



To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Date: December 8, 2021
Subject: Consideration of Reorganization of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District into North Tahoe Fire Protection District by Resolution

Background

As a result of the regularly scheduled of the meeting Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (MBFPD) Board of Directors on October 27, 2021, and the resulting motion(s) regarding the potential Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) reorganization of MBFPD into the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD), Resolution No. 2021-12 is being presented for your consideration.

In review, several motions were unanimously approved related to the potential reorganization.

1. Determination of “Zero Sphere of Influence” (MBFPD Board Minutes Item C. 2. a.)
 - a. After reviewing a recommendation by El Dorado LAFCO staff of establishing a “Zero Sphere of Influence” the recommendation was unanimously approved by the MBFPD Board of Directors. This approval is one of several steps required for a potential reorganization of MBFPD into NTFPD.
2. Determination of the lead LAFCO Agency (MBFPD Board Minutes Item C. 2. b.)
 - a. MBFPD Board of Directors unanimously approved to transfer jurisdiction of potential reorganization process back to the Placer LAFCO following an update and recommendation by El Dorado LAFCO staff.
3. Discussion on the ESCI Study (*Performance Review and Examination of Alternative Governance Models*) being used as the LAFCO required “Plan For Services” (MBFPD Board Minutes Item C. 2. d.)
 - a. MBFPD Board of Directors unanimously approved utilizing the ESCI study with an updated and internal financial analysis to be prepared by NTFPD staff.
 - b. The previously requested fiscal impact analysis by MBFPD Board of Directors was replaced by this action.

As a result of these actions, the next step is the consideration by both Boards of this resolution. The resolution is a requirement of the LAFCO process and will also allow staff to submit an application to LAFCO that will then allow the concurrent actions of the reorganization to begin, which include the annexation of MBFPD into NTFPD and the dissolution of MBFPD. This process will take some time to complete and will include many smaller steps and approvals by both the Districts and LAFCO.

Conclusion

The MBFPD Board of Directors may consider approving Resolution No. 2021-12 which would

allow an application submittal to Placer LAFCO for reorganization of MBFPD into the NTFPD. This action would align with the actions of your Board at the October 27 meeting and the findings of the ESCI Study (*Performance Review and Examination of Alternative Governance Models*), specifically the concluding recommendations found on page 129:

“ESCI recommends that both Districts take the necessary steps to initiate the legal unification process.”

Recommendation

Approve Resolution No. 2021-12 regarding the potential Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) reorganization of Meeks Bay Fire Protection District (MBFPD) into the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD).

Meeks Bay Fire Protection District



RESOLUTION
of the Board of Directors

No: 2021-12

MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTING THE PLACER LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE NORTH TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the MBFPD desires to initiate proceedings with the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code (CKH), and more specifically a reorganization consistent with Government Code (GC) Section 56853 of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 El Dorado County Grand Jury Report #17-04, Finding F3 specifically cites supporting Fire Districts' reorganization and consolidation as a priority. in reviewing this proposal.

“F3. The Board of Supervisors, in conjunction with LAFCO, is best positioned to champion fire agency consolidation.”

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors and the El Dorado County Strategic Plan demonstrated support of fire agency consolidation.

“The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding. However, the County and LAFCO cannot effect consolidation alone. Efforts at agency consolidation can only be successful with interest from potentially affected fire districts, sufficient support from the community, and with dedicated leader to coordinate the effort.”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the MBFPD desires to implement and support 2017 El Dorado County Grand Jury Report #17-04, Finding F3 and the El Dorado County's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the MBFPD desires the reorganization to consist of the following concurrent actions:

- Dissolution of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District
- Annexation of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District to the North Tahoe Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the NTFPD and the MBFPD were both established pursuant to the same enabling legislation, the Fire Protection District Law of 1987, Health and Safety Code Section 13800, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the territory proposed to be reorganized is inhabited and encompasses the area depicted in the map exhibit attached to and incorporated herein by this reference as Map Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the residents, property owners and visitors of the areas serviced by the NTFPD and the MBFPD are best served by the reorganization of the two districts into one entity; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency, effectiveness, and the economy of fire protection services to individuals within the affected territory can be improved by the reorganization of the two districts into one entity; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization of the two fire protection districts into one entity will facilitate the continued provision of the current levels of service provided by the staff of the respective districts, consistent with local demand, expectations, and available financing; and

WHEREAS, this sphere of influence amendment and update request is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq., pursuant to Class 20 (Changes in Organization of Local Agencies), Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15320(b) of the California Code of Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeks Bay Fire Protection Board of Directors finds, and orders as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. This Resolution constitutes the application of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District to Placer LAFCO to initiate the reorganization of the NTFPD and the MBFPD to provide the best fire protection services, including administration and operations, fire prevention, training, fire suppression and rescue, equipment and apparatus maintenance, and emergency medical services to the affected territories subject to the following:
 - a. For a period of one year from the effective date of the reorganization, and all agendas for future board meetings of the newly reorganized North Tahoe Fire Protection District shall be posted at the locations currently used for posting agenda for both the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District, except on the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District website if it ceases to exist during such time.
 - b. All assets and liabilities, including, but not limited to, liabilities for payment of principal and interest on contractual obligations for real property, furnishings, and equipment, operating expenses, supplies, licenses and permits, and any contingent liabilities for existing civil litigation belonging to the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District shall accrue to the reorganized North Tahoe Fire Protection District.
3. The President of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District Board of Directors, or designee, is authorized to effectuate this application and proposal and to do and perform any and all necessary acts and functions to carry out the intent of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District in enacting this Resolution.
4. The application made to the Placer LAFCO for the reorganization of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District shall consist of the annexation of

the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District with its current sphere of influence and the simultaneous dissolution of the existing Meeks Bay Fire Protection District. The future reorganized territory shall include all territory presently included within each of the districts and the sphere of influence of each of the districts subject to this reorganization application.

5. Within the 90-day of period prior to the effective date of the reorganization, neither the North Tahoe Fire Protection District nor the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District shall purchase or dispose of fixed assets or execute contracts for services and/or supplies without the approval of the Board of Directors of both the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District.
6. The Meeks Bay Fire Protection District requests that Placer LAFCO take proceedings in the manner provided by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 upon the adoption of a substantially similar resolution by the Board of Directors by the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District and the North Tahoe Fire Protection District in accordance with Section 56853 of the California Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MEEKS BAY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD, HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2021 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF SAID BOARD:

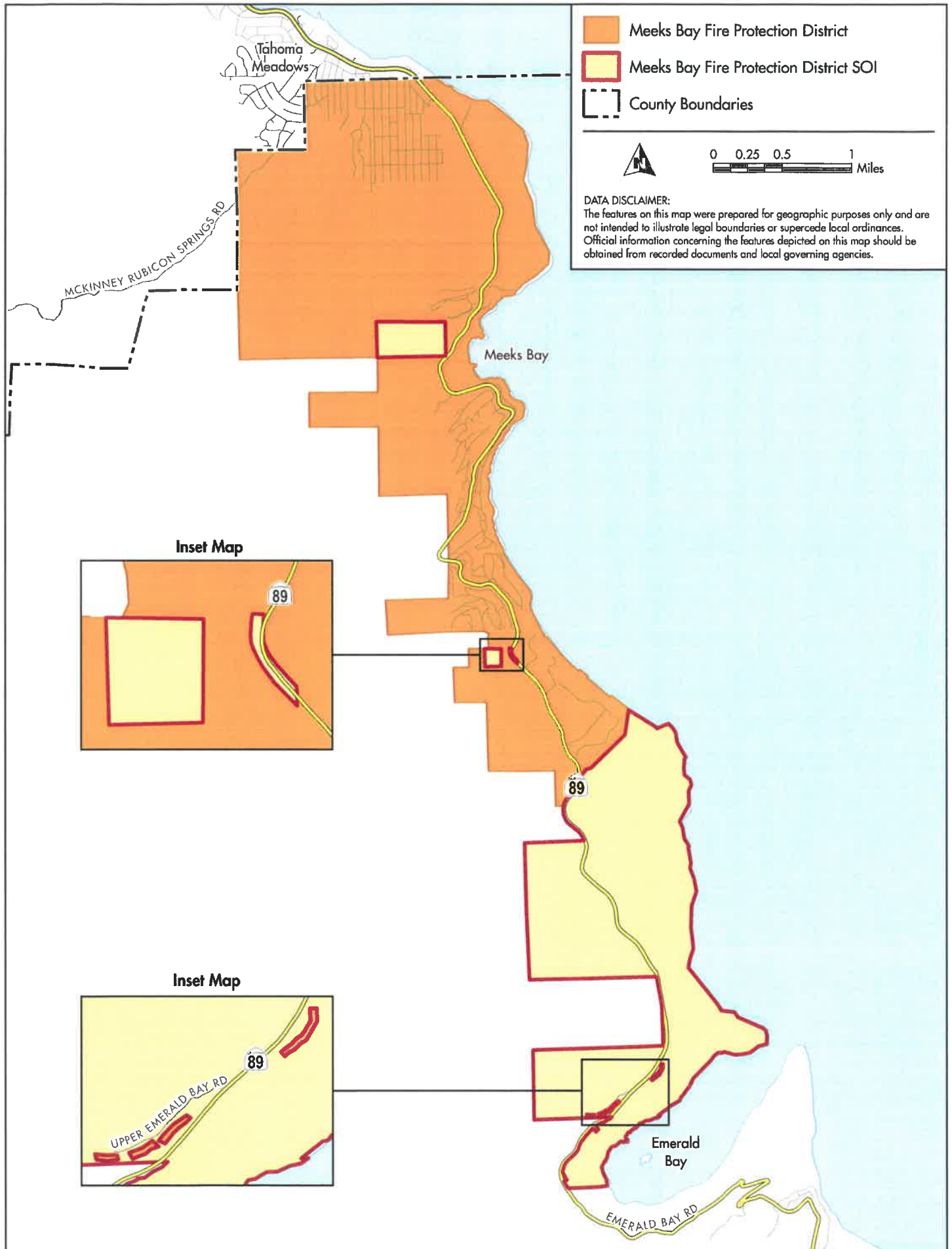
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PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BY: Edward I. Miller




I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY SAID BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE DATE THEREIN SET FORTH.

CLERK OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BY: Kelly Martin

Meeks Bay Fire Protection District & SOI



Proposed North Tahoe Fire Protection District & SOI

-  Proposed North Tahoe Fire Protection District
-  Proposed North Tahoe Fire Protection District SOI
-  County Boundaries



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DATA DISCLAIMER:

The features on this map were prepared for geographic purposes only and are not intended to illustrate legal boundaries or supersede local ordinances. Official information concerning the features depicted on this map should be obtained from recorded documents and local governing agencies.

