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March 10, 2015

Mr. Tom Carrington  
Board Chair  
Nevada County Consolidated Fire District  
11329 McCourtney Road  
Grass Valley, CA 95949

Re: Proposed Name Change to "Nevada County Fire Protection District"

Dear Chair Carrington and Members of the Board of Directors:

The County of Nevada is informed the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Protection District intends to change its name to the "Nevada County Fire Protection District." While we are supportive of your desire to move your organization forward and improve accountability, we are deeply concerned about and respectfully object to your proposed name change to "Nevada County Fire Protection District."

Using the name "Nevada County Fire Protection District" is misleading to the public as it falsely implies that the Fire District and the County are affiliated agencies. As you are aware, the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Protection District is an independent special district with an independently elected board of directors. The Nevada County Consolidated Fire District has no affiliation or other connection to the County of Nevada, which is a political subdivision of the State of California. The close similarity in names is likely to create significant confusion with members of the public, who will seek information and assistance from the County with respect to Fire District issues which the County does not regulate or control.

In addition, the proposed name is inaccurate and inappropriate because the boundaries of the District do not cover all, or even most, of the territory within the County of Nevada's jurisdiction. Indeed, the District only serves a small fraction of the territory within the County and has a territory which is smaller than that of all other fire protection districts in Nevada County combined. Any name which suggests that your District is a countywide District will likely result in calls for service being misdirected to your District rather than the fire protection districts that actually serve the constituents, potentially delaying delivery of important health and safety services.

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It is our understanding that your Board will be formally considering the name change in the near future. The Board of Supervisors requests you immediately refrain from using the name "Nevada County Fire Protection District," either formally or informally, and withdraw this name from consideration as a permanent name change to avoid misleading the public or causing unnecessary confusion.

Very truly yours,

Edward S. Scofield  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc: James A. Curtis, Esq.

Enclosure