

FROM: Director Cary Curtis

Meeting Date: November 6, 2024

RE: Recap: Attendance and Presentation at CALAFCO Annual Meeting

BACKGROUND:

Late August 2024, Director Curtis was contacted by Plumas LAFCo Executive Officer, Jennifer Stevenson with an opportunity for Direction Curtis to attend the California Local Agency Formation Commission annual meeting and participate as a panelist on the topic of **Annexations and the Role of Commissioners**. LAFCo commissioners are in kind to board members. The conference took place on October 17.

The panel of three consisted of the County of Contra Costa Executive Officer, the County of El Dorado Supervisor and Director Curtis on behalf of BPPFD. Director Curtis was the last presenter on the panel and focused on the complexities of rural special districts and their ability to carry out organizational changes like annexations, where there is a lack of funding, county support and reliance on volunteers to support the work that needs to be done.

The prospective from the other two presenters was very urban, well-funded, well organized, with immense resources available.

Ultimately, Director Curtis closed her presentation with thoughts about how Commissioners can engage by providing an avenue of available resources, promoting the work at hand and the need to support that work with knowledge and understanding, for a smooth and less contentious outcome.

During the day, there was repeated conversations about the formation of Beckwourth Peak FPD and the hard work that everyone contributed to bring a positive outcome. Below is just one of the poster visuals that promotes the formation of Beckwourth Peak as a model for others to follow.

