

February 18, 2026

Humboldt County Association of Governments

Attn: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director

611 I Street Suite B

Eureka, CA

Re: Support for McKinleyville Community Services District Seat on HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Byrd,

On behalf of Arcata Fire Department, I am writing in support of the McKinleyville Community Services District's (MCSD) request to be granted a seat on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). As the largest unincorporated community in Humboldt County, McKinleyville's infrastructure, transportation needs, and essential public services warrant direct involvement in regional transportation planning. Central Avenue—the busiest road in the County's system—runs through McKinleyville, and the planned Town Center development and related traffic-calming measures will directly affect MCSD's ability to safely and reliably access and maintain its infrastructure.

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Given McKinleyville's rapid growth, its role as a major residential and economic hub, and the direct impacts of transportation decisions on MCSD-maintained infrastructure, the District is uniquely positioned to provide technical insight beneficial to the TAC and further represent the population of McKinleyville. While we recognize and appreciate the

County's representation, Arcata Fire District agrees with the District's feelings that McKinleyville's size, complexity, and unincorporated status make it essential for MCSD and the citizens of McKinleyville to have their own voice be heard through a dedicated seat on the Committee.

Sincerely,



Chris Emmons

Chief

Arcata Fire District

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# **Humboldt Community Services District**

*Dedicated to providing high quality, cost effective water and sewer service for our ratepayers*

February 24, 2026

Attn: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director  
Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCOAG)  
611 I Street, Suite B  
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Support for McKinleyville Community Services District Seat on HCOAG's Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Byrd:

On behalf of Humboldt Community Services District (HCSD), I am writing in support of McKinleyville Community Services District's (MCSD) request for membership on the HCOAG Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

HCSD and MCSD share a similar governance structure and responsibility to provide essential infrastructure in unincorporated areas. CSD's collectively serve a significant portion of Humboldt County residents whose water, wastewater, and public facilities are affected by regional transportation planning decisions.

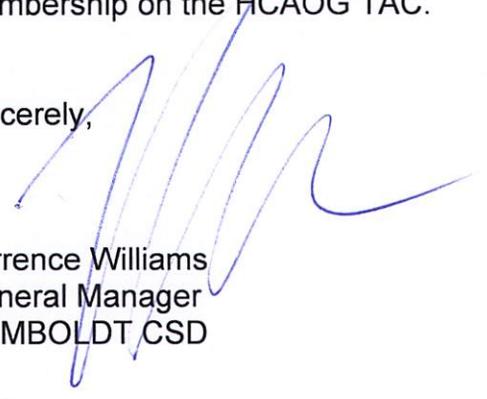
There is an important distinction between our districts that makes MCSD's participation on the TAC particularly appropriate. MCSD serves one large, identifiable community—McKinleyville—with a cohesive transportation network, centralized commercial corridors, and community-wide infrastructure systems. Regional transportation decisions often affect the community in a unified, direct way, making dedicated representation logical.

By contrast, HCSD serves several smaller, geographically distinct communities—including Myrtle town, Freshwater, Humboldt Hill, Cutten, King Salmon, and Fields Landing—each with its own character, development patterns, and localized infrastructure needs. Because our service area is decentralized across multiple unincorporated communities rather than centered on a single population hub, we are not currently considering a TAC membership request.

We do, however, believe representation from a community services district serving a single, identifiable population center would strengthen the Committee's work. MCSD's participation would provide valuable technical insight while ensuring that the operational realities of special districts—and the residents of unincorporated communities—are thoughtfully considered in regional transportation planning.

We respectfully request your consideration and approval of MCSD's application for membership on the HCAOG TAC.

Sincerely,



Terrence Williams  
General Manager  
HUMBOLDT CSD

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Brendan Byrd &lt;brendan.byrd@hcaog.net&gt;

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**Letter of support for MCSD**

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alindsay &lt;ann@lifeplanhumboldt.org&gt;

Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 10:52 AM

To: brendan.byrd@hcaog.net

Cc: Joey Blaine &lt;jblaine@mckinleyvillecsd.com&gt;, "Emma Haskett &lt;emmarhaskett@gmail.com&gt;" &lt;emmarhaskett@gmail.com&gt;, "pkaspari@mckinleyvillecsd.com" &lt;pkaspari@mckinleyvillecsd.com&gt;

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Eureka, CA

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Dear Mr. Byrd,

On behalf of Life Plan Humboldt I am writing in support of the McKinleyville Community Services District's (MCSD) request to be granted a seat on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). As the largest unincorporated community in Humboldt County, McKinleyville's infrastructure, transportation needs, and essential public services warrant direct involvement in regional transportation planning. Central Avenue—the busiest road in the County's system—runs through McKinleyville, and the planned Town Center development and related traffic-calming measures will directly affect MCSD's ability to safely and reliably access and maintain its infrastructure.

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Given McKinleyville's rapid growth, its role as a major residential and economic hub, and the direct impacts of transportation decisions on MCSD-maintained infrastructure, the District is uniquely positioned to provide technical insight beneficial to the TAC and further represent the population of McKinleyville. While we recognize and appreciate the County's representation, as President of the Life Plan Humboldt Board I agree with the District's feelings that McKinleyville's size, complexity, and unincorporated status make it essential for MCSD and the citizens of McKinleyville to have their own voice be heard through a dedicated seat on the Committee.

Sincerely,

Ann Lindsay MD

President, Life Plan Humboldt Board of Directors

[ann@lifeplanhumboldt.org](mailto:ann@lifeplanhumboldt.org)



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Eureka

Re: Support for McKinleyville Community Services District Seat on Humboldt County Association of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Byrd,

On behalf of the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the McKinleyville Community Services District's request to be granted a seat on the Humboldt County Association of Governments Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

As the largest unincorporated community in Humboldt County, McKinleyville's infrastructure, transportation needs, and essential public services warrant direct involvement in regional transportation planning. Central Avenue, one of the busiest corridors in the county system, runs through McKinleyville, and the planned Town Center development and related traffic calming measures will directly impact how McKinleyville Community Services District can safely and reliably access and maintain critical infrastructure.

The TAC plays an important role in advising on transportation and regional issues and currently includes representation from cities, the County, Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, and local Tribal governments.



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However, special districts are not represented, despite McKinleyville Community Services District serving as the primary local governance body for one of the county's largest population centers after Eureka and operating critical systems including water, wastewater, parks and recreation, and a trail network spanning more than 12 miles.

Given McKinleyville's continued growth, its role as a major residential and economic hub, and the direct impacts transportation decisions have on MCSD maintained facilities and services, the District is uniquely positioned to contribute technical insight that will strengthen TAC discussions and outcomes. While we recognize and appreciate Humboldt County representation on the Committee, we agree with MCSD that McKinleyville's size, complexity, and unincorporated status make it important for the community to have a direct and consistent voice through a dedicated seat on the TAC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jesse Miles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jesse Miles

Executive Director

**February 25, 2026**

Humboldt County Association of Governments  
Attn: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director  
611 I Street Suite B  
Eureka, CA

Re: Support for McKinleyville Community Services District Seat on HCAOG's Technical Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Byrd,

On behalf of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC), I am writing in support of the McKinleyville Community Services District's (MCSD) request to be granted a seat on the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). As the largest unincorporated community in Humboldt County, McKinleyville's infrastructure, transportation needs, and essential public services warrant direct involvement in regional transportation planning. Central Avenue—the busiest road in the County's system—runs through McKinleyville, and the planned Town Center development and related traffic-calming measures will directly affect MCSD's ability to safely and reliably access and maintain its infrastructure.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Burke', written in a cursive style.

**Mary Burke**

**Chair**

**McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee**



Brendan Byrd &lt;brendan.byrd@hcaog.net&gt;

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**Re: MCSD Request for Seat on HCOAG TAC**

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**Madrone, Steve** <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sat, Feb 14, 2026 at 7:47 AM

To: Joey Blaine &lt;jblaine@mckinleyvillecsd.com&gt;

Cc: "brendan.byrd@hcaog.net" &lt;brendan.byrd@hcaog.net&gt;, Pat Kaspari &lt;pkaspari@mckinleyvillecsd.com&gt;

Thanks Joey. Brendan to be clear as the 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor I fully support this request and believe that it is well supported by the size of McKinleyville and the CSD's role in managing infrastructure that interfaces with road projects. Thank you.

Steve Madrone  
County of Humboldt  
Supervisor, District 5  
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**From:** Joey Blaine <jblaine@mckinleyvillecsd.com>**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 5:04 PM**To:** Madrone, Steve <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>**Cc:** [brendan.byrd@hcaog.net](mailto:brendan.byrd@hcaog.net) <brendan.byrd@hcaog.net>; Pat Kaspari <pkaspari@mckinleyvillecsd.com>**Subject:** MCSD Request for Seat on HCOAG TAC

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Good afternoon, Supervisor Madrone and Mr. Byrd,

Please find attached correspondence from MCSD regarding a request for a seat on the TAC.

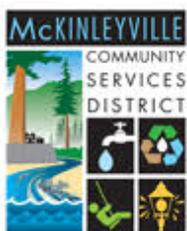
Thank you,

Joey Blaine, CMC

Board Secretary | Administrative Assistant | McKinleyville CSD

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Friday, February 27, 2026

To the Members of the HCAOG Technical Advisory Committee,

I am writing to formally urge your support for granting the McKinleyville Community Services District a seat on the Technical Advisory Committee. As you consider this request, it is vital to recognize the direct link between regional transportation planning and the MCSD's fundamental responsibility: the long-term maintenance of critical public infrastructure. It's my understanding that the last time we requested a seat, it was denied because the MCSD "doesn't have any roads." While road maintenance is not one of our granted latent powers, we certainly have a vested interest.

The MCSD manages the water and wastewater systems that serve the largest unincorporated population in Humboldt County. Much of this essential infrastructure is located within or adjacent to the regional transportation network and the county maintained road system. Future projects, including the development of the Town Center and essential traffic-calming measures on Central Avenue, will have significant, long-term impacts on the District's ability to access, repair, and sustain these systems.

Granting the MCSD a seat on the TAC ensures that technical decisions are made with a full understanding of these underlying utilities. Without our direct involvement, we risk transportation designs that inadvertently complicate or increase the cost of maintaining the services that McKinleyville residents rely on daily.

Including the MCSD provides this committee with the additional necessary insight to ensure our regional transit goals and local infrastructure needs are perfectly aligned. I strongly advocate for a "yes" vote on our inclusion.

Sincerely,

Scott W Binder  
Board Director, McKinleyville Community Services District  
Vice Chair, McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee  
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