



**MAY 20, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Chamber, with Chair Bass presiding.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Virginia Bass, Estelle Fennell, Gordon Johnson, Sue Long, Robert McPherson, Troy Nicolini, Alternate Special District Member Frank Scolari, and Alternate Public Member Skip Jorgensen

Commissioners Absent: Bruce Rupp

Staff: George Williamson, Executive Officer  
Colette Metz, Administrator

**4. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

None

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A) Approval of March 18, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion Fennell / Long** to approve the consent calendar. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A) Upper 9th Street Annexation to the City of Fortuna**

Executive Officer Williamson summarized the staff report and described the infrastructure and services provided by the City of Fortuna within the upper 9<sup>th</sup> Street area. Mr. Williamson noted that because the proposal had 100 percent written consent from property owners within the annexation area, that a protest hearing could be waived in accordance with Government Code Section 56663.

**Motion Fennell/ McPherson** to adopt Resolution No. 15-03, approving the Upper 9<sup>th</sup> Street Annexation to the City of Fortuna, as described in the staff report, subject to the recommended conditions. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

**A) Formation of the Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District (*continued from the March 18<sup>th</sup> LAFCo meeting*)**

Administrator Metz summarized the staff report and discussed staff's efforts to meet with representatives of the Fruitland VFC and concerned landowners to determine whether special tax provisions could be included to reduce the burden for landowners owning multiple properties while not jeopardizing the funding needs of the District. The Commission discussed the special tax and funding needs of the district. Mike Lake, Chief of the Fruitland Volunteer Fire Company, noted that he is

receiving good feedback from the community about the formation proposal. He discussed current fundraising efforts including monthly barbeques during summer months. Chief Lake explained the need for steady income and not relying only on fundraising events, which strain volunteers.

Commissioner Fennell discussed Measure Z and the request by the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association for funding personal safety equipment.

**Motion Fennell/ Johnson** to adopt Resolution No. 15-04, approving the Formation of the Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District, as described in the staff report, subject to the recommended conditions. The motion was passed by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

**B) Final Budget and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-16**

Executive Officer Williamson summarized the final budget and fee schedule for FY 2015-16. The Commission discussed the fee schedule and the ability to reduce fees for certain applications, such as fire services consolidations. Executive Officer Williamson noted that there is ability to adjust the deposits and gave a couple of recent examples.

**Motion Fennell/ Nicolini** to adopt Resolution No. 15-05, approving the final budget for fiscal year 2015-16. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7-0-0.

**8. INFORMATIONAL AND CONTINUING ITEMS**

**A) Status of Current and Future Proposals**

Executive Officer Williamson discussed upcoming application proposals, including an annexation in the Strongs Creek area in Fortuna. The Commission discussed County staff's involvement in coordinating applications for fire district formation and annexation efforts. The Commission received and filed the report.

**9. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

None

**10. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

**A) CALAFCO 2015 Annual Conference**

Received and filed

**B) CALAFCO Nominations for 2015-2016 CALAFCO Board of Directors**

Received and filed

**C) CALAFCO 2015 Achievement Award Nominations**

Received and filed

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. Next regular meeting: July 15, 2015.