



Background: Public Hearing on Commission Recommendation to Redistrict the Central Oregon Community College Service District, North Lake County

The State of Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) will hold a public hearing in Klamath Falls, Oregon on October 29, 2019 related to the community college district boundary in North Lake County. Resulting from a recommendation by the HECC Commission, this public hearing is to consider the annexation of the territory defined by voting precincts 13 and 14 of Lake County, generally comprising the northernmost section of the county, into the Klamath Community College Service District. It is important to note that this consideration is contingent upon approval by the Legislative Assembly an order removing the area in question from the Central Oregon Community College Service District.

- **WHO:** HECC agency staff will be administering the hearing, which is open to any and all individuals who wish to attend.
- **WHAT:** This event is a public hearing to receive public input on the Commission's recommendation to annex voting precincts 13 and 14 of Lake County into the Klamath Community College Service District. The Commission's recommendation was given in response to a petition to remove the area in question from the Central Oregon Community College Service District. The question has implications on the services provided to the residents of North Lake County, on tax revenue received by KCC, and on state revenue provided by the HECC to all community colleges in Oregon.
- **WHEN:** October 29, 2019, 11:00 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time to approximately 12:30 P.M., or until public comment is complete.
- **WHERE:** Klamath Community College, Building 7 – Conference Center, 7390 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.
- **WHY:** The HECC is authorized under statute (ORS 341.565 to 341.579) to act as a community college district boundary board. Upon receipt of a petition signed by a minimum of 10% of the registered electors within a territory seeking to be removed from or incorporated into a service district, the HECC is required to consider the question of whether or not to change the petitioning territory of the district, and to hold a public hearing prior to entering an order to change the district boundary. The October 29 meeting is for public input, and no vote will be taken. The HECC will vote on the petition at a future public Commission meeting. For information on HECC public meetings, or to sign up for public meeting notices, go to www.oregon.gov/HigherEd. Should the HECC vote to issue such an order, the Legislative Assembly must accept the order before it is final.

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