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SECRETARY & TREASURER  
Miranda Driver

Submitted Electronically

July 25, 2025

Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission  
625 Court Street, Room 204  
Woodland, CA 95695

**RE: Resolution 2025-06 of intent to initiate dissolution of the Capay, Cottonwood, Knights Landing, and Mary's Cemetery Districts per Government Code Section 56375.1, if timely audits or minimum financial requirements are not met within 12 months**

Yolo County Farm Bureau has carefully examined LAFCO's conduct with reference to the 4 Rural Cemetery Districts. First, we recognize, appreciate and commend the willingness of Supervisor Oscar Villegas, after reading/hearing all the information provided by LAFCO Staff followed by that of the impacted community members, to Move a Motion to halt the District Dissolution Process Villegas followed up with cohesive and persuasive arguments that convinced Supervisor Frerichs and Commissioner Partida to second/support his Motion. This action effectively called a halt to the County's efforts, through LAFCO or otherwise, to essentially shut down and take over the rural cemeteries without providing any/all of the following:

- (1) Adequate notice to the Cemetery Boards and community members.
- (2) Assistance and time sufficient to correct inadequacies.
- (3) County recognition of its or other regulatory failures/omissions/demands which made performance of requirements difficult or impossible.
- (4) Provision of other protections to the local community interests including waiver of some or all regulatory and/or unnecessary burdens and charges.

Regulators and the County must remember these 4 Cemetery Districts have very limited budgets, depend on voluntary efforts and financial contributions of community members, and their funds cannot be syphoned off for expensive, arguably unnecessary audits and other procedures. A "One Size Fits All" approach which includes expensive requirements does not work for small Districts with very limited resources. Certainly, Mary's Cemetery District, with its \$69,000 annual income, fits this category.

**From:** Christine Crawford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:27 AM  
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**Subject:** LAFCo Resolution 2025-06 & Rural Cemetery Audit Requirements

Hello Miranda,

Thank you for your July 25<sup>th</sup> letter (received on September 15<sup>th</sup> via email). It will be shared with the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) in our September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting packet.

It appears that there's confusion about the relationship between Yolo County and Yolo LAFCo and I'd appreciate meeting with you, introducing myself, and explaining who we are and what we do. Please also know that we are working with the Yolo County Department of Financial Services to develop some clear and cost-appropriate direction that can be communicated to the rural cemetery districts to resolve these audit issues.

Please let me know if you would like to meet, perhaps for a coffee. And if you could offer a couple days/times that you are available, I'm sure I can make one work.

Thanks,  
Christine

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