EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF MAY 24, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

TO: Shiva Frentzen, Chair, and

Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation

Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #10D: EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is informational only.

BACKGROUND

There are several things to report to the Commission since the March meeting:

The IT migration has been successful. Conducted in two phases, the server and all staff PCs were replaced and running smoothly. The migration resulted in only a few glitches, as there were a few third-party software programs that no longer worked in the new platforms. GNT, LAFCO's IT vendor, shredded the hard drives of all but one of the old PCs and recycled them. The sole remaining PC will become the new public record information station where the public will be able to access LAFCO's Laserfiche archive.

In other IT news, broadband services have not yet arrived at 550 Main Street. The delay seems to be on COMCAST's side. In addition, staff is taking a crack at updating the LAFCO website. Its current format was created in 2005 and is badly outdated. Because there is still a large percentage of residents in El Dorado County still rely on dial up internet service, the updated website will still utilize minimal graphics and functions.

The Commission may recall that last year LAFCO contracted with QK to create and provide to LAFCO GIS layers that identify disadvantaged communities. These layers contained 2014 and 2015 data, which are the latest data available from the Census. The question then became how LAFCO maintains these data so that staff can provide accurate mapping to the Commission and other partners. Staff learned at the CALAFCO Workshop how it may be possible for the data to be maintained annually; however, staff is still studying the full repercussions – logistics, costs, etc. – at this time.

As indicated in Item 4C, there appears to be some movement in the conversion of Tahoe Paradise Resort Improvement District. Since February, staff has met with three TPRID Directors to discuss the matter. While this can be viewed as a positive development, time is running out. The statute that allows for an expedited conversion process expires at the end of this year. From what I understand, a decision will be reached either at TPRID's May or June meeting.

Your Executive Officer has introduced himself to Assemblyman Kevin Kiley and with the staffs for Senator Gaines and Assemblyman Bigelow. The goal was not just an introduction but also to offer LAFCO's resources to the legislators should questions arise regarding local governments.

Staff is unsure what to do about it, but it is fielding several phone calls from throughout El Dorado County about forming local fire districts. All of these inquiries amount to people being unhappy with fire services (all but one inquiry related to emergency response times). Staff has recommended the formation of "zones of benefit" within a fire district as a possible counter-proposal. This is a more palatable option than forming small fire protection districts. These are just governmental ticking time bombs given how expensive it is to run a fire district. There is nothing for the Commission to do at the moment, but you may find yourselves also fielding questions on this subject.

Finally, while the election date has passed, the election of the special district representative is still ongoing. A quorum of voting districts has not been achieved. The candidates were notified that the election was still open. During the week of May 22, staff will send out reminders encouraging districts that have not voted yet to do so.