



# OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD REPORT



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**SUBJECT:** NTFPD/OVFD Annexation Update

**EXHIBIT:** F-1, 3 Pages

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Direct staff to continue exploring: (i) an annexation of Olympic Valley by the North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD), and (ii) the divestiture of the power to provide emergency services by Olympic Valley Public Service District (OVPSD); and to prepare a resolution of application to the Placer Local Agency Formation Commission (Placer LAFCO) initiating the divestiture process and supporting the annexation.

**DISCUSSION:** The concept of consolidation among regional fire agencies has been discussed since the 1990s. More recent developments beginning in 2023, led to a LAFCO study evaluating regional reorganization. Most recently, annexation by NTFPD of the territory currently served by OVFD is being considered. Several factors have contributed to agencies revisiting these discussions. A timeline of key events is as follows:

#### February 2024

Olympic Valley Professional Firefighters submitted a letter and presented it to the OVPSD Board in support of consolidation/annexation with NTFPD.

#### April 2024

Former Placer LACFO Executive Officer, Michelle McEntyre and LAFCO Board member, Josh Alpine, met with OVPSD Staff and Counsel to discuss potential reorganization options. The LAFCO representatives expressed support for further evaluation and agreed to arrange for a LAFCO service review.

#### August 2024

Emergency Services Consulting International (ESCI) was awarded the contract to perform a Regional LAFCO Service Review. This study was structured in two phases. Phase 1 focuses on findings and was originally expected to be completed in October 2025. Phase 2 will focus on recommendations, with a timeline dependent on completion of Phase 1.

#### March 2026

The Phase 1 draft of the Regional LAFCO Service Review, originally expected in October 2025, is now anticipated in May 2026. Given this delay, and the complexity of consolidation or other reorganization of the four Fire Departments, it is unlikely that any type of regional reorganization will occur for several years. As such, OVFD and NTFPD have revisited the concept of NTFPD annexing the territory currently served by OVFD. The two agencies are closely aligned geographically and operationally, which would allow a significantly faster reorganization

process. This two-agency concept would not replace the regional reorganization effort underway but would proceed in parallel.

OVFD and NTFPD, along with Alpine Springs County Water District (ASCWD) due to its service contract with NTFPD and geographic proximity, have held preliminary meetings. These discussions have included Fire Chiefs from NTFD and OVFD, the General Managers from OVPSD and ASCWD, the OVPSD and NTFPD Board Presidents, and Placer LAFCO staff. All stakeholders have expressed strong support for exploring this option. This would include the simultaneous annexation by NTFPD of territory currently served by OVFD and the divestiture by OVPSD of the power to provide emergency services.

Based on current discussions and anticipated timelines, the OVFD and NTFPD have identified the following next steps in evaluating and advancing the potential reorganization:

#### March 2026

OVPSD staff to request direction from their Board on pursuing annexation and divestiture.

#### April 2026

OVPSD, NTFPD, and ASCWD Boards to consider adopting resolutions of application to initiate annexation and divestiture.

Placer LAFCO have advised that Phase 1 of the current Service Review will suffice for sphere of influence (SOI) and LAFCO Service Review to support the applications – both of which are required for Placer LAFCO to process the applications.

Additional LAFCO process steps include:

- Resolution submitting an application to LAFCO (with Plan for Service, Financial Plan, CEQA review)
- Property tax sharing agreement with Placer County under Revenue and Taxation Code section 99. This agreement is adopted by Placer County on the Districts' behalf and is needed before Placer LAFCO can process the application.
- LAFCO action on application including conditions of approval authorized by state law
- If approved by LAFCO, there would be a Protest Hearing:
  - If less than 25% of voters or landowners owning at least 25% of assessed value of land protest, no election and LAFCO approves
  - If at least 25% of voters or landowners owning at least 25% of assessed value of land protest but no more than 50% of either, then election
  - If a majority of voters protest, terminate proceedings.
- If an election is held, voter majority is required to approve/disapprove the proposal.

While it is difficult to predict the exact timeline, the annexation process is estimated to take approximately 18–24 months.

**FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS:**

There are no fiscal impacts at this time, however, financial impacts will occur as the process moves forward, including costs associated with studies and reports early in the process and potentially significant financial implications as annexation terms are developed. Additional details will be provided as information becomes available.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

**Focus Area:** Proactive Planning | **Goal:** Participate in planning efforts related to regional reorganization to advocate for efficient delivery of services.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None.

**DATE PREPARED:** March 23, 2026