BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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John Burns
James Heisterkamp
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Russell McCray
Nicole Paskey

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING: July 30, 2026

17020 Placer Hills Rd. Suite 2A, Meadow Vista

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:
   Director Paskey convened the special meeting at 6:00 p.m.
   Directors in attendance: Heisterkamp, Lofrano, McCray, and Paskey
   Directors absent: Burns
   Staff in attendance: Chief Gow, Assistant Chief Slusher, Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi, Division Chief Williamson and District Manager Armstrong.
2. Agenda approval:
   Director McCray moved to approve the agenda. Director Heisterkamp seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.
3. Public Comment:
   Public Member – Shared that Placer County is offering a special on the chipper program where the first hour is free.
7. Discussion and Action Items:
   a. *Discuss the Measure A layover for the newly reorganized fire district, provide direction to the Fire Chief*
   Chief Gow introduced Tristan Butcher, the Placer County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Attorney William Adams and Chief Rogers. Due to the Board of Equalization laws Placer County has indicated that they will not collect the Measure A layover, into Newcastle, for the current Fiscal Year. Learned that a potential solution is a government code that allows the district to take a loan for the amount of the layover and collect back from the tax payer at a later date.
   Attorney William Adams shared that there is a direct contradiction with State Board of Equalization mapping law, which indicates an updated map has to be provided by December 10th to allow for the collection on the upcoming fiscal year, and the LAFCo law which allows for it to be implemented immediately. An available workaround is to take a loan for the FY 26/27 collection and collect from the public in future fiscal year tax collections.
   Tristan Butcher reported that this would be included as a special line item on the tax bill, wording can be perfected at a later time. A note can be issued through the treasury for up to a 5-year term. The loan would be an amortized balance loan, using the T-bill as a starting point for the interest rate. For a 5-year term, would be talking about a funding month of May, due to the final collection. A conservative estimate for the total interest, for a 5-year term, would be around $60,000.
   Public Member – Asked if its possible to have a special assessment fee that covers the amount that is not on the tax bill to avoid paying interest.
   The board discussed sending out a notice to the tax payers at the time the tax bills go out and that they are in agreement to have staff work with Tristan on coming up with loan terms to be approved by the board.
   Director Lofrano requested additional information about the possibility of self-financing out of our reserves.
   Director Heisterkamp followed up by asking if the District can levy without taking a loan.
   Attorney William Adams shared that he would need to do some research and provide details back to the board.
8. *Directors' comments:*

a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*
b. *Request item(s) for inclusion on subsequent meetings, or request a Special Meeting.*
c. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s):* Regular Meeting on August 19, 2026 at 6:00pm.

9. Adjournment:
   There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Armstrong

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Michelle Armstrong, District Manager