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Interim Executive  
Officer

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Executive Officer

Amy Engle  
Commission  
Clerk/Analyst

MINUTES OF THE  
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF PLACER COUNTY

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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

175 Fulweiler Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

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, Cindy Gustafson, Sean Lomen, and Susan Rohan

**Present Alternate Commissioners:** Cherri Spriggs, and Stephanie Youngblood (arrived at 5:15 PM)

**Absent:** Alternate Commissioners Shanti Landon and Scott Wilson

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

3. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Meeting Schedule Revision for May 2026

Interim Executive Officer Colette Santsche provided an update regarding the May meeting schedule. Ms. Santsche orally rescinded the staff report recommendation to cancel the May 13,

2026, meeting and advised the Commission that the meeting would proceed as originally scheduled. Additionally, a Special Meeting remains tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2026, regarding Executive Officer recruitment.

The Commission received and filed the report.

#### 4. CHANGES AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Commission discussed several modifications to the agenda order and content:

- Items **8A** (Protest Hearing Results) and **8B** (Executive Officer Report) were moved to follow Item **6** (Consent).
- Items **7B** and **7C** were continued to the June 10, 2026, regular meeting.
- Items **9** (Closed Session Attendance) and **10** (Closed Session) were stricken from the agenda.

#### **ACTION**

Commissioner Gustafson motioned to approve the April 8, 2026, agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Friedman.

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

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

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following speakers provided public comments.

- Ian Gow, Placer Hills Fire Chief
- Steve Teshara, Eastern Placer Futures

#### 6. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes from the meeting of March 11, 2026

B. Financial Report February 2026

C. Extension of Work Out Of Class Assignment for Commission Clerk

Chair Alpine invited Commissioner and Public Comments. Hearing none, the Chair called for a motion.

**ACTION**

Commissioner Friedman motioned to approve the April 8, 2026, Consent Items, seconded by Commissioner Lomen.

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

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

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

**RESOLUTION 26-03**

A. **LAFCO Project No. 2022-05: Reorganization of Placer Hills and Newcastle Fire Protection Districts – Protest Hearing Outcome.** The Commission will receive and confirm the March 25, 2026, protest hearing results.

Acting Assistant Executive Officer Amanda Ross presented the results of the March 25, 2026, protest hearing. Staff reported that the number of written protests filed was insufficient to terminate the reorganization or trigger an election.

Chair Alpine opened the floor for public comment.

- Jennifer Wight, Placer County resident, provided comments.

The Commission discussed the item.

**ACTION**

Commissioner Gustafson moved to adopt Resolution 26-03, confirming the results of the March 25, 2026, protest hearing for the Reorganization of Newcastle and Placer Hills Fire Protection Districts (LAFCO Project No. 2022-05), seconded by Commissioner Eklund.

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

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

B. Executive Officer's Report, including updates on the following projects: Town of North Tahoe Incorporation, South Placer Municipal Utility District 2891 Swetzer Road Annexation, Placer County Cemetery Districts MSR/SOI Update and Eastern Placer County Fire and EMS MSR Study.

Ms. Santsche presented an update to **LAFCO Project No. 2026-01 The Town of North Tahoe Incorporation.**

The Commission, staff, and legal counsel discussed the project and addressed specific inquiries.

Ms. Santsche then provided the Commission with a progress update to the ongoing municipal service reviews, staff recruitment, and MOU revision.

The Commission received and filed the report.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. **Proposed Budget and Workplan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:** The Commission will consider adopting or adopting with modifications the Proposed Workplan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

Ms. Ross presented the Proposed Workplan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to the Commission.

The Commission discussed the item with staff and legal counsel.

Chair Alpine opened the public hearing. There were no public comments, and the public hearing was closed.

An initial motion was made and subsequently withdrawn following Commission discussion.

### **ACTION**

Commissioner Rohan motioned to approve the Proposed Budget with direction to staff to return at the May 13, 2026, meeting for Phase 1 (discussion and refinement) and the June 10, 2026, meeting for Phase 2 (final adoption), second by Commissioner Lomen.

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

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

**B. LAFCO Policy Review and Update:** The Commission will consider approving amendments to administrative policies 2.3, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8.

*Continued to the LAFCO meeting on June 10, 2026 at 4 PM.*

**C. Fee Schedule Update:** The Commission will consider updating the Fee Schedule for FY 2026/27.

*Continued to the LAFCO meeting on June 10, 2026 at 4 PM.*

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

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

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gustafson and Chair Alpine provided comments.

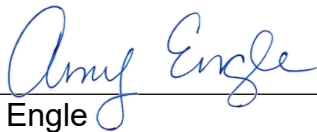
12. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 5:22 PM.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

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

Submitted by:

  
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Amy Engle  
Commission Clerk/Analyst