

DRAFT MINUTES



Del Norte Local Agency Formation Commission
MARCH 24, 2025 REGULAR MEETING - 4:00 PM
Del Norte County Board of Supervisors Chambers
Flynn Center - 981 H St. Crescent City, CA 95531

Members present: Dean Wilson (County Member & Vice Chair), Darrin Short (County Member), Jason Greenough (City Member), Isaiah Wright (City Member)

Members absent: Lyle Armstrong (Public Member) **Alternates:** Valerie Starkey (Alternate County Member), Donna DeWolf (Alternate Public Member), and Candace Tinkler (Alternate City Member).

Others present: George Williamson (Executive Officer), Jim Underwood (Legal Counsel); Geoff Antill, (Smith River FPD), Walt Lara III (Klamath FPD).

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Commissioners Wilson, Short, Greenough and Wright attending for quorum.

A. Commissioner Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Commissioner Introductions & Appointments

City Members: Isaiah Wright & Alternate Candace Tinkler

C. Certificate of Recognition: Former City Member Blake Inscore

Blake Inscore's service to both Del Norte LAFCo and CALAFCO were acknowledged by staff and the Commission.

D. Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments for 2025

Chair – Nominations opened, Motion by Commissioner Short, second by Commissioner Greenough and unanimous vote:

Public Member Lyle Armstrong was appointed as Chair for 2025

Vice-Chair Nominations opened, Motion by Commissioner Greenough, second by Commissioner Wright and unanimous vote:

County Member Dean Wilson was appointed as Vice-Chair for 2025

2. Consent Calendar

A. Draft Minutes for September 30, 2024

B. 2025 Meeting Dates

On a motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Greenough and carried by a 4 – 0 vote, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar.

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3. Public Hearings

A. FY 2025-26 Draft Budget

Staff presented the FY 2025-26 Draft Budget, with a less than 3% increase.

On a motion by Commissioner Short, seconded by Commissioner Wright and carried by a 4 – 0 vote, the Commission approved the FY 2025-26 Draft Budget. Staff will distribute to the City and County, then schedule Final Budget for June 2, 2025, Commission meeting.

4. Regular Business

A. FY 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Review

Staff presented the FY 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget for Commission review
Informational Item, no action needed

B. MSR/SOI Compliance Work Plan

Staff presented the MSR/SOI Compliance Work Plan noting which MSR/SOI Updates were being prepared
Informational Item, no action needed

C. Current and Future Applications

Staff noted Current and Future Applications, including annexations recently completed.
Informational Item, no action needed

5. Inquiries, Correspondence, Application Status and Referrals

A. Staff - The Executive Officer will provide a report of current projects, issues of interest, and pending legislation.

- Klamath FPD Fire Services Planning

Klamath Fire Protection District Board President Walt Lara III gave the Commission a staff update: District Board still working through budget issues with County Auditor assistance; working with Fire Recovery Insurance Services for call reimbursements, received two so far; CalFIRE has reimbursed the District \$ 2,700 for incident support; Yurok Tribe coordination ongoing, possible Yurok Indian Housing donation in April could include housing; Ambulance service is a District priority, could include a memorandum of understanding with Del Norte Ambulance Service.

There are 10 active volunteers with 4-6 regularly responding to calls; there has been minimal community outreach although recruitment efforts are planned for later in year; still working on strategic planning; Station updates include new doors and rotating equipment, however more upgrades needed;

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participating in OSHA hazard mitigation assessment; acknowledged that the Coast Central account was funded by volunteer/ community donations.

The Commissioners thanked Walt for the update and District efforts.

- Legislative & CALAFCO Update (Letter to Commission)

Commission received brief legislative update and ongoing CALAFCO discussions.

- B. Commission - On their own initiative, Commission members may make brief announcements or reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or request a business matter for a future agenda per Government Code Section 54954.2 (a).

The County has issued a Request for Proposals to assess District Services to Sovereign Nations; Noted that tribes are expanding services in some areas and were inquiring as to the effect on County tax base; Noted emergency services response efforts, specifically ambulance services coverages.

- C. Public - Public comment on items of interest within LAFCo subject matter jurisdiction, and not otherwise appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.

No public comment received.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm

Next Meeting: June 2, 2025 (special meeting due to Memorial Day holiday).