



AMENDED SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Nevada County Consolidated Fire and Ophir Hill Fire
Wednesday, January 7th, 2026 – 11:00AM
Station 91 – 11329 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA



The Board of Directors welcomes you to its meetings and your participation is encouraged and appreciated. Any Member of the Audience desiring to address the Board on a matter appearing on the Agenda, before or during consideration of the item, may do so after receiving recognition from the presiding officer. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please limit your comments to the specific item under discussion. For further rules on public comment and other matters, please see the last page of this agenda.

NOTICE

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All items posted on the agenda, including under correspondence, may be acted upon by the Board of Directors. However, matters under committee reports and department manager's reports may be briefly addressed by the Board or Staff, but no action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. (GC 54954.2)

The Board of Directors may hold a Closed Session as the agenda schedule permits.

STANDING ORDERS:



- 11:00 a.m. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Corrections and/or deletions to the agenda

***PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Per CA Government Code 54954.3

This is the time for any member of the public to address the Boards on any item not on this Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the two Boards. Please wait for recognition from the presiding officer. The Boards generally cannot act on or discuss an item not on the agenda. However, the Boards may "briefly respond" to comments or questions from the members of the public. Please see the rules for public comment at the end of this agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and Possible Approval of Nevada County Consolidated Fire District Resolution No. 26-01, a Concurrent Clarifying Resolution, to Initiate an Application of the Board of Directors of the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District in Conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District Requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission to Initiate Proceedings for the Annexation and Dissolution of the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District by the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District. **Fire Chief Robitaille**

2. Consideration and Possible Approval of Resolution No. 26-01 Before the Board of Directors of the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District in Conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District Requesting the Local Agency Formation Commission to Initiate Proceedings for the Annexation and Dissolution of the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District by the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District. Fire Chief Robitaille

BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

Rules Applying to Public Comments (as provided by CA Government Code Section 54954.)

A. Members of the public wishing to address the Boards upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District may do so upon receiving recognition from the presiding officer at the appropriate time. You may address the Boards on any agenda item prior to Board Action. If you wish to address the Boards on an item not on the agenda, you may do so during the General Public Comment period. Understand that no action may be taken on an item not on the agenda.

- Where necessary for the orderly operation of the meeting, the presiding officer may limit public comment during the public comment period or public hearing to no more than five minutes per individual.

B. After receiving recognition, please stand and state your name, as all meetings are being recorded. Note that stating your name is a voluntary act and is not required.

C. Members of the public may submit written comments on any matter that is listed on the agenda or for general public comment. You may submit written comments on any matter by U.S. Mail addressed to 640 Coyote Street, Nevada City, CA 95959 or by e-mail to triciabush@nccfire.com. For comments to be read at the meeting and entered into the minutes they must be received no later than 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting.

D. All documents to be presented to the Board of Directors shall be given to the Secretary of the Board for distribution (original and seven copies) prior to the Call of Order of meeting.

E. Complaints against any individual District employee cannot be brought up in open meeting directly. The district's will only consider such a complaint if submitted in writing.



NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

A CONCURRENT CLARIFYING RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AN APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OPHIR HILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REQUESTING THE NEVADA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION TO INITIATE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE OPHIR HILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BY THE NEVADA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (“Nevada County Consolidated”) desire to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, California Government Code Section 56000 *et. seq.* (the “Act”), concurrently with the Ophir Hill Fire Protection District (“Ophir Hill”) before the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”) for the annexation and dissolution of Ophir Hill to Nevada County Consolidated (collectively, the “Parties”); and,

WHEREAS, notice of intent to adopt this Resolution of Application has been given to each interested and each affected Party; and,

WHEREAS, the affected territory proposed to be annexed is inhabited, and is constituted by the respective boundaries of Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill; and,

WHEREAS, Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill exercise identical powers as authorized by the Fire Protection District Law of 1987 (California Health and Safety Code Section 13800 *et. seq.*); and,

WHEREAS, this proposal is consistent with the Spheres of Influence of Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill; and,

WHEREAS, it is desired that the proposed annexation of Ophir Hill to Nevada County Consolidated be subject to the following terms and conditions, among others:

1. The specific provisions of the Service Plan jointly initiated and revised by Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill for the affected territory.
2. The completed Service Plan, as jointly finalized by Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill, attached as Exhibit “A.”
3. The paid employees and the active paid-call firefighters of Ophir Hill will become a portion of the successor Reorganized Fire District, Nevada County Consolidated.
4. All Tax Rate Areas will be maintained and all revenue mechanisms currently existing in Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill will be maintained post-reorganization.

5. All assets, unrestricted, restricted or fiduciary, held by Ophir Hill shall be transferred to and become assets of the resulting Fire District. The resulting Fire District, Nevada County Consolidated, shall be the successor agency to Ophir Hill.
6. The Parties request a determination by Nevada County ("County") Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") that the initial appropriations limit for the resulting Fire District shall be at least the total of the combined existing appropriation limits of Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill, as well as the anticipated increased tax collections projected from the extension of Nevada County Consolidated special taxes throughout the resulting Fire District.
7. All liabilities of the Parties shall be transferred to and become liabilities of the resulting Fire District.
8. The Nevada County Consolidated Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) members shall be the Board of Directors of the successor resulting Fire District.
9. The name of the resulting Fire District shall be the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Protection District.
10. The effective date of the Proposed annexation and dissolution shall be the date of recordation of the certificate of completion of annexation and dissolution as provided by Government Code Section 57200 *et seq.*
11. The Parties will cooperate to supplement and increase revenue sources for the proposed reorganization.
12. Such other provisions as required by applicable law or as may be agreed by the Parties.

WHEREAS, the reasons for the proposed annexation of Ophir Hill to Nevada County Consolidated are as follows:

1. It will facilitate the efficient delivery of life and property saving services to individuals and property owners within the affected territory.
2. It will facilitate the continued provision of the current levels of service provided by paid and paid-call firefighters and staff of the respective fire districts, constant local demand expectations and available financing.

WHEREAS, this Board anticipates that the reorganization proposal is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15320(b), which exempts special district reorganizations where changes in organization of local governmental agencies do not change the geographical area in which the previously existing powers are exercised, such as here; and,

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2025 the County LAFCO adopted an updated Fire and Emergency Response Services Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update, which among other things, adopted a policy of consolidating the Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill Protection Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution of initiation of the proposed annexation and dissolution proceedings, and amendment of the Nevada County Consolidated Sphere of Influence to include the affected area of Ophir Hill as described is adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of Nevada County Consolidated who also find, determine, declare, resolve and order as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are adopted as set forth herein.
2. County LAFCO is requested to undertake proceedings for the Proposed Petition and approve the Petition for the annexation and dissolution according to the terms and conditions stated above pursuant to the Act.
3. The President of the Board of Directors of Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill is authorized and directed to execute this Concurrent Resolution and any other documents as County LAFCO may reasonably request to accomplish the Proposed Reorganization initiated by this Concurrent Resolution, with an anticipated completion date of November 1, 2026 or earlier.
4. The Fire Chief of Nevada County Consolidated and/or designee, shall be, and is hereby, also authorized and directed to perform any and all acts required to complete the Proposed annexation and dissolution initiated by this Concurrent Resolution, including, but not limited to, preparation and coordination of the reorganization Petition to County LAFCO, and preparation and filing of Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA guidelines.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Nevada County Consolidated at a Special Meeting thereof held on the 7th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

ATTEST:

By: _____
Keith Grueneberg, President

Date: January 7, 2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
William D. Ross, Special Counsel

Date: January 7, 2026

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: _____
Jason Robitaille, Fire Chief

Date: January 7, 2026

OPHIR HILL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

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PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Ophir Hill at a Special Meeting thereof held on the 7th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

Ayes:

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Absent:

Abstain:

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

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By: _____
Buckley Armacher, Chairman

Date: January 7, 2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
William D. Ross, Special Counsel

Date: January 7, 2026

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

By: _____
Robb Rothenberger, Fire Chief

Date: January 7, 2026