



San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission

Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

MEMORANDUM

February 4, 2019

TO: San Diego Commissioners

FROM: Robert Barry, Chief Analyst

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item No. 12 | Supplemental General Correspondence – Louis Russo**

The San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) received the attached written correspondence from Mr. Louis Russo regarding local Alpine community issues of concern between 2017-2019. These comments are general in nature and not directly addressed to the Commission or substantively related to Agenda Item No. 12. The correspondence has been included for the purpose of disclosure and will be added to the public record in step with the earlier comments received before January 22nd and provided as part of Attachment 6 to the Executive Officer report.

Attachments: as stated

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Barry, Robert

From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 4:40 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: Fwd: Missing correspondence

Pass to your counsel.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Date: January 31, 2019 at 4:37:54 PM PST
To: keene.simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov
Cc: karen.pearlman@sduniontribune.com
Subject: **Missing correspondence**

I just received the LAFCO agenda containing the upcoming meeting regarding AFD's application. I notice there are communications I sent that are missing from the package the commission is going to receive. I'm providing them to the UT and you can explain to it why you're censoring what the commission sees.

Louis Russo

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 5:52 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Records Request West Fire Alpine, 2018

-----Original Message-----

From: Russo, Louis F CTR TTGP, N3 [mailto:louis.f.russo.ctr@navy.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Bill Paskle; Valerie Nellis
Cc: Carlos Castillo; Simonds,Keene
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Sincerely,

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Contact info for each dispatch center:

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CALFIRE Monte Vista 619-590-3100

If there is anything else you need please contact me.

Bill F. Paskle

Fire Chief

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Thank you,

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From: Valerie Nellis <vnellis@heartlandfire.net>

Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 2:16 PM

To: Russo, Louis F CTR TTGP, N3 <louis.f.russo.ctr@navy.mil>

Cc: Valerie Nellis <vnellis@heartlandfire.net>; Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org>; Carlos Castillo <ccastillo@heartlandfire.net>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Records Request West Fire Alpine, 2018

August 6, 2018

Mr. Russo,

In response to your records request to obtain all communications logs showing communications received/transmitted for the West Fire in Alpine, CA on July 6, 2018, from the initial notification (approximately 1115 local) and for the next 1 hour. To ensure you get the information you are asking for, you will need to get in touch with the Cleveland National Forest. The vegetation fire was primarily handled by them.

Thank you,

Valerie Nellis-Anderson

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Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Russo, Louis F CTR TTGP, N3; Valerie Nellis
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Mr. Russo,

Alpine Fire owns any dispatch information related to the District. All Records requests made to HCFA are sent to member agencies to make sure certain information is not released, such as medical information protected under HIPPA. That is why I'm responding to your request on behalf of HCFA. Tell your legal counsel to contact me, hopefully he/she possess the common sense you appear to not have.

Your request is very simple and on behalf of HCFA and Alpine I'm answering your request. Cleveland Dispatch (USFS) handled all official radio communications for the West Fire. I don't know how to make this more clear to you. The communications for the West Fire for the first hour were on two radio Channels: Forest Net Tone 7 for command and R5 Tac 5 for tactical. Both of these Channels are under the control of Cleveland Dispatch for the USFS.

Come on Lou, someone with your Fire Board history and military background surely can understand that?

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Chief. It is my understanding you are not an employee of Heartland and therefore cannot deny, delay, etc. any California Public Records Act Request sent to that agency.

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Thank you,

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Mr. Russo,

On behalf of Heartland Communications Facility Authority please see my response below to your records request. The only contact information we have is the direct phone number I listed below for the dispatch centers. The dispatcher centers to my knowledge do not have general information email accounts. We contact those dispatch centers by phone. It is unfortunate that you cannot make a phone call during your working hours, however be advised the phone numbers listed below are answered 24 hours a day.

As far as HCFA and I are concerned, this shall conclude your records request.

If there is anything else you require please contact me.

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From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 6:49 AM
To: Jacob, Dianne; Norm Horn; Ron-Roberts; Cox, Greg; Gaspar, Kristin
Cc: Barry, Robert; Simonds,Keene; Efird, Robert; Lardy, Eric
Subject: Truth

As a member of the Alpine Community Planning Group, let me correct some of the things George said in his Facebook Post below.

1. There was no standing ovation.
2. The Chief stated "they were the worst possible conditions". No they weren't and the audience knew it. We've lived through the Cedar, etc. fires. The wind was relatively low.
3. The Chief did mention that the area which immediately caught fire, the Augustyn/Kaderabek 40 acre parcel and the Campbell Creek Ranch 40 acre had no record of ever burning and therefore had large amounts of fuel. What he did not mention is that they had not been properly cleared...because those two parcel owners are friends with the leadership of the Planning Group and the Fire Board and the Fire Marshal never pressed them. (Nor that there are more areas in Alpine with the same conditions.)
4. The Chief stated that the Sunrise PowerLink fire mitigation funds appeared to have no effect, e.g. homes that had been "hardened" by use of those funds burned just as easily as those that had not.
5. George doesn't mention the pure terror audience members experienced as they were stuck on roads trying to escape because of our poor road systems.
6. No one, including George, mentioned the delay in calling for fixed-wing aerial support.
7. George doesn't mention the insurance companies cancelling policies in Alpine.
8. George doesn't mention the homes on the market buyers are backing out of in Alpine due to the fire risk.
9. Most important, George doesn't mention that audience members pressed the ACPG about what it was going to do to attempt to address the above issues (they were looking for something like limiting development and improving the road structure)...but got silence in reply.

The West Fire was a wake-up call for Alpine and its residents. The fact is that if it had happened in a Santa Ana and the aerial support had been grounded, it would have destroyed Alpine. None of George's unicorn and rainbow proclamations (nor a fire Chiefs obfuscations/omissions/Cover Your Ass (CYA) presentations) can change what really occurred or what really needs to be addressed.

Supervisor Jacob, please have your staff inform me of the next Revitalization meeting in Alpine. I will take off work and would like to be there.

Lou

Oh, P.S. George doesn't mention the Chief never said he wanted to express an apology to those who lost their homes, cars, etc.

George Barnett

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The West Fire

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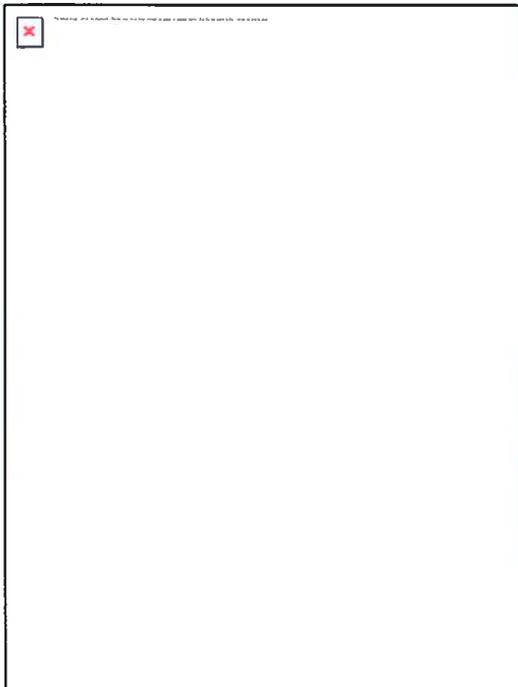
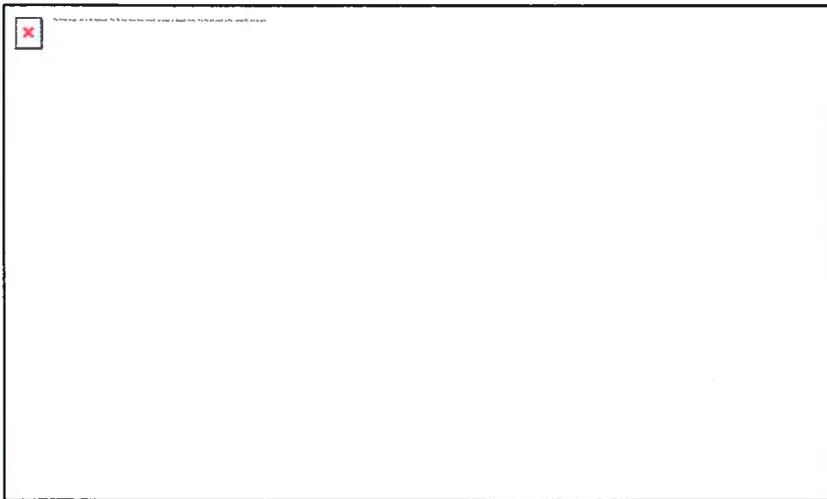
The Alpine Fire Protection District and the Alpine Sheriffs Station were invited to the Alpine Community Planning Group meeting tonight. They both received standing ovations.

Here are two of the handouts Chief Bill Paskle provided.

Coordination among all the agencies was great. Look at the equipment and number of firefighters that were deployed almost within the first hour or so.

These men and women are genuine Heros. With aerial drops and boots twice on the ground, they saved the five houses on my street, I'm convinced that stopped the fire at our road and thereby saved the heart of PVR. And probably even more!

Heros all!



57 Andrea Warsaw Matusky, Leslie Davidson and 55 others

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George Barnett Jen, and everyone in town, our Fire Department and Sheriffs Station were outstanding. Not one civilian, not one elderly person, not one child was injured. All the injured were firemen - and thank God the injuries were not serious. Our town has responded with warmth and support to our friends and neighbors whose property and lives were impacted. May I ask that we all write a short note of thanks to the Fire District and to the Sheriffs Station? Our Fire Department is a Team of people that make it all work; from firefighters/paramedics, to Captains, to the Chief and his Administration including the Fire Marshall to all the staff, to the General Counsel and all the way to our elected board members. We can take pride in them! And in the Sheriffs Station. They both rushed to stand and protect us! 🙏🙏

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Subject: More

Travis Lyon, Chairman of ACPG and grey hair on right in dark jacket, another Alpine Fire Board Member



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Kaderabek and Easterling (talking to Alpine Sun photographer). Easterling Vice Chairman of ACPG AND on Alpine Fire Board



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Charles Kaderabek in center in purple, his parcel completely burned. On the right, grey hair, Al Haven, to the Southwest of Campbell/Kaderabek...lost his home also.



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To: Efird, Robert; Simonds,Keene
Subject: West fire

The fire in Alpine yesterday started at the East Willows off ramp from I 8, most probably from a dropped cigarette. The wind was blowing from the north east and the embers immediately hit the large amounts of natural fuel on two parcels, one owned by Charles Kaderabek/Lynn Augustyn and another owned by Campy Creek Ranch.

This picture shows the Alpine Fire Marshal, Bloom, on the left and Colin Campbell, one of the Trustees of Campbell Creek Ranch on the right at the County sponsored meeting for the General Plan update. Both pushed for greatly increased densities. In fact, with the majority support of the Alpine Planning Group going back to December 2010, these parcel owners have pushed for excessive densities on these parcels.

Bloom, and Alpine Fire, have not only supported these density increases, but have completely ignored the fuel present on these parcels. Bloom hammers numerous parcel owners in town for fuel abatement but NOT these two. Fire took care of that yesterday. Yesterday we saw exactly what I have been telling you two from the beginning r.e. densities in Alpine AND the complicity of Alpine Fire.

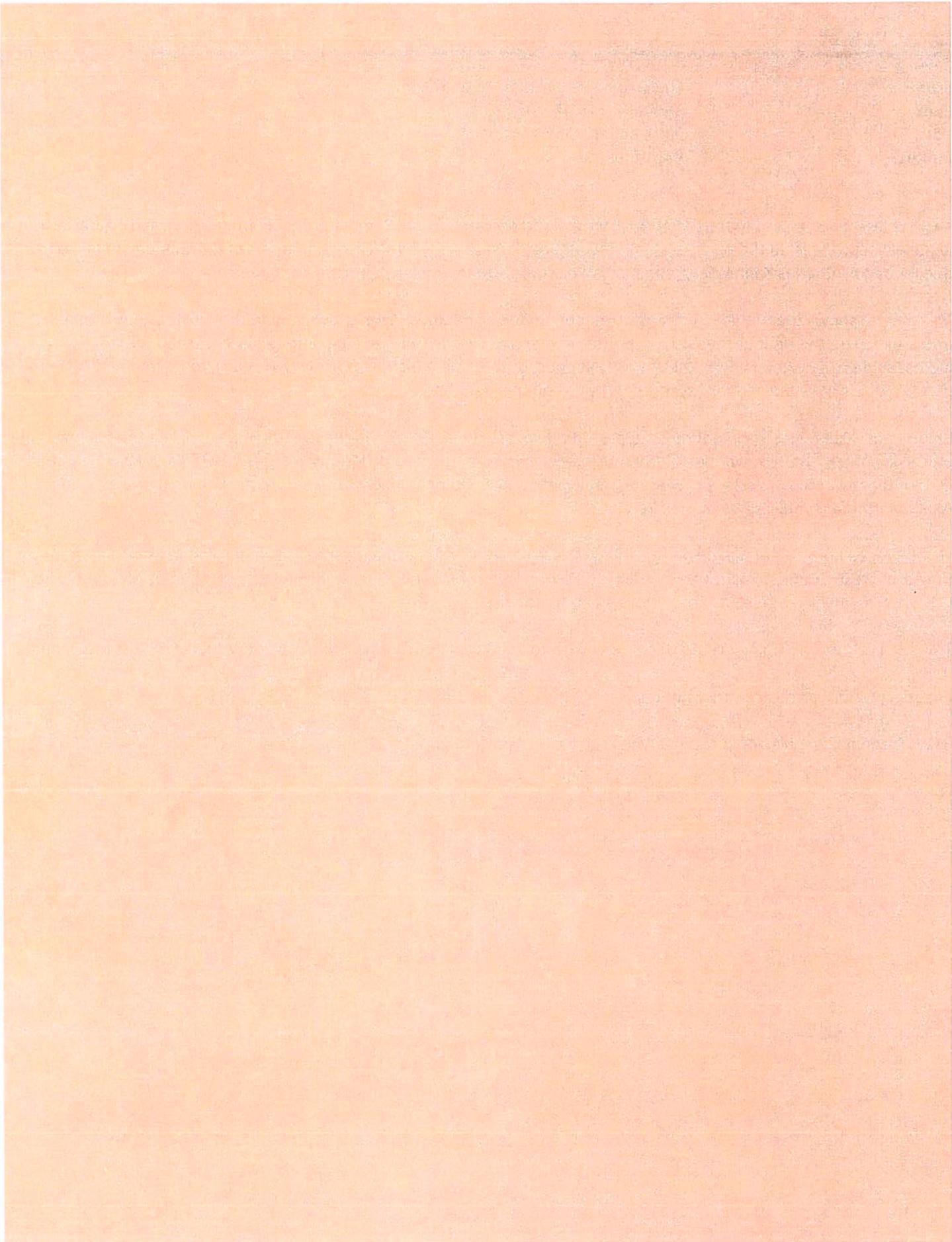
When I raced home from my job on Pt Loma yesterday I observed these parcels in full conflagration as well as areas to the Southwest. It quickly overwhelmed Alpine Fire, as I also predicted, and required the full resources of County Fire (MY current agency) as well as other mutual aid/air assets.

This ALL because the ruling oligarchs in Alpine wish to endanger us all in their self interest. At least 18 lost their homes.

I'm going to forward some other photos.

BTW, Campbell lost his home and many next to him...over pure greed!

Lou



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Subject: 92%

<http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/fire-92-contained-alpine-residents-return-home-%E2%80%93-dozens-finding-only-ashes>

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From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 8:33 PM
To: Simonds,Keene
Subject: ALPINE FIRE CAPTAIN AND SAN MIGUEL FIRE BOARD MEMBER MIKE VACIO INJURED IN WEST FIRE | East County Magazine

<http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/alpine-fire-captain-and-san-miguel-fire-board-member-mike-vacio-injured-west-fire>

AND....my sources tell me fixed wing aircraft request was delayed, even though initial responding helos made it clear they were needed.

No Annexation by this district!

Lou

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Subject: George Barnett FB Posts

Just a few days before West Fire...

“Winnie Brown Krushensky So true, Winnie - That is an issue for almost everyone living in Alpine. The insurance industry unreasonably sees most of the town as a wildfire risk. I'm in the position of being unable to get a competitive 3rd party home owners quotation. The funny part of it is that 2 or our 3 acres is full of very large oaks with a stream bisecting it. It's the antithesis of wildfire prone chaparell, etc. etc. etc. And we have 7 hose bibs around the property all with hoses pre-positioned to fight a fire outbreak. The insurance scam is all the worst because we have an excellent fire district supplemented by a fire safe council - both having the highest rankings of any across the county. Read the Heartland Communications Agency annual report. The partnership between Viejas Fire, County Fire, USFS Fire and Alpine Fire provides exceptional service - and that result is audited. Our Fire Marshall, Jason McBroom, is exceedingly proactive, visiting homes and properties and being a great service in the prevention of fire. Alpine Fire is bolstering the Fire Marshall function. And many, many properties in Alpine are pre-approved to apply to the SDGE Sunrise Powerling fire fuels reduction program providing competitive grant application funding to fire-harden your home and to reduce wildfire fuels - up to around \$2,000 per property.. Every year, our property gets safer and safer, and our homeowner's premium gets higher and higher.”

“Kelly Marmo Rice That manufactured home has fire suppressant designs, is built with fire suppressant materials, and has built-in fire sprinklers and so on. It also exceeds all current requirements to resist earthquake damage. It is multiple-times safer than any "stick built" older home in the east County.”

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<https://www.countynewscenter.com/new-pine-valley-fire-station-construction-set-to-begin/>

When it is clear that being part of the San Diego County Fire Authority is better for us?

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<http://www.alpinecommunitynetwork.com/2018/07/how-to-help-alpine-neighbors-who-lost-homes-in-the-west-fire/>

Travis Lyon and the majority on the ACPG hammer at you for increased density.

Chief Paskle hammers at you to annex parcels.

What you see here would only be increased exponentially if either/both of their desires are granted by the County. It's very simple. It's not IF there will be another fire, it's WHEN. Ask the people here what it was like trying to escape this fire, which was NOT being pushed by a Santa Ana with our limited road structure.

As to Alpine Fire wanting to annex parcels, it is an agency that saw this small incident get away from it almost immediately. Only County Fire, CAL Fire, mutual aid and air support saved us.

The lives and property of the people of Alpine depend on the County NOT acquiescing to a small number of people who's only interest is their own.

Sincerely,

Louis Russo

Barry, Robert

From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 11:41 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: Re: End of the year?

You might want to read AFD's agenda supporting documents, and minutes

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 21, 2018, at 11:28 AM, Barry, Robert <Robert.Barry@sdcounty.ca.gov> wrote:

Mr. Russo,

The proposal processing has been on hold while AFD and the County negotiated the property tax exchange associated with the jurisdictional changes. The County notified me yesterday afternoon that the negotiated exchange would be scheduled for conditional approval by the Board of Supervisors on September 12. LAFCO cannot schedule the proposal for hearing until this process is completed. The BOS approval date would allow for a LAFCO public hearing at the October 1st or November 6th meetings. If the proposal is heard and approved by the Commission at one of those meetings there is an opportunity for completion by the end of the year. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Robert

Robert Barry, AICP
San Diego LAFCO
858 614-7788

On Jun 18, 2018, at 11:39 AM, Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov> wrote:

Hi Lou –

Not sure. Robert is the project manager. Robert, please follow up with Lou when you get a chance on his question. Keene

From: Louis Russo [<mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 11:15 AM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: End of the year?

https://www.alpinefire.org/download/agendas/2018/1-ag6192018_pkg.pdf

According to this, the Annexation will be completed by the end of the year? True statement?

Louis Russo

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 7:46 AM
To: Louis Russo
Subject: RE: End of the year?

Hi Lou –

I apologize for the delay. Robert is out today and tomorrow, but I will ask him to follow up with you on your earlier question first thing next week. Keene

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 7:44 AM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
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From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Date: February 21, 2018 at 5:36:02 PM PST
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
Subject: **Maybe someone needs to ask ACPG for their input...**

<http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/cpuc-president%E2%80%99s-proposal-charge-rural-ratepayers-higher-rates-sparks-angry-responses>

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Second Station

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 8:30 AM
To: Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org>
Subject: Re: Second Station

Chief,

I see in the supporting documents that Alpine Fire is proposing to increase the benefit fee yet again. What will this bring it to? (Yes, the fee that those of us in the CFA boundary do not currently pay.)

Also, below you State you do not plan to expand your facilities yet in the supporting documents mentioned above you tell the County that you do. Which is true? Or, are you just continuing your practice of saying whatever you want to whom ever you want to suit your ends. Does the board know of your duplicity? Do they care?

Louis Russo

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 17, 2017, at 9:55 AM, Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org> wrote:

Mr. Russo,

You are reading too much into this annexation. Frankly I don't have the time or willingness to dream up or consider the ideas you are coming up with. Alpine has simply initiated an annexation of all areas within our Sphere of Influence, that is all. The desire to annex these areas was brought to my board by me with no prior direction given to me by any board member or any member of the ACPG. All of your conspiracy theories concerning this annexation are simply false, not based on reality and completely a waste of my valuable time.

Have a good day.

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From: Louis Russo [<mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 9:34 AM

To: Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org>

Cc: Mike Ott <mike.ott@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Brad Rushing <brushing@alpinefire.org>; Farace, Joseph <joseph.farace@sdcounty.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: Second Station

Well then, Bill, something doesn't make a lot of sense.

A number of people and I have been going through the parcel/owner list you provided via the CPRA request. One of the items we discovered was that AFD wants to annex parcels contiguous to the reservation (quite a number, frankly) that are owned by the tribe. So, assuming your assertion about NOT building another station in the east, what this would mean, if approved, is that AFD would get the tax revenue (and provide approval for whatever DPLU/ACPG site plans come to fruition on those parcels) but more times than not, due to their physical location, Viejas Fire/CFA in Decanso would respond. To our eyes, AFD is attempting to put Viejas/CFA in the same position AFD is complaining about, e.g. being closest responder to parcels in other district's area without any financial offset. Doesn't seem quite fair, does it?

On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 8:40 AM, Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org> wrote:

Mr. Russo,

Like I said at the meeting, the Alpine FPD currently has no plans to build a second fire station.

Let's consider the finances. The current operating budget of the Alpine FPD is around \$3.5 million. That covers all Operations, Fire Prevention and District Administration. The cost to operate another fire station for a year with just Firefighters would cost about \$2.5 million. And that amount does not include the cost of the station, the fire engine and all station equipment (About \$6-\$8 million). It would be foolish and financially irresponsible to build a second station without a sustainable on-going increase in revenue(property taxes) of at least \$2.5 million a year. I don't see an increase like that any time soon, if ever. And by the way, our current fire station was designed to accommodate a second fire engine responding out of it if the need ever occurs. So to answer your question, will we ever build a second station in Eastern Alpine, the financial numbers and call volume don't make that currently possible.

Lou, as a former Fire Board member, you should understand those numbers.

Also, stop talking to birds.

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Bill,

At the town hall the other night you were asked if AFD was planning a second station. You very carefully wove the word "Currently..." into your answer that there were no plans to do so. That immediately registered on my radar. I know AFD wanted to build a station in Palo Verde and over by the CalTrans yard.

A little bird has whispered that AFD does indeed plan another station in Eastern Alpine. So, two questions. Yes or no, is AFD planning to to build another station out here (with a successful annexation the "reason"...coupled with greater density courtesy of Jim Easterling and the planning group)? Second, who's house you planning to build it next to (you know, to give them the benefit of constant code lights and sirens)? Mine?

Lou

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 12:47 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Reference
Attachments: 1-ag3202018pkg.pdf

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 11:10 AM
To: bpaskle@alpinefire.org
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Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Horn, Bill <Bill.Horn@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Reference

Really?

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From: Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org>
Date: March 20, 2018 at 2:47:09 PM PDT
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To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Reference

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Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org>
Subject: Re: Reference

When this all started I met with another Chief for advice. His first statement was, "You know what this is all about, don't you? It's about the money." Look yourself in the mirror when you get home and ask the guy staring back what he's willing to say and do for money.

Sent from my iPhone

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Lou I relish the thought of that, especially when I get to make you look like a fool.

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Tell you what, when you're sitting in the deposition try that reasoning with the lawyer questioning you.

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Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:34 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: No answer

Robert -

What is Mr. Russo referring to?

-----Original Message-----

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Horn, Bill <Bill.Horn@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: No answer

Well, I guess we caught the Alpine Fire Chief in another lie. He refuses to answer my question as to whether he was lying before or is lying now. Is this going to end up in court?

Louis Russo

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: Fwd: Agreement
Attachments: Final Joint Press Release GUHSD-Alpine - 2.28.18.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Date: February 28, 2018 at 10:44:38 AM PST
Subject: Agreement

As a candidate for Alpine School Board this fall I am happy to announce that the lawsuits are at an end and we can concentrate on our children's educational needs.

Lou Russo

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2018 6:48 AM
To: Barry, Robert; Simonds,Keene
Subject: See her comments on County Fire

<http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/supervisor-jacob-outlines-goal-2018-la-mesa-chamber-breakfast-reflects-her-decades-service>

Barry, Robert

From: Russo, Louis <russo.louis@solute.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:48 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: Edit

Please consider this edit (see red):

"This annexation proposal was submitted by resolution of the Alpine Fire Protection District (FPD) and involves the annexation of approximately 6,647-acres of unincorporated territory located within the FPD's adopted sphere of influence. The annexation area is former San Diego Rural Fire (SDRF) parcels and currently located within the LAFCO-activated fire protection latent power area of CSA No. 135. The proposal is awaiting Board of Supervisors' approvals for a negotiated property tax exchange agreement, and for the divesture of CSA No. 135 fire protection service responsibilities from the proposed annexation area. The proposal is anticipated to be ready for Commission consideration in early to mid-2018."

It is my guess that not all of the parcels are former SDRF, so you may have to adjust the language a bit more. It's important to those of us within the former SDRF boundaries that both the BOS and Commissioners are aware of what we consider "bait and switch". Making sure they know we were SDRF, then CFA 135 will, we believe, assist them in understanding the complete picture.

On another note, I will be in San Diego until the 28th, then to NYC until Mar 3rd. I am pretty free until Mar 27th when I will be tied up teaching a course for the remainder of the month. I still want to sit down with you and Mr. Simonds before we get too much father down this road.

Thank you,

Lou

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Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 6:22 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Please consider donating to my "campaign" for Alpine's teachers!

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 12:56 PM
Subject: Please consider donating to my "campaign" for Alpine's teachers!

Elect Alpine's 2018 Honorary Mayor!

Please "file" your desire to serve as Alpine's Community Goodwill Ambassador with the Alpine Mountain Empire Chamber of Commerce by completing the "candidate filing" form below.
The Chamber's annual Honorary Mayor Race benefits Alpine in different ways. Candidates must select a project that will enhance the community visually, such as landscaping, a welcome sign or holiday banners and decorations, or one that will help nonprofit organization or causes.
Dollar "votes" for each candidate's campaign will be used to fund their individual projects.
The candidate with the most votes will be Alpine's 2018 Honorary Mayor!

Guidelines:

- Any adult who live or works in Alpine is eligible to run.
- A vote is one dollar.
- Voters can vote as often and as much as they would like.
- The candidate with the most "dollars " wins!

All votes must be turned in to the Alpine Chamber office by 5pm Thursday March 29, 2018
Winner will be announced at our Hot Topics Breakfast Tuesday April 10, 2018

Candidate filing: please return to the Chamber at 1620 Alpine Blvd. Ste 208 Alpine, CA 91901
Jom@AlpineChamber.sdcoxmail.com

Name: Louis Russo

Address: 1524 Montecito Vista

City, State, Zip: Alpine, CA 91901

Email: louisfrusso@gmail.com

Cell:619 300-0866

Campaign Promise: All monies raised will be donated to the teachers of Alpine Union School District for their "wish lists" and classroom supplies

*A program partnership of the
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Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 7:52 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Please open...and please consider forwarding...

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<https://www.gofundme.com/55usad4>

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 6:27 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: Fwd: "Unserved SOI Lands"

Can you follow up with Louis on Tuesday. Keene

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From: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Date: February 16, 2018 at 5:05:00 PM PST
To: Keene Simonds <keene.simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Cc: Dianne Jacob <dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov>, <bill.horn@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: "Unserved SOI Lands"

I noticed this phrase in the material appended to the last LAFCO agenda:

"Alpine Fire Protection (Unserved SOI Lands)"

What does "Unserved" mean?

Louis Russo

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 6:43 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: What about Alpine Schools?

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 5:13 AM
To: ausdschoolboard@alpineschools.net; acpg-members@googlegroups.com; editor <editor@thealpinetown.com>; Alpine Community Network <angie@alpinecommunitynetwork.com>; Miriam Raftery <editor@eastcountymagazine.org>; Jacob, Dianne <Dianne.Jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: What about Alpine Schools?

GUNS

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We defend our children ----- with a sign that reads:

“THIS IS A GUN FREE ZONE.”

...AND THEN CALL SOMEONE WITH A GUN IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY



Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:06 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Russo, Louis F CTR TTGP, N3 [mailto:louis.f.russo.ctr@navy.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:08 AM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: FYI

<http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/julian-cuyamaca-fire-board-votes-negotiate-county>

Semper Fi,
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Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: State Board of Education Webcast

-----Original Message-----

From: Russo, Louis F CTR TTGP, N3 [mailto:louis.f.russo.ctr@navy.mil]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:27 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: State Board of Education Webcast

Here is the link to the webcast from the State Board of Education. Note that the State Department of Education Staff recommends denying the application. I want you and your staff to do the same, e.g. recommend disapproval of the Alpine Fire District annexation application.

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Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Monday, February 05, 2018 7:01 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Alpine would not vote to increase fees either....

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 03, 2018 2:05 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Alpine would not vote to increase fees either....

<http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/julian-cuyamaca-fire-fee-fails-qualify-ballot-tensions-escalate-over-future-fire-district>

AFD would have to increase fees to stay afloat....

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:28 PM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: State Board of Education Webcast

-----Original Message-----

From: Russo, Louis F CTR TTGP, N3 [mailto:louis.f.russo.ctr@navy.mil]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:27 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
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Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:15 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Please correct ACN post

-----Original Message-----

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 7:14 AM
To: George Barnett <bigg88882@cox.net>
Cc: ausdschoolboard@alpineschools.net; acpg-members@googlegroups.com; donotreply@wordpress.com; vonnie@thealpinesun.com; info@voiceofsandiego.org; Karen Pearlman <karen.pearlman@sduniontribune.com>; Lori Bledsoe, editor <editor@thealpinesun.com>
Subject: Please correct ACN post

I just received this email this morning.

"You might want to review the appeals court decision. One issue that they wrote about that has not come out is that the court specifically said that Grossmont is "not authorized" to build a high school until the enrollment trigger is met. All of George Barnett's comments about Grossmont being able to build a high school anytime it wants are simply not true."

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 6:44 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Agenda

-----Original Message-----

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:20 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Cc: Bill Paskle <bpaskle@alpinefire.org>; admin@alpinefire.org; Jacob, Dianne <Dianne.Jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Ron-Roberts <Ron-Roberts@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Cox, Greg <Greg.Cox@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Horn, Bill <Bill.Horn@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Agenda

I just got a copy of the Alpine School District agenda, free of charge. So, LAFCO provides it free, AUSD provides it free and the Alpine Community Planning Group (via the County) provides its free...but the Alpine Fire Department wants \$80+

Someone explain to me again why it's a good deal to be annexed by AFD?

Sent from my iPhone

Barry, Robert

From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 7:41 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: GUHSD Update - January 29, 2018

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 4:25 PM
Subject: Fwd: GUHSD Update - January 29, 2018

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Grossmont Union High School District <noreply@guhsd.net>
Date: January 29, 2018 at 10:21:42 AM PST
To: <Louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Subject: GUHSD Update - January 29, 2018
Reply-To: Grossmont Union High School District <noreply@guhsd.net>

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GUHSD NEWS
from Superintendent Glover



January 29, 2018



The first month of 2018 brought clarity on two lengthy matters that have overshadowed the District with uncertainty for several years.

The California Fourth District Court of Appeal upheld the decision of the Superior Court on all claims made by the Alpine Union School District and the Alpine Taxpayers for Bond Accountability contending that GUHSD is currently obligated to build a high school in Alpine. The courts have found that is not the case. Also, the State Board of Education disapproved the petition for the proposed unification of the Alpine Union School District.

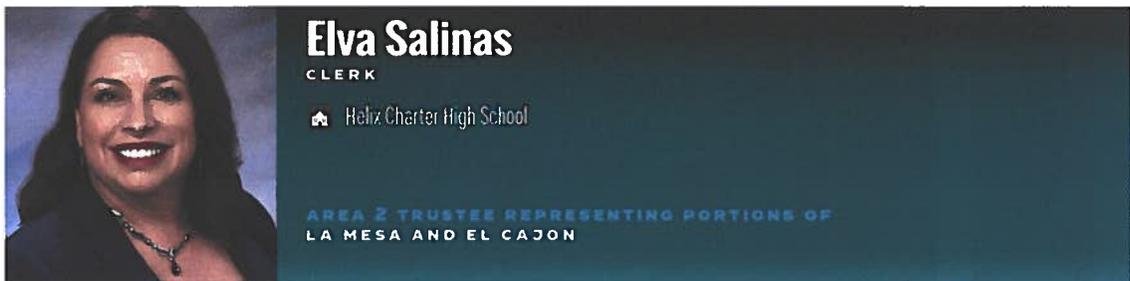
We're happy that the Appellate Court and the State Board of Education agreed with our positions.

The Governing Board has never wavered from its commitment to construct the Alpine high school when conditions are appropriate.

In the days ahead, I look forward to working in partnership with Alpine Superintendent Dr. Newman to strengthen relationships and move forward with our primary mission of educating East County's young people.

Introduction to GUHSD Trustees by Area

In April 2016 the San Diego County Board of Education unanimously approved a proposal by the Grossmont Union High School District to begin using trustee-area elections for the Grossmont Union High School District. This is the fifth and final in a series of introductions to the trustees who comprise the GUHSD School Board. You may locate your trustee area [here](#).





Elva Salinas serves as Clerk of the Governing Board of the Grossmont Union High School District. Serving in her first term, Ms. Salinas was elected to the Governing Board in November 2016.

Her personal journey from extreme poverty to educational leader was made possible by caring teachers and well-funded and excellent public schools and colleges. She recalls when California schools were first in funding, first in student outcomes and college was affordable. She is working tirelessly to ensure that this generation of students receives those same opportunities.

Ms. Salinas is a voracious reader of historical novels and an avid salsa and disco dancer. You might find her hiking at Mission Trails and Lake Murray. Read more about Ms. Salinas [here](#).

National Organization Recognizes Santana Teacher as State Teacher of the Year



Santana teacher Jason Kay received the highest honor awarded to Project Lead The Way (PLTW) teachers in the state – PLTW Engineering California Teacher of the Year! PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science.

PLTW recognized Mr. Kay in front of nearly 1,000 attendees at the organization's California State Conference, sponsored by Chevron. PLTW President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Vince Bertram presented the award.

Mr. Kay engages his students in collaborative, real-life activities. He has been teaching PLTW Engineering for 11 years and is helping to grow the program at other schools. His students are thriving in their classroom, engaging in afterschool mentorship programs, pursuing industry internships, and winning engineering competitions.

Governing Board Meeting Spotlight



At the January 22 Governing Board meeting we held a special recognition ceremony to honor the School Resource Officers from the San Diego Sheriff's Department, La Mesa Police Department, and the El Cajon Police Department who keep our campuses safe on a daily basis. We held the recognition to honor the important roles that these

men and women perform on campus including counselor, mentor, role model, and sworn law enforcement officer.

At the meeting the Governing Board also recognized several CIF - San Diego Section Championship Teams for their achievements. [Click here](#) to view these and other highlights from the January 22 Governing Board Meeting.

Future Forward in GUHSD



Our [FutureForward](#) Initiative is helping modernize instructional opportunities for students in the Grossmont Union High School District.

As of this school year, nearly 17,000 Chromebooks have been issued

to students for use at school and home to further their educational aspirations. This process of equipping students with 1:1 devices began three years ago and is now complete.

The FutureForward program is part of an ongoing initiative that nurtures innovation. It is helping to prepare students for an increasingly digital world by equipping them with modern world skills that include communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

In addition to deploying a device to every student, GUHSD offers ongoing professional development and individual support to teachers to help them integrate technology and 21st century skills into their classrooms. Our technical services department has also continued to proactively expand our bandwidth and add Wi-Fi access points to ensure robust connectivity for our students and staff.

East County EduCon for Educators

Announcing the Inaugural



IDEA Center High School
February 3, 2018 | 8:00-3:30

We are excited to announce this new and **FREE** opportunity for you to hone your **SUPER POWERS** and unleash your EduPotential. Check out our unique format and variety of session options below!

MORNING SESSIONS (8:30-11:30)

- **The Flash:** quick intro, tips, and tricks (25 minutes)
- **Great Power/Great Responsibility:** a balance of learning and doing (55 minutes)

AFTERNOON SESSIONS (12:30-2:30)

- **Aquaman Deep Dive:** Start as a beginner, leave as an expert!

ALL DAY SESSION

- **Code.org K-5**

**EVERY SUPERHERO
NEEDS A LEAGUE!**

Join colleagues from around town at the first ever East County EduCon!

#ECEduCon

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QUESTIONS?

Email us!

EastCountyEduCon@gmail.com

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



1600 N Cuyamaca St, El Cajon, CA 92020

What is East County EduCon? It is an innovative professional learning opportunity that engages teachers from across East County. The February 3 event is being hosted by the Grossmont District at IDEA Center High School and is the result of a collaboration between the

Grossmont, Cajon Valley, Lakeside, and Santee school districts. The purpose of the East County EduCon is to provide an opportunity for educators to share innovative teaching and student-centered practices that are engaging and promote authentic learning.

Over 50 sessions will be presented by local teachers covering topics ranging from hands-on student activities and curating digital portfolios to exploring social justice in the high school classroom.

The East County EduCon is free and open to all educators. More information is available [here](#).

Let's Get Social!

As a reminder, we kicked off the school year with new school and district websites and a renewed emphasis on using social media to tell our story. Please follow your school's social media channels accessible on their website (available by [clicking here](#)), and I also encourage you to subscribe to our District social media channels including:



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From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 5:54 AM
To: Barry, Robert
Subject: FW: Annexation

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 9:29 AM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Annexation

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sunlite Landscape <gary@sunlitelandscape.com>
Date: January 23, 2018 at 1:46:54 AM GMT+9
To: "louisfrusso@gmail.com" <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Subject: Annexation
Reply-To: Sunlite Landscape <gary@sunlitelandscape.com>

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My question is was my property annexed ?
I have not received any documents from the fire district (or anyone) as to any changes.
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Thanks for all the effort you put into keeping our community on the RIGHT path.

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619 991 0441



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From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 1:33 PM
To: Bankston, Jill <Jill.Bankston@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Saumier, Bill <Bill.Saumier@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Efird, Robert <Robert.Efird@sdcounty.ca.gov>; Jacob, Dianne <Dianne.Jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov>
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<http://www.alpinecommunitynetwork.com/2018/01/letter-editor-community-park-surrounding-issues-mary-harris/#comment-53294>

You might want to look at the recent comments

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From: Simonds,Keene
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 5:40 AM
To: Louis Russo
Cc: Barry, Robert
Subject: RE: Annexation

Hi Lou. I am forwarding your email to Robert.

From: Louis Russo [mailto:louisfrusso@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 9:26 PM
To: Simonds,Keene <Keene.Simonds@sdcounty.ca.gov>
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Of course, the question is, did parcel owners like George Landt and Back Country Land Trust...who support the annexation get notices. Methinks not. Just another verification of the points in my "If it's not broken, don't fix it letter".

Corruption is not going to fly this time around.

Lou

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To: Louis Russo <louisfrusso@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Annexation
Reply-To: Sunlite Landscape <gary@sunlitelandscape.com>

Thanks for getting back Lou,

I got both, Alpine Fire Protection District "Courtesy Notice" from Jason McBroom, FM, with google map outline my property describing how they want clearing and brush removal, and the Sunrise Mitigation info in the same mailing.

Rereading it now I don't see any dead lines or violation info, so maybe it is only a "Courtesy Notice".

I have dealt with the "FM" on some of our commercial accounts here in Alpine and I just need to cover all bases.

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No. We weren't annexed. Was it a letter directing you to clear or was it the letter about the SDGE mitigation program, where you can get reimbursed?

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