

## **Lake Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)**

### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 9:30 AM

City of Lakeport – City Council Chambers  
225 Park Street Lakeport, CA 95453

**1. Call to Order – Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Commissioners Mattina, Slooten, Robey, Scholz, Priebe (seated for Archacki), and Alternates Parlet and Darling were present. Commissioners Sabatier, Pyska, Archacki, and Alternate Rasmussen were absent. Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer (EO) and Marsha Burch, Legal Counsel (via Zoom) were present.

**2. Public Comment None**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**3. Approval of Claims**

Upon motion of Commissioner Robey and second by Commissioner Slooten, the payment of claims for March, April, and May 2026 were unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**4. Change of organization for Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01)**

Chair Mattina opened the Public Hearing on the proposal for dissolution of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District at 9:32 am. EO Feiler presented the item.

Chair Mattina opened the public comment period at 9:37 am.

Delieene Shores provided comments about the continued flooding that occurs in the winter on Scotts Valley ranches and agricultural lands, the lack of water in the summer for certain areas, and an overall concern that dissolution of the district would put the residents of the area in a precarious situation. Ms. Shores commented that there are new generations coming up and it is important that information is made available and understood by the Scotts Valley residents because many were not aware of the district, and while it has been inactive, there is work that needs to be done and this is an opportunity to come together and get involved. Ms. Shores asked for more information regarding the Town Hall meeting where the topic of district dissolution was discussed.

EO Feiler did not have additional information to provide regarding the Town Hall meeting, and Commissioner Robey noted that it is common for public meetings to be published in the newspaper. Commissioner Robey further commented that it appears that the main concern is that the residents will lose a resource that could be beneficial with dissolution of the district. Ms. Shores confirmed that losing the opportunity for oversight is a concern. Commissioner Robey noted that the district has been inactive and unproductive for years.

EO Feiler clarified that the public hearing notice was published in the newspaper and mailed to landowners and registered voters, and the LAFCo process also includes a protest hearing that is also published in the newspaper and mailed to landowners and registered voters and provides an opportunity to overturn the Commission's action. Chair

Mattina noted that upon dissolution, the residents would be in the care of the County and would receive more attention than the district has provided. Alternate Commissioner Parlet noted that on page 18 of the packet it states that the funds, money, or property of the dissolved district shall be used for the benefit of the lands, inhabitants, and taxpayers within the territory of the dissolved district by the Successor Agency, and noted that the district has been inactive for 54-years and residents can get involved with the County.

Betsy Cawn, The Essential Public Information Center, provided comments about the district had two Board members 7-years ago and took actions so the district has not been inactive for 54-years, there was almost no information presented regarding the potential district dissolution at the Town Hall meeting referenced in the packet, the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) for this area does not have support to promulgate information, the County did not provide written information to residents regarding the potential dissolution prior to the legal notice mailed for the public hearing, the property owners should be allowed to respond to and learn about the district, it is extremely important that the district retain its validity, Scotts Valley is a precious place that needs protection, to date the Watershed Protection District and the County Department of Water Resources have not done anything to help property owners to avoid hazards of longstanding failed or failing flood control facilities, it costs nothing to do nothing and allow the district to remain, and it is important for the property owners to understand what they have and what they would be losing if the district is dissolved and to be given a chance to make an informed and educated decision.

Commissioner Robey asked the speaker about the last time the district did something that benefited the residents, based on the records reviewed. Ms. Cawn responded that the district has taken action in the form of asking the Watershed Protection District to manage the flood control facilities over which it has responsibility.

EO Feiler responded to the comment that it does not cost anything to allow the district to remain, noting that it is accurate for the way the district has been operating which has been not providing services; however, it is not simply a matter of reinstating a Board of Directors for an inactive district. It would require money to have an active district that provides services in the form of an assessment or special tax because it is expensive to implement public projects and since the district has been inactive (i.e. not providing services), a LAFCo application would be required to activate powers in order for the district to provide services. EO Feiler also noted that the only activity in the district's account is interest income and paying for the cost of elections to recruit board members.

Peter Bazzano, Property Tax Manager for the Lake County, provided comments about the regular process of the County Auditor-Controller's Department to review accounts with no activity over extended periods, such as decades, which is how the district was identified as inactive. Mr. Bazzano noted that there has been a cost for the lack of district activity and the district's inactivity has reached the point of warranting dissolution so that services can be provided.

Alternate Commissioner Parlet commented that on page 8 of the packet it states six reasons justifying the original formation of the district which includes working cooperatively with existing government agencies, and noted that the County cannot do the work of the district while the district exists since it is a duplication of services.

Chair Mattina closed the public comment period and public hearing at 9:59 am.

Upon motion of Commissioner Slooten and second by Commissioner Robey, the Commission unanimously approved the following actions on the proposal:

- a. Found the Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01) proposal exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations § 15061(b)(3) and directed the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption; and
- b. Adopted Resolution No. 2026-03 approving the Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01) proposal subject to terms and conditions.

**5. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final LAFCo Budget and Work Program**

Chair Mattina opened the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Budget at 10:02 am. EO Feiler presented the item and noted that there were no changes from the prior hearing on the proposed budget; no comments were received; and the total LAFCo budget amount to be apportioned between the County, Cities, and Special Districts is \$144,453 for FY 2026-27, which is an increase of \$1,019.48 from the prior fiscal year.

Chair Mattina opened the public comment period at 10:04 am.

No public comments were provided.

Chair Mattina closed the public comment period and public hearing at 10:04 am.

Upon motion of Commissioner Slooten and second by Commissioner Robey, adoption of Resolution No. 2026-04 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Budget was unanimously approved.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**6. Extension of Agreement for Staff Transition Services**

EO Feiler presented the item to extend the agreement with John Benoit to continue to provide staff transition services through June 30, 2027 and within LAFCo's budget.

Upon motion of Commissioner Slooten and second by Commissioner Robey, authorization for an eleventh amended agreement with John Benoit for a one-year extension of time for transition services to the LAFCo Executive Officer was unanimously approved.

**7. CALAFCO Annual Conference Attendance - Sacramento**

EO Feiler presented the item to consider attendance and voting delegate for the 2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference on October 21 - 23 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel.

Commissioner Robey expressed interest in attending the conference.

Upon motion of Commissioner Slooten and second by Commissioner Robey, nomination of Commissioner Robey as the 2026 CALAFCO Voting Delegate and EO Feiler as the Alternate Voting Delegate was unanimously approved.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

**8. Correspondence**

EO Feiler noted the following two items received.

- a. CALAFCO's Priorities for 2026 and Beyond - Board Retreat February 26, 2026
- b. CALAFCO Member Update May 2026

**9. Executive Officer's Report**

EO Feiler reported on the CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Pismo Beach and pre-application activities with the Hidden Valley Lake CSD regarding submittal of an application for the Valley Oaks subdivision annexation.

**10. LAFCo Counsel's Report** None

**11. Commissioner Reports** None

**12. Adjourn to the next meeting on September 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM in Clearlake**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am.