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TRINITY COUNTY GRAND JURY 2006-2007

SPECIAL DISTRICTS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINT RE:
ANNEXATION OF LAND FOR
HAYFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

This Report was Approved On June 5, 2007

2006-2007 Trinity County Grand Jury Special Districts & Programs Committee

Final Report Regarding Complaint # 2

Background:

The Grand Jury assigned Complaint # 2 to this committee for investigation. Complaint # 2 relates to annexation of lands for Hayfork Fire Protection District. According to the written complaint, improper notification to a property owner is alleged as it pertains to LAFCO Resolution No. 0ó-02. At the time the complaint was made to the Grand Jury (May 21, 2006), the annexation was not yet completed.

Method of Investigation:

The Special Districts & Programs Committee sent a letter to the Executive Officer of Trinity LAFCO on October 2, 2006 posing questions about notifications made during the proposed annexation and parcel assessment.

On December 13, 2006, the Committee received a package of materials from Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The issues highlighted in the documents reviewed, answered most of the questions which had been asked.

In a short telephone interview on January 22, 2007, a specific question which sought the exact sections of the California Government Code applicable to the outstanding notification issue was requested from a representative for an agency member of CALAFCO.

Findings:

- The Affidavit of Publication of Public Notice by LAFCO (File #LAF-05-01) was published in *The Trinity Journal* on December 28, 2005, January 4 and 11, 2006 for a public hearing in Weaverville on January 24, 2006 at 4 p.m. Proposed amendment of the Sphere of Influence (SOI) to more clearly define the district's service area and proposed annexation of lands to the existing area (nearly all of Hayfork Valley). Anyone desiring to make a statement could do so, either in writing or in person. The mailing address and phone number of Trinity LAFCO was contained in the published notice.
- The Affidavit of Publication of Public Notice by Executive Officer of LAFCO (Resolution # 06-02) was published in The Trinity Journal on February 1, 2006 for a Conducting Authority Protest Hearing in Hayfork on February 28, 2006 at 4 p.m. Proposed annexation of lands in the Hayfork Valley to enable the district to maintain and improve fire and rescue service to the annexed areas. Written protests against this annexation may be filed by owners of land within the area or by registered voters residing within the area. Protests could either be mailed to Trinity LAFCO or delivered to the Executive Officer at the protest hearing. Each written protest could be filed no later than the conclusion of the hearing to be considered valid. The effect of protests received will be determined within 30 days following the hearing in accordance with Government Code Section 57075. Minutes from the February 28, 2006 meeting indicate that the Agenda was posted at the courthouse as required by law and at the Hayfork fire hall. Members of the fire district board of directors were present at the hearing and answered questions mainly as to how funding would be used and whether the new fire hall would be constructed if the measure was unsuccessful. With no protests received, the Executive Officer (Conducting Authority) stated the election would be held June 6, 2006 on the funding condition for the annexation proposal. If approved, the annexation would proceed.

- The minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting contained in the Executive Officer's report contain the following entries on page six: Project Evaluation item (M) any information or comments from iandowners; this annexation proposal has been extensively advertised and covered by the two local newspapers: the Trinity Journal and the Trinity Tribune. Ads were placed in the Journal, copies of the notices were prominently displayed on laminated lime-green paper and posted at the following locations in Hayfork: the library, Dairy Store, Drug Store, Irene's, Ernie's, Post Office, Wiley's, Frontier Fuel, Fire Hall and Discount Groceries. In addition, the fire district conducted a public informational meeting on January 10, 2005. (sic). Approximately 50 people attended. While those in attendance asked questions, there was no direct opposition voiced. No public comments have been received by LAFCO staff. The Service Plan (in the next paragraph) is to continue the district's existing service which currently includes the area to be annexed. If the annexation is not approved and/or if the vote for assessment is not successful, then the district will only be capable of providing service within its existing districts boundaries. The anticipated expenses of the district are included in the district's resolution and were reviewed in detail during the public meeting conducted by the district on January 10, 2006.
- Resolution No. 2005-10-11 adopted by the Hayfork Fire Protection District on October 11, 2005 included the following: "the District desires that the proposed annexation be subject to the following term and condition: 1. Voters must vote on and approve a benefit assessment to fund current and future services".
- This project is listed as exempt from CEQA per CCR, Sections 15061(B)(3) and 15320. Agreement with CDF relative to wildland fire protection (no change) and expanded Fire Safe Ordinance code enforcement responsibilities was communicated during the process.
- Results of the June 6, 2006 election (Measure F): Yes 506 70.77%
 No 209 29.23%

Two-thirds of those casting ballots was necessary, and achieved, since measure created a new tax. Imposes an annual \$100.00 benefit assessment per parcel.

- Executive Officer of Trinity LAFCO filed and recorded the required Certificate of Completion (certified copy of the resolution) in the official records of the County Clerk-Recorder on June 29, 2006. This was the effective date and completion of the district formation.
- California Government Code Section 56157 (d) and (f) addresses mailed notice requirements to landowners (assessed parcels) and registered voters (within the affected territory). Generally, all would need to be noticed at least twenty-one days prior to the hearing. Published notice under Section 56153 in a newspaper of general circulation would also be required. Importantly, Section 56157 (g) contains the following: if the total number of notices required to be mailed in accordance with subdivisions (d) and (f) exceeds 1,000, then notice may instead be provided pursuant to subdivision (a) of California Government Code Section 65091. An agency (district) providing essential services (fire and rescue) may, in lieu of mailed or delivered notice, provide notice by placing a display advertisement of at least one-eighth page in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the local agency in which the proceeding is conducted at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Assessed parcels in the proposed annexation and assessment area did total over 1,000.

Recommendations:

- Special Districts which provide essential services should be advised of the mailing notice requirements contained in the California Government Code. It was the intent of the Legislature to have all landowners notified by mail when an annexation and assessment hearing was to be held. Absentee landowners, especially in rural areas, could easily be away from their vacant parcel during a portion of a given year which included October through February as was the time period identified during this annexation process.
- 2. Trinity LAFCO is reminded that AB 2838 (2000) requires an update to the spheres of influence (SOI) for all special districts every five years. The new boundaries and service area must be consistent with adopted spheres of influence.

Conclusion:

Although the annexation process and benefit assessment detailed herein contained a fairly routine set of facts for a LAFCO hearing on a special district providing only essential services of one type (fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical response), the Grand Jury thanks the complainant for bringing to the attention of all communities in our county, how this important function which is little understood, actually involves a strong commitment to civic involvement.

Responses Required:

Entity	Finding/Recommendation	Respond in	
Hayfork Fire Protection District	- 1	60 days	
Executive Officer, Trinity LAFCO	2	60 days	



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John Jelicich, Executive Officer, Trinity LAFCO

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P.O. BOX 668, HAYFORK, CALIFORNIA 96041

August 30, 2007

Honorable James P. Woodward Presiding Judge of Trinity Superior Court

RE: Response to memorandum of June 28, 2007 regarding "Citizen Complaint RE: Annexation of Land for hayfork Fire Protection District"

Honorable James P. Woodward:

In response to "Recommendation 1" of the above memorandum, the Hayfork Fire Protection District (HFPD) concurs with the recommendation and believes the district did, in conjunction with Trinity LAFCO, meet the intent of the California Government Code regarding hearings notification to landowners. In lieu of mailing per CGC Section 56157 (g), the notification was made by LAFCO posting notices in the local newspaper of general circulation.

It would be unreasonable for small special purpose districts with strained resources, both human and revenue, to provide individual mailings to landowners of more than 1000 parcels. It is our opinion the California Legislature recognized this as evidenced be the option of publishing notice(s) in a local newspaper of general circulation.

In addition to required hearings, the HFPD made every reasonable effort to notify the public of the intent of the district to place an annexation measure on the ballot for the public to decide the issue. This is evidenced by the HFPD conducting public meetings and participating in posting of notices of the LAFCO hearings at prominent locations throughout Hayfork.

On January 10, 2006, the HFPD conducted a public meeting in conjunction with the Hayfork Chamber of Commerce dedicated entirely for the purpose of informing the public of the proposed annexation/parcel assessment measure and to solicit citizen input. This meeting was announced in a Trinity Journal article of January 4, 2006.

On February 18, 2006, a public hearing for receiving protests was held in Hayfork by LAFCO; none received or filed.

In May, 2006, the HFPD, with assistance and support of a special purpose citizens' committee, (Measure F), mailed informational letters to all parcel owners on a mailing list received from the Trinity County Assessors Office. Also, the citizens' committee

assisted with the development and distribution of informational flyer, posters, and buttons.

In conclusion, the HFPD Board of Commissioners believes the district complied with the intent of the applicable CGC and conducted every reasonable good-faith effort to notify property owners of the proposed annexation/assessment ballot measure.

We thank the Court and the Trinity Grand Jury for their diligence in oversight of the conduct of public agencies and notification for improvements and compliance with applicable regulations.

Sincerely,

Jim Gonzales, Chairman

Hayfork Fire Protection District

Attachments: 1-14

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HVFD Plans New Station

Citizens Organize to Replace 1950 Building

A Citizens Committee in Hayfork has started to plan for building a new fire station to house their volunteer fire department and county emergency medical crews.

Supervisor Roger Jaegel said, "I think it's a great thing. The community has made a great start." He complimented the committee's enthusiasm: "They've really taken off."

The Hayfork Valley Fire Protection District (HVFD), one of only four fire districts in the county which receive property tax revenue, was founded in 1948. The District covers about six square miles from Cedar Gulch to about one mile east of Big Creek, and area that includes all (see Hayfork Fire Hall, page 6)

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Haytork Fire Hall

(cont'd from Front Pagae)

of the town of Hayfork.

The all-volunteer force of firefighters serves about 80 square miles in its sphere of influence and was the second busiest in the county last year, coming in just behind Weaverville in the number of calls for help they received.

The Fire Station itself, constructed in 1950. is owned by the HVFD but the land is not. A one

story addition was added in 1960.

The existing station is out of compliance with CalOSHA rules and the American with Disabilities Act, has inadequate crew quarters, does not meet state earthquake standards, does not meet safety requirements for storage of hazardous materials or compressed gases, and does not have proper exhaust ventilation.

There is also vehicle hazard problem. Current law does not allow direct entry and exit onto state highways. Engine drivers have to place their rigs across both traffic lanes in order to back them

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into the bays.

The building is too small to hold all of the firefighting vehicles, there is only enough room for three engines, although two smaller wehicles are wedged in leaving about two inches of clearance against one wall. Assistant Fire Chief David Loeffler says, "Currently we can't house our entire fleet." Two water tenders are kept at private residences and there is no room for expanding the building either. The fleet consists of three fire engines, two water tenders, a utility vehicle and a rescue vehicle.

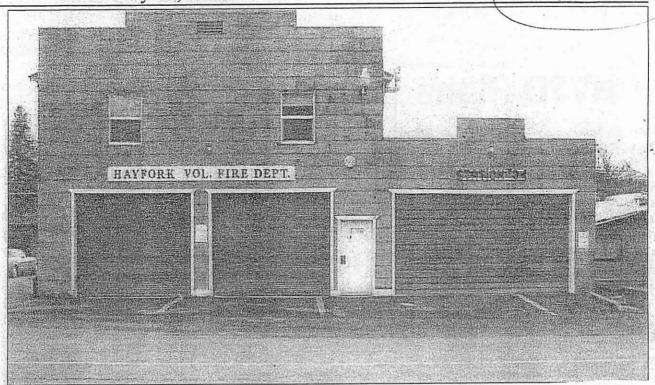
The Romero Bill, which forces any Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) to comply with the same CalOSHA rules that are enforced at fire departments with paid firefighters. According to the HFVD, this has "brought a lot of unfunded mandates for training the volunteer fire department, which is creating a burden due to the lack of space."

For all of these reasons, the District and its all-volunteer force are seeking to raise the cash to build a new fire station.

Mr. Loeffler says, "We talked to our Board of Directors and came up with a plan." Letters were sent to about a score of community leaders asking for their help in forming a citizens' advisory committee. The first meeting was held in mid January; the group has met three times this month.

"They ask a lot of pointed questions," says Loeffler. The committee studies, find answers and moves on to the next part of the work. "They get it done," he says with satisfaction, "I'm overwhelmed by the level of community support."

Rough plans call for a structure 160 feet long



and 100 feet wide. The central part is for the fire vehicles and two ambulances. On each side of the main bay there will be spaces for Trinity County Life Support (TCLS) and the VFD, with a training and meeting room, a kitchen, crew quarters and storage space.

"We're planning for future needs," says Mr. Loeffler.

One of the first tasks will be to agree on the size of the facility and prepare initial drawings. The Committee is agreed that the facility must be sufficient to meet fire fighting and medical emergency needs for a quarter of a century with the goal of providing 24-hour per day, 365-day per year coverage while at the same time keeping the cost down.

The committee is looking at recently completed fire stations and plans of existing facilities, including the fire hall in Weaverville. A team from Hawthorne, which recently built a new station, came to Hayfork on Friday, Feb. 11 to review their building work.

Several building sites are possible. Mountain Valley Elder care has offered a one acre site a little distance down the Hyampom Road, adjacent to its new senior housing. The Hayfork posse has said that its one acre piece could be used in case another offered parcel is found to be unsuitable.

Hayfork VFD seeks expansion, financial support

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The Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department and Trinity County Life Support have been engaged for months in planning the construction of a new public safety facility to house both fire and medical equipment and teams in the Hayfork Valley.

Residents in and around the Valley are receiving in the mail information about this effort. They are being asked whether they will support expansion of the existing Fire District and a benefit assessment on to raise funds to support the Volunteer Fire Department.

The following information has been sent to area residents.

The Present

In 1949, the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Protection District (HVFD) boundary was established as the same boundary as the Hayfork Water District. Our District is funded through a very small percentage of the property taxes from within this boundary. The percentage fluctuates from year to year, based on the growth of the community. As you know, our population has declined over the last several years and so bas the department's revenues. Our funding is now about one-quarter of what it was ten years ago, while mandated costs to the department have increased.

For information or to contribute to this cause, contact the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department & Building Committee P.O. Box 668 Hayfork, CA 96041-0668 While the population in the high-density area of Hayfork has decreased, the response area of the fire department has increased dramatically. Although our District encompasses a small portion of the Hayfork valley, we have always served the community even if the emergency was outside of the present boundary.

Currently, the HVFD bas 7 vehicles. In addition to purchasing and maintaining these vehicles, the fire department is also responsible for placement and repairs of fire hydrants, the purchase and maintenance of its mandated personal protective equipment and the providing of state mandated training to our firefighters. Other costs include communication equipment, medical supplies and equipment, and Workman's Compensation. The fire department averages 400 emergency calls per year, which consist of medical, vehicle and fire emergencies ("all-risk").

The Future

Without the boundary anniexation/benefit assessment, the Hayfork Fire Protection District's fleet of vehicles and specialized equipment would be reduced to a minimum operating level and

services, such as medical responses, will be cut back. Our current status as an "all-risk" department would terminate; the department would only be able to respond to fire emergencies and only those within the current District's boundaries.

By expanding the area we now cover, through annexation and through receiving a benefit assessment, the Hayfork Fire Protection District would be able to:

Allow you to possibly benefit from lower fire insurance on your property by increasing the potential to lower the current Insurance Service Ratings (ISO) in all areas of the proposed District (based upon the response time within the District)

Support and maintain a public safety facility, which would house both the fire department and Trinity County Life Support.

Purchase and maintain mandated specialized equipment

Service and repair the current fleet of vehicles

Allocate funds for replacement of vehicles

Maintain state mandated training qualification

Maintain an "all-risk" department status by providing fire protection, and medical and emergency services to all areas within the annexation

Rendering of the porposed public sftey building

Plans move forward on Hayfork public saftey building

Hayfork's volunteer Public Safety Building Committee has been meeting bi-weekly for the past six months to move forward with plans to construct a new public safety facility. The building will house both the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) and Trinity County Life Support (TCLS), in order to coordinate emergency services and to take advantage of a larger range of funding opportunities for the project.

The current HVFD building does not meet State and Federal regulations, and is non-compliant with: CAL OSHA (equipment exhaust venting system, crew quarters, and hazardous material and compressed gas storage), Americans with Disabilities

Act compliance, traffic safety (exit/entry off and onto State Highway 3), earthquake safety standards, and with the new Romero Bill (unfunded training regulations requiring expansion). In addition, the Hayfork Fire Protection District (HFPD) owns the current building, but they do not own the land, which disallows expansion at the current site. Due to the space limitations, three of the department's emergency vehicles cannot be housed on site, thus creating the urgent need for the new facility.

The Trinity County Board of Supervisors recently selected the HFPD's planning proposal for the submission of a \$35,000 CDBG grant for the planning phase of this project.

CDBG funds are federally funded through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program, and are administered by the state. The committee is also working toward locating additional grant funding to complete the planning phase of the project. In addition, Mountain Valley Elder Care has generously donated a 1-acre parcel of land on Hyampom Road for the development of the new facility.

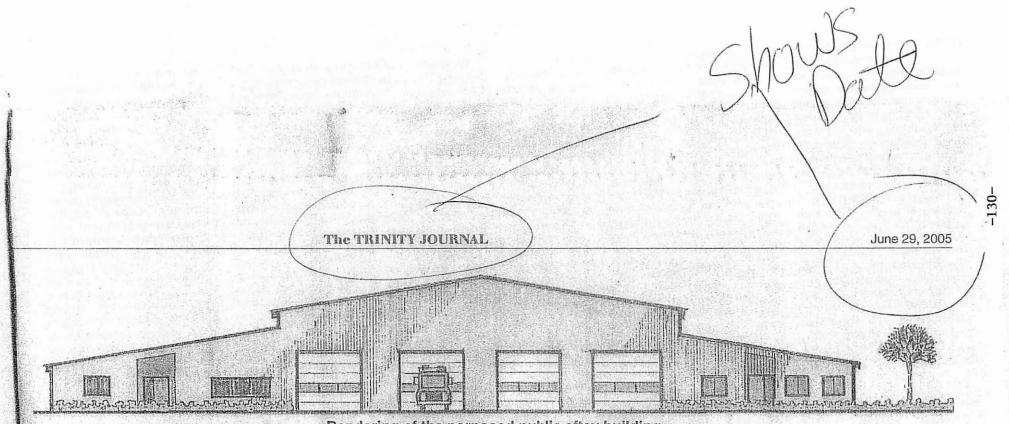
However, community support is vital to the success of the building project, and the continuance of fire service in Hayfork. The current fire district encompasses a 6-square-mile area, although the HVFD responds to fires and medical emergencies

throughout the entire Havfork Valley, and only receives a small amount of annual funding from property tax revenues from those properties within the current district. The Public Safety Building Committee, in collaboration with the HFPD, has realized the need to formally annex the lands immediately adjacent to the current fire district, which are now only protected as resources allow. A formal annexation would allow the HVFD to provide service to this area 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and potentially reduce fire insurance premiums for the entire area.

A future benefit assessment is also being proposed to cover the higher costs associated with providing continuing fire service to the Hayfork community from the required new facility. Without the community's support of the fire district annexation, and the benefit assessment, the HVFD will inevitably be forced to scale back the fire equipment (water tenders, utility vehicles, etc.), and to only provide fire protection within the current district.

An informational brochure has been developed, and will be available at the Hayfork Independence Day Celebration on July 1 at the Trinity County Fairgrounds in Hayfork. Committee members will be available to answer questions, and to provide additional information as necessary.

- A. Michele Endicott



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Successful first fundraiser for Hayfork Public Safety Facility

The first of many fund-raisers to support the construction of the New Hayfork Public Safety Facility has been completed, according to Trinity County Life Support Operations Manager Kathy Ratliff and Hayfork Fire Chief Robert Young.

Drawings were held on

Aug. 27 at the Trinity County Fair for a mini Indy racer gocart, donated by Golden State Tire and Hayfork Tire, and other prizes. The raffle raised \$2,250 toward the \$120,000 goal of phase 1. Judy Stewart of Hayfork was the grand prize winner. Fair time Aug., 2005

Háyfork Fire information shared

R.J. (Dick) Murray, chairman of the Hayfork Public Safety Building Committee, has announced that information packages about the new facility, status of the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department, and the proposal to annex the entire Hayfork valley into the fire district were mailed Sept. 30. Citizens are urged to answer the questions on the postage paid card and return it as soon as possible.

Sept., 2005

Attachment 5

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY September 13, 2005 @ 6:00 PM HAYFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Directors Present:

David Carrothers

Stan Stetson Homer Yates Jim Gonzalez

Absent:

Hayfork Vol. Fire Dept:

Bob Young, Chief

Dave Loeffler, Assist. Chief Al Saxton, Funding Coordinator

Jim and Angenette Taft

Guests:

Danny Ray Riggs Larry McCord

CALL TO ORDER: 6:10pm

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

Re-imbursement check from the county for the Water Tank Grant. The clerk will send the check to the county for the deposit.

CLOSED PERSONNEL SESSION

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. August 9, 2005 meeting Minutes for approval. The minutes were approved as submitted. MSC (Yates/Carrothers)

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

Warren Clark was sworn into office

Merger with Barker Valley. We were wondering if the merger was still going to happen and if the interest is still there. We have a medical exam and Larry asked if the members would be grandfathered in. Misc. discussion on what we would do for the district medical exam. Gonzalez says he thought we would take the Barker Valley department as is. Accepting the volunteers as they are now. Larry and Danny are wanting a commitment to maintain the equipment out there. Possibly

creating a second battalion chief out in the barker valley department. The law states you only have to have CPR and first aid. Misc. discussion on what coverage the barker valley people would get if we annexed. Danny Ray asked if we write a letter about the expected time frame and what the board of director's intensions are. The building committee is drafting a letter that will get sent out to the people that will explain what our intent is. What kind of time frame are we looking at? This is going to happen for the vote in about a year. If the annexation is going to happen then the merger would happen with Barker Valley. Some of the concerns will be that we won't want to maintain the equipment they have out in Barker Valley. Misc. discussions on what the letter says from the committee to the people. Gonzalez would be happy to write down what we are talking about tonight. Danny wants a letter that says HFPD wants to absorb Barker Valley company. Gonzalez will try to write a letter up and will ask the other commissioners to approve it. The intent of the Barker Valley is to merge with the HFPD.

Bob Young: The fee schedule needs to be sent into the state. We are currently getting the OES fee schedule. Bob got \$400.00 from Drew for the fireworks at the stomp and paid all the volunteers that worked. We should be receiving a bill for the battery and for the alternator. No new members and we haven't dropped any. Bob would like to pay the guys what our fee schedule is and the department would take a small cut because we didn't submit all the correct paperwork to the state.

Al contacted Pat Mortensen about some funding. The Chiefs association is considering putting in some money to fix the radio's system. We need self contained breathing apparatuses. Gonzalez wonders if we need to submit right now for title 3 and when should we start working on the grant proposal for the 2006 dollars.

Bob and Dave L. will be getting some of the water tank grant money spent. It expires 10/30/05. Use the grant to get the equipment and worry about the labor later.

Building fund report. We need to start the LAFCO process. Find out our Schedule of events are prior to the June 06 election. 1500 Postcard .25 each for 1500 envelopes \$205.00 per 500 envelopes. MSC approval to \$1055.00 for the envolopes, postcards and mailing labels (Carrothers/Yates) The clerk will write a check for \$990.00 to the US Postal Service and give it to Al so he can purchase the postcards and envelopes.

501c should have not been on the agenda anymore.

Lighting district is not something that needs to be done at this time.

Dave looked at the draft map that Mike Wines is doing and everything looks good so far.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY WARRANTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS MSC (Yates/ Clark) to approve warrants in the amount of \$3,916.92

ADJOURNMENT MSC (Carrothers/ Clark) 8:07pm

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Jan. 4, 2006

Hayfork Fire District needs income

By AMY GITTELSOHN

Commissioners of the Hayfork Fire Protection District are seeking to increase the income of the district which already serves a large area but receives tax dollars based on a small geographic area.

The plan to raise money to support a new fire hall, vehicle replacements and department operations will be presented in a public meeting of the Hayfork Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Hayfork High School library.

"What we hope to do is have a lot of answers for them at this first meeting," said Hayfork Fire Chief Bob Young.

There are many problems with the current fire hall, Young said, including small size with no area for expansion and the fact that "by the time the engine gets out of the hall, it's already on the state highway."

New state mandates have also added to the department's costs.

One step in the plan is for the district to expand its official territory to include the area it actually covers. The district has applied to the Trinity County Local Agency Formation Commission to annex approximately 25,200 acres, which would expand its area sevenfold from 3,960 acres to 29,200 acres.

Essentially, the district would go from a very small area to encompassing almost the entire Hayfork Valley, an area "we always covered," Young noted. "We've been covering the whole valley floor all these years."

That annexation could be approved by the Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission at its Jan. 24 meeting, with the contingency that voters in the proposed district boundaries approve a benefit assessment on property owners. The district had attempted before to expand, but this is the first time a complete application has been submitted, said LAFCO Executive Director John Jelicich. "From my perspective as a staff officer it looks like it's a go," Jelicich said.

The benefit assessment would be new for property owners within the existing district as well as the annexed lands. Currently, the district receives support from a small fraction of the overall property taxes paid within the county. This year that percentage is expected to add up to \$27,350.

Due to changes made under Proposition 13, expansion of the fire district by itself will not increase its share of property tax dollars, said Trinity County Deputy Auditor David Nelson.

The dollar amount of the benefit assessment to be proposed had not been determined by the Journal's press time, but the information will be ready by Tuesday's meeting, Young said. Two-thirds approval by voters within the proposed district boundaries will be required to pass the benefit assessment. District commissioners hope to put the measure on the June ballot.

Allachment 8

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES PUBLIC MEETING

Held at Hayfork High School Library January 10, 2006 7:00 pm

Called to order: 7:00 pm

- A. Welcome and Introduction: Stan opened with an introduction and explanation of what the fire hall is planning on doing with the Public Safety Facility.
 - 1. Chief and Department members: Bob Young introduced his crew.
 - 2. Chairman of the board and members for the HFPD and TCLS: Jim introduced the board and the clerk.
 - 3. Public Safety Facility Committee Members: Bob Mountjoy introduced the committee members.

B. Summary

1. Consequences

Jim talked about the consequences. See attachment 1.

2. Issues - PowerPoint

The PowerPoint was presented by Dave Loeffler.

3. Solutions Dave Carrothers went over the solutions. See attachment 2.

Bob Mountjoy presented what the committee meeting does and what they have been planning. Since last February they have had 2 meeting's a month to provide the assistance and support of the district. In those meetings they have talked about how to support the HFPD. Dick Murray is really good of listing out what tasks they have completed. A few of the activities are: Site selection, The site was donated and they proceed with boundary surveys, multiple grants, raffle of the go-cart, CDBG was applied and we will receive it by next month. It is a planning grant. We are seeking additional funding. The funds we receive will not pay for the total amount of the planning documents so we are looking for additional funds for the planning as well as funding for the actual building. They have had a lot of continuing support and communications with the TCLS to reduce the size by 1/3 of the building. Bob stated this has been an educational effort. They have realized that the volunteers really put in a lot of hours and time to take care of the community. The assessment is for the maintenance and operation of the department not to build the building. 2/3rd vote for a tax measure.

C. Questions and Concerns

What is the ISO rating. Insurance services organizations. A 1 rating would be the most perfect fire department. Hayfork is rated at a 4. The public pay a cheaper insurance rate. If the Hayfork fire department goes away the insurance would probably go up and you may not get insurance with a new house you buy.

Life support will be a tenant. Are they helping the fund the building? Landlord Tenant relationship. Are they anticipating a paid fire chief or other staff. That is in a long term goal. Record keeping and such. Al is working on a recruitment grant to try to recruit new members. Bob and Dave have helped us out and have really been big for the department. We need to be able to have someone come in to devote time and inspections as a fire Marshall and at this time we are looking at for a long term goal.

If the benefit assessment does not pass what will happen? We will start to chip away of what we can afford. We will trim down and we will only be able to service the area. Is the 100\$ per parcel... is it developed parcels? No on all parcels.

Statement: More and more retired people are coming to Hayfork. Older people need more medical services.... Bob Flint has needed all the services in Hayfork and he has nothing but good to say about the services. Has anyone thought of selling the Ambulance facility to put toward the new building.

Michelle Endicott Statement.... We have an exceptional TCLS and HVFD. WE are all busy and the volunteers come out to help us and our loved ones. She said she is willing to pay that amount because it is for our safety. It is really important to talk to our neighbors and explain why it is important. Becky Stetson: when we have a meeting like this most people will not show up. It is important to be the ambassadors to talk to all and really try to clear up the confusions.

Has the board looked into some sort of senior discount? We have not looked into that. There may be a grant to help this. How come a land that is not developed will be taxed? It would be a accounting nightmare. It can be wildland prevention. How do you see this affecting the hospital vote? We are hoping that the hospital vote will not affect us. The board has decided it was important to do this. It is now or never. If there is additional funding is approved will we still get the 30k from the county. Maybe we can use that to help support the elderly. When the assessment passes when will start getting that money. If that does not pass what will we do with the money? We will still use it for the department. The money is not for the building so we will be able to better maintain the equipment. What is the cost of the new smaller building? Bob Mountjoy said we do not have a cost estimate as of yet. On the operating cost page

- D. Approval of warrants.
 MSC approval of warrants approved as submitted (Carrothers/ Yates)
- E. Adjournment: MSC (yates/ Carrothers) 8:47 pm

For further information please feel free to contact the board directly at PO Box 668, Hayfork, CA 96041. Your written requests will be discussed and responded to if need be. Thank you for your support.

Hayfork Fire Dist. claims it must grow

By AMY GITTELSOHN

Commissioners of the Hayfork. Fire Protection District are seeking expanded boundaries and a \$100 benefit assessment per parcel within the proposed boundaries to supportaine protection services.

That figure was presented at a Jan. 10 meeting of the Haytork Chamber of Commerce.

About 50 people attended, and several misconceptions were deared up, said Fire Commissioner Dave Carroth

What the fire board laid out in their presentation was the consequences of not acting on the annexation," Carrothers said. "If we can't annex and we're not successful in getting a benefit assessment, then we're going to have to cut what we do."

That could mean responding only to calls in the downtown area included in the district's current boundaries.

Without the expansion and benefit assessment; the district will continue surviving on the \$29,000 cut if gets from property taxes within the county. It's the same amount the district has received for the last 20 years, Carrothers meted, and costs have gone up, Burexample of that \$29,005, \$15,000 goes to workers compensation.

With what we have left, we've got to try to get vevery thing else. Carrothere said, adding that the departments engines range in age from 28 to 43 years, and the average lifespan of a fine engine is 25 years.

The commissioners hope to put the benefit assessment on the June ballot, and the expansion of the distincts term tory from just the downtown area to include the entire Hayfork Valley is dependent on that passing with a two-thirds (Back page, this section)

Hayfork Fire Dept.

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The Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department already responds to calls in that larger area.

Estimated revenue from that benefit assessment would be \$160,000, and the plan is to use that for department operations. The largest chunk would go toward vehicle repair, service and replacement, Carrothers said.

There are plans to build a new fire hall, but grants are sought for that project. Attachment 10

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONDAY January 30, 2005 @ 6:00 PM HAYFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Present:
Jim Gonzalez
Dave Carrothers
Stan Stetson
Homer Yates
Dave Loeffler
Bob Young
Angonette Taft
Jim Taft
Al Saxton
Dick Murray
Absent:
Warren Clark

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM
- ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA
 Add item b. Extension of Missey Dunatez for another 3 months.
- 3. CLOSED PERSONNEL SESSION

4. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Benefit Assessment

There has been some arguments on how much we decided for the benefit assessment. Jim asked if the building committee could come up with some alternatives of the assessment. 1,051 individual owners,1,573 different parcels. Murray showed us a use code on what every parcel in Hayfork. He suggests taking the sorted excel file and attach the right assessment value for each kind of parcel. Homer suggests we asses 100 per parcel that it caps out at 5 parcels. Stan says if we charge \$100 per house and no more than \$300 more with their other parcels. Misc. discussion on the assessment value. The more complicated the process of trying to assess their property the more people are not going to understand and then just vote out. There are two options on the table now. \$100 per parcel with \$500 cap. MSC to adopting the revision of the multiple parcels (Stetson/ Yates) structure. Which reads as follows.... Measure (copy it to this minuets.

b. Extension of Missey Dunatez contract.

She has 49 inquiries and some applications and appointments. Jim suggested that we extend for 3 months and at the end of 2 months so we can have a full report. MSC to extend her contract for 3 months and at the end of 2 months we would need a full report. (Carrothers/ Stetson)

- c. New pubic meeting time will be February 18th, 2006. Next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday 13th, 2006 at 6:00 pm.
- 5. ADJOURNMENT MSC (Carrothers/ Yates) 8:00 pm

Attachment 11

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TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, THE COMMITTEE HAS SEVERAL FUND RAISING EVENTS PLANNED. IN ADDITION TO THESE EVENTS, THE COMMITTEE HAS APPLIED FOR NUMEROUS GRANTS

FAMILY 4TH OF JULY

TRINITY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS JULY 1, 2005



FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST



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57TH ANNUAL HVFD BREAKFAST 7:00AM TO 10:00 AM SUNDAY AUGUST 2005

"OUR TOWN" SPRING & CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FESTIVALS

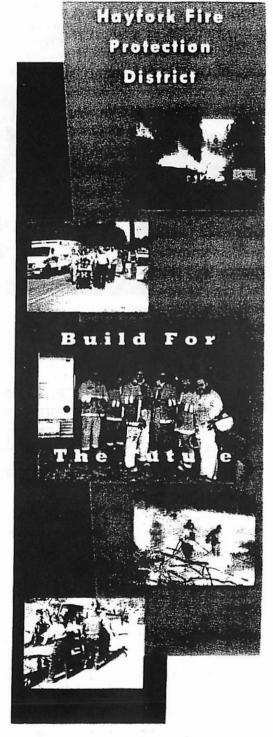
SPRING CRAFTS FESTIVAL JUNE 5, 2005 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FESTIVAL WEEKEND DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2005







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Hayfork, CA 96041

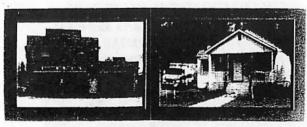


A New Fire House

The Hayfork Fire Protection District must build a new fire and emergency medical facility to better meet public safety needs. The current fire house was built in 1950 by community volunteers and no longer meets state and federal regulations. Due to the strict requirements, community support is vital to prevent the loss of emergency services. The current building does not comply with — 1) CAL OSHA (venting equipment exhaust, crew quarters, and hazardous material and compressed gas—storage), 2) American Disabilities Act compliance, 3) Traffic safety, 4) Earthquake standards, 5) Romero Bill requires more—space for many new and un-funded firefighter training sessions.

The present fire house is packed with equipment and six vehicles, and there is no room for expansion at the current site. A joint facility is planned to take advantage of a larger range of funding opportunities for the project.

Mountain Valley Elder Care has generously donated a one acre site for the construction of the building. The donated land is located on the Hyampom Road, adjacent to the recently built Elder Care Apartments. With community support, the new public safety facility will fulfill the current & future needs of both departments.



Current Facilities: Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department (Left) Trinity County Life Support (Right)

Improved Fire Service

Along with the new facility, the District proposes expanding to include the entire Hayfork Valley. The current boundaries include only six square miles, but the units respond to emergencies outside of the present District when it has volunteers and equipment available. The District will also suggest a future benefit assessment. The annexation would allow for the district to provide 24-hour 7 day a-week 365 day a year service to this area, and potentially reduce fire insurance premiums.



Public Safety Facility Planning Sketch

Statistics

Currently the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department and Trinity County Life Support respond to approximately 400 calls per year for emergency assistance. 75% of these responses are for medical emergencies, and 25% of these calls are outside of the current district.

Committee Organization

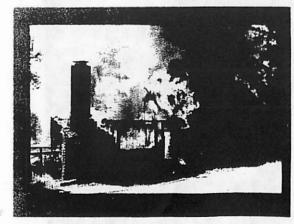
A Public Safety Building Committee has been working to accomplish the tasks of planning and constructing the new facility. Currently the group is actively pursuing grant funding and is developing both fundraising and marketing campaigns to reach the goal.

Hayfork ISO Rating

Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rates are based upon a 1 to 10 rating system. Individual ratings determine the premiums paid for fire insurance costs for each fire district across the country. The Hayfork Fire Protection District currently holds an emergency response rating (ISO) of four (4). Two of the largest Fire Departments in the United States (New York and San Francisco) currently hold an ISO rating of two (2).

To support and provide the continuance of your local fire service, please support the passage of the proposed district annexation, the benefit assessment, as well as the new construction project!

Help to insure that <u>THIS</u> does not become a regular event in our communities!!!



Hayfork Fire Protection District
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For more information contact:
Pam Swanson
(530) 628-5610

H-Hachment 13

Hayfork approves Measure F

Seventy-one percent of Hayfork voters on Tuesday decided they wanted to ensure the survival of the Hayfork Volunteer Fire Department. They voted yes for Measure F, which will impose an annual \$100 benefit assessment per parcel and expand the Hayfork Fire Protection District.

Because the measure creates a new tax, it required approval by two-thirds of the voters casting ballots.

Those voting no amounted to 29 percent.

Yes votes totaled 506 and no votes totaled 209.

In introducing the measure last January, Fire Commissioner Dave Carrothers had commented, "If we can't annex and we're not successful in getting a benefit assessment, then we're going to have to cut what we do."

That could have meant responding only to calls in the downtown area included in the district's current boundaries.

Carrothers also noted that the department's engines range in age from 28 to 43 years. The expansion of the district's territory will be from just the downtown area to include the entire Hayfork Valley. However, the Fire Department already responds to calls in that larger area. Estimated revenue from the benefit assessment will be \$160,000, and the plan is to use that for department operations. The largest chunk would go toward vehicle repair, service and replacement, Carrothers said.

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TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION 60 GLEN ROAD

P.O. BOX 2819 WEAVERVILLE, CA 96093 (530) 623-1351 FAX (530) 623-1353

August 25, 2006

Board of Directors
Hayfork Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 668
Hayfork, CA 96041

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed please find Certificate of Completion for the Hayfork Fire Protection District community annex. All necessary paperwork has been forwarded to the State Board of Equalization with the fees you submitted. Copies were also sent to the Trinity County Assessor and Auditor.

This application with LAFCO is completed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Ruth Hanover

LAFCO Clerk

Enclosure

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, this Certificate of Completion is hereby issued by the Executive Officer of Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission located in the County of Trinity, State of California.

- 1. The short-form designation, as determined by LAFCo, is: LAFCo File #LAF-06-02, Hayfork Fire District SOI and Annexation.
- 2. The name of each district involved in this formation and the type of formation ordered for said district is as follows:

District

Type of Change of Organization

Hayfork Fire Protection District

SOI Amendment and Annexation

- 3. The above listed district is located within the following county: Trinity
- 4. A description of the boundaries of the above cited change of organization is shown on the attached map and legal description included in Resolution No. LAFCO-06-02, marked Exhibit "A" and by reference incorporated herein.
- 5. Terms and conditions of the reorganization of the reorganization are included in Resolution No. LAFCO-06-02, attached as Exhibit "A", and by reference incorporated herein.
- 6. The territory involved in this formation is inhabited.

A certified copy of the resolution approving this proposal by the Trinity County Local Agency Formation Commission is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Certificate of Completion HFPD - SOI & Annex.

I, John Jelicich, Executive Officer of Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission, do hereby certify that I have examined the above cited resolution, the map, legal description, terms and conditions of the LAFCO approval and find that the formation is complete. The effective date of the formation is June 29, 2006.

6-29-06 Date

John Alan Jelicich, Executive Officer Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission

By <u>Ocanne Bonomini</u>

Jeanne Bonomini, Asst. Executive Officer

EXHIBIT "A"

TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

24TH DAY OF January, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. <u>LAFCO-06-02</u>

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
"ANNEXATION OF 2005" ANNEXATION
TO HAYFORK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
(LAF-05-01)

The following Resolution is now offered and read:

WHEREAS, a proposal for the annexation of certain territory to the Hayfork Fire Protection District (HFPD) in the County of Trinity has been filed with the Executive Officer of this Commission pursuant to Title 5, Division 3, commencing with Section 56000 of the Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposal is for the annexation of an area of approximately 25,200 acres, resulting in nearly all of Hayfork Valley being included within the HFPD; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and prepared a report, including his recommendation thereon, the proposal and report having been presented to and considered by this Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Commission called for and held a public hearing on the proposal on January 24, 2006 and at the hearing this Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, the area to be annexed lies within the Sphere of Influence of the HFPD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission does hereby determine as follows:

- 1. The proposal is approved, subject to the following terms and conditions.
 - Voters must vote on and approve a benefit assessment to fund current and future services. The amount of the assessment would need to generate approximately \$160,000 per year.
- 2. The boundaries of the annexation are hereby approved as described in Exhibit A (legal description) and Exhibit B (Map) attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.

- 3. The territory to be annexed includes approximately 25,200 acres, is found to be inhabited, and is assigned the following distinctive short-term designation: "Annexation of 2005" Annexation to the Hayfork Fire Protection District.
- 4. The Executive Officer of the Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission is designated the conducting authority, and is hereby authorized to conduct subsequent proceedings in compliance with this resolution.
- 5. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date that the Certificate of Completion is recorded with the Trinity County Recorder.
- 6. All subsequent proceedings in connection with this reorganization shall be conducted only in compliance with the approved boundaries set forth in the attachments and any terms and conditions specified in this resolution.
- 7. To the extent that there are disputes regarding the meaning or implementation of these terms and conditions, Trinity LAFCO shall resolve such disputes.
- 8. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail certified copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56853 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission held on the 24th day of January, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES:

Commissioners Roger Jaegel, Howard Freeman, Jeff Morris, Robert Winkler, Jerry

Hurlbert, and Gary Seppanen.

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

Commissioner Lyle Hymas

Gary Seppanon, Chairman of the

Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission,

County of Trinity, State of California

ATTEST:

John Alan Jelicich

Trinity LAFCO Executive Secretary, County of Trinity, State of California

By: () LANNL Bonomini
Trinity LAFCO Clerk

HAYFORK FIRE DISTRICT PROPOSED BOUNDARY 1/5/2006

All that land lying within the County of Trinity, State of California being in Township 30 North, Ranges 11 and 12 West, Township 31 North, Ranges 10, 11 and 12 West, and Township 32 North, Ranges 10, 11 and 12 West according to the official plats thereof, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 8, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

North along section lines to the Northwest corner of Section 5, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

North along section lines to the Northwest corner of Section 5, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M. common with the Southwest corner of Section 32, T.32 N., R.12 W., M. D. M.; thence

North along section lines to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 32; thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 32.; thence

South along section lines to the Southeast corner of said Section 32; thence

East along township lines to the North 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence

South along mid section lines to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 4: thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3, T.31 N., R.12 W., M. D. M.; thence

North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 3; thence East along 1/16 section lines to the center of said Section 3; thence

North along mid section lines to the North 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence

East along township lines to the Southwest corner of Section 35, T.32 N., R.12 W., M. D. M.; thence

North along section lines to the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 26, T.32 N., R.12 W., M. D. M.; thence

East along 1/64 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 26; thence South along section lines to the Northwest corner of Section 36, T.32 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

East along section lines to the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, T.32 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 30; thence East along section line to the Northeast corner of said Section 30; thence

South along section line to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, T.32 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.;

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 29; thence

North along section lines to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 28, T.32 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 28; thence

South along section lines to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 27, T.32 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

East along 1/64 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 27; thence South along mid section line to the center of said Section 27; thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 27; thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 26, T.32 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

East along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 25, T.32 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

North along section lines to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25; thence East along 1/64 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25; thence South along 1/64 section lines to the Southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 25; thence

East along section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 32, T.32 N., R.10 W., M.D.M.; thence South along section lines to the Southeast corner of said Section 32; thence

West along township lines to the Northeast corner of Section 6, T.31 N., R.10 W., M.D.M.; thence

South along section lines to the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of said Section 6; thence

West along mid section line to the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of said Section 6; thence

South along township lines to the Southeast corner of Section 1, T.31 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

West along section lines to the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 2, T.31 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.;

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North along 1/16 section lines to the Southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 2; thence West along mid section lines to the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 3, T.31 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

South along mid section line to the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 3; thence West along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 3; thence South along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, T.31 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 10; thence South along mid section line to the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 10; thence West along mid section lines to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 8, T.31 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

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South along township lines to the Southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 24, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

West along mid section lines to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of said Section 24; thence South along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 25, T.31 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

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East along 1/16 section lines to the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 36; thence South along township lines to the Southeast corner of said Section 36; thence

East along township lines to the Northeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

South along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 12, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

South along township lines to the Northwest corner of Section 18, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence East along section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 16, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence South along section lines to the Southeast corner of said Section 16; thence

West along section lines to the Northeast corner of Section 20, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

South along section lines to the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

West along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 29; thence North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 29; thence West along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 20, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence North along section lines to the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 19, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence

East along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 19; thence North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 19; thence West along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 18, T.30 N., R.11 W., M.D.M.; thence North along township lines to the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

West along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 13; thence North along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 13; thence West along mid section lines to the Southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 13; thence North along mid section lines to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 13; thence West along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 13; thence North along 1/16 section lines to the Southeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

West along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 11, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.;

thence

North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 11; thence East along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 12, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

North along section lines to the Northwest corner of Section 1, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence West along township lines to the Southwest corner of Section 36, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence North along section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 26, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence West along section lines to the Southwest corner of said Section 26; thence North along section lines to the Southeast corner of Section 22, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence West along section lines to the Southwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 21, T.30 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence

North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 21; thence East along 1/16 section lines to the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 21; thence North along 1/16 section lines to the Northwest corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 21; thence West along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 16, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence North along section lines to the Southwest corner of Section 8, T.31 N., R.12 W., M.D.M.; thence West along section lines to the Southwest corner of said Section 8 and the Point of Beginning of this description.