



# NEVADA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

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### BOARD AGENDA MEMO

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**MEETING DATE:** June 24, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Lisa Swarthout, District III  
Supervisor Susan Hoek, District IV

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving repealing and replacing the Memorandum of Understanding between County of Nevada, Rough & Ready Fire Protection District, Penn Valley Fire Protection District, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, removing Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and to maintain operations of Rough & Ready Fire Station No. 59 during the reorganization of these districts into one consolidated fire district

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution approving repealing and replacing the Memorandum of Understanding between County of Nevada, Rough & Ready Fire Protection District, Penn Valley Fire Protection District, and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District, removing Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and to maintain operations of Rough & Ready Fire Station No. 59 during the reorganization of these districts into one consolidated fire district.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** On August 8, 2023, the County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 23-429 approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Rough & Ready Fire Protection District (“RRFPD”), Penn Valley Fire Protection District (“PVFPD”), and Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (“NCCFD”) to support the Districts’ efforts to reorganize, and to operate the Rough & Ready Fire Station #59 prior to consolidation. Two additional MOU amendments have gone before the Board of Supervisors since agreement inception. Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors established a Fire Service Consolidation Ad-Hoc

Subcommittee to provide recommendations on fire protection services and other associated issues with the delivery of fire suppression services throughout the county that include both of us.

Since the adoption of this MOU the fire districts made progress developing their reorganization plan, which was intended to support their proposal to join four agencies together as a single fire protection district, to be named “Nevada County Fire & Rescue.” District staff drafted multiple organizational documents including a Plan for Service, Capital Improvements Plan, Career Development Plan, and Board Bylaws.

At the April 8, 2025, Rough and Ready Fire District Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted 4-1 to decline a reorganization proposal presented by Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and to instead move forward with Penn Valley Fire Protection District to reorganize as a single district. This new direction bifurcates this reorganization effort into two separate efforts. Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Protection Districts will seek reorganization into a singular district and Nevada County Consolidated and Ophir Hill Fire Protection Districts will seek reorganization into a singular district.

Given this new reorganization direction from these districts, the current MOU requires modification to be between Penn Valley and Rough and Ready Fire Districts. This is intended to continue staffing and operation of Station 59 while these districts undergo reorganization efforts and utilize currently allocated gap funding to support this. This change to the MOU is supported and agreed upon by all districts in accordance with current MOU Sec. 9. Letters from all district boards have been received and are attached.

To support the new consolidation direction and effort underway, modifications to the MOU are necessary with the parties involved in the agreement and associated milestones. It is proposed that the amended MOU be repealed and replace the previously adopted MOU.

Therefore, we recommend, as the Fire Service Consolidation Ad-Hoc Subcommittee, the Board approve and accept the attached modified MOU to align with the new district consolidation direction.

Sincerely,

Lisa Swarthout  
Supervisor, District 3

Susan Hoek  
Supervisor, District 4