



Rescue Fire Protection District

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Statement of Qualifications for LAFCO Special District Representative

Name - Ken Humphreys

Education - Masters Degree in Science Education, Masters Degree in Mathematics

Current Position - Elected Board Member, Rescue Fire Protection District

Brief History:

I have lived in Rescue with my wife, Penny, since 1971. I retired from Sacramento City College in 1993 after teaching in California for 38 years. I have been, and continue to be active in a variety of community groups including; Board Member of the American River Conservancy, serving with the El Dorado County Women's Center, and President of the Gold County Artists Cooperative.

Special District Experience:

I was involved in the formation of the Rescue Fire Protection District including submitting petitions to LAFCO that allowed Rescue to become a Taxing District. I served as a member of the Rescue Fire Department, holding the position of an Officer, when the Rescue Fire Protection District consisted of an all "Volunteer" group in the seventies and early eighties.

I am very aware of the problems that small Special Districts such as Rescue have had and continue to have, in providing affordable Fire Protection or other services, to the community. This also includes the inability of Districts to provide for long-term planning in the absence of long-term financial stability.

I served as the lead person for the Rescue Board in establishing an Assessment District to improve the financial stability of the Rescue Fire Protection District. While this Assessment has provided some financial relief, many Districts still feel the effects of Proposition-13 and ERAF.

I am aware of the important role Special Districts play in the rural communities, whether the District is providing Fire Protection or water to a community. Many of these Districts help to provide a unifying force for the community and in many cases help to provide an identity for that community.

For the past nine years I have served as a member of the Rescue Fire Protection District Board. For the past seven years I have served as a commissioner of the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission, representing Special Districts. For all of the years I have been with LAFCO, I have served as a member of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee and in each of those years our budget has decreased. I have been heavily involved in the discussions and actions taken with respects to Fire Districts. I would like very much to represent Special Districts for another term.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Humphreys, Board Member
Rescue Fire Protection District

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