the LESSG meeting representatives of the Beckwourth Fire District, C-Road Community Services District (by proxy vote of EPRFPD) City of Portola, Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District, Gold Mountain Community Services District (collectively the Participating Agencies) reported that each of their agency's governing bodies had approved the action recommended by the LESSG; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2021 the representative from the Sierra Valley Fire Protection District reported that the District wished to move forward with, and be included in, the formation of a new district; and

WHEREAS, the LESSG and the Participating Agencies will be moving forward with the necessary steps to: (1) seek approval by Plumas County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of a plan to form one new district; and (2) seek approval of the voters of the affected territories to establish a new regional agency to provide fire and emergency services within an area no smaller than the boundaries of their current Districts and the City and all other actions required by LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, these steps will include the financing and engagement of a consultant or consulting firm to develop a feasibility study required by LAFCO to facilitate the creation of a new district; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution, is a commitment in good faith that: (1) the Governing Board of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District is committed as a Participating Agency in the feasibility study, that is acceptable to the participating agencies and the LAFCO application requirements; (2) the Governing Board of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District conditionally commits to its share of the cost of such study, as mutually agreed to by all of the Participating Agencies, through the completion of said feasibility study that meets requirements of participating agencies and LAFCO, provided that Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District's share of the cost is an amount not to exceed \$_____; and (3) if each of the Participating Agencies approves a resolution similar to this Resolution and commit to paying their share of the costs for a Feasibility Study.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District that above recitals are true and correct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District that the District will continue with participation in the process with the other Participating Agencies necessary to form and create a new regional agency for the provision of fire and emergency services within their boundaries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District reserves its right to withdraw, at any time from participation in the reorganization of regional fire and emergency services, including if the District's share of the cost of the Feasibility Study exceeds \$_____.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 5th day of April 2021 by the following vote:

Aye:

No:

Absent:

ATTEST:

Katy Martinez, Secretary

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Jeanne Graham, Chairperson