



## **Indian Valley Community Services District**

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### **Response to Plumas Sun Editor's Misleading Article and Unprofessional Conduct**

(Final, 4/1/26)

The Indian Valley Community Services District (IVCSD) understands that our community has been through immense challenges since the Dixie Fire, and we recognize how deeply people care about Greenville's recovery. We also understand that recent reporting has raised questions and concerns. In the interest of transparency, clarity, and respect for our community, we would like to provide additional context and reaffirm our commitment to moving forward responsibly.

First and foremost, IVCSD remains committed to restoring and strengthening essential services—water, sewer, fire protection, and other core infrastructure—that our residents rely on every day. These are not just priorities; they are fundamental responsibilities that directly impact public health, safety, and the ability of our community to rebuild and thrive.

Regarding the misleading article published on March 24, 2026 entitled "IVCSD withdraws from postfire projects", and the unprofessional conduct recently displayed by the Plumas Sun's Editor, the Indian Valley Community Services District would like to provide the following statements:

During the March 17 Plumas County Board of Supervisor's meeting, the Supervisors voted to terminate the BRIC Grant involving Round Valley Reservoir, at IVCSD's request. The supervisors also voted to terminate the partnership between IVCSD and Plumas County in which IVCSD was the Champion of the Town Center Project. This partnership was also terminated at IVCSD's request.

For clarity, IVCSD requested that the BRIC Grant be terminated because it was another conceptual planning effort and conceptual planning efforts are not necessary for the effective utilization of Round Valley Reservoir water. This is because IVCSD is already actively working with engineers and utilizing available funding, including FEMA resources, to plan, repair and improve Round Valley water infrastructure systems. Our focus is on tangible progress—restoring functionality and reliability—rather than extending timelines through additional planning that does not directly result in construction or service delivery.

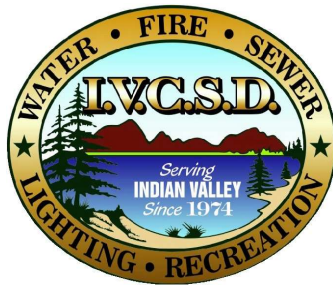
IVCSD requested that Plumas County terminate its partnership to Champion the Town Center Project because at the time the agreement was entered into, not all Board Members fully understood that IVCSD would be taking on the responsibility of championing a project that involved rebuilding infrastructure owned by other entities. These entities include Plumas County and the Indian Valley Recreation and Parks District. IVCSD was, and continues to be, recovering from significant infrastructure loss due to the Dixie Fire, compounded by years of deferred maintenance and neglect. Given these realities, IVCSD was and is not in a position to take on the additional responsibility of designing, planning, constructing, operating, and maintaining a large-scale community center project on behalf of other organizations.

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The article regarding the March 17 Supervisor's Meeting, written by the Plumas Sun's Editor, opens with the statement that "Two ambitious projects that held promise for restoring Greenville have been set aside without fanfare." Referring to the Town Center Project and the BRIC Grant involving Round Valley Reservoir. This statement misleads the Public to believe that both the Town Center Project and the utilization of Round Valley Reservoir water have been abandoned. This is simply not true. IVCS D stepping back from a leadership role in the Town Center Project does NOT mean the Town Center project is abandoned or lacks value to the IVCS D. Rather, it reflects a necessary realignment of responsibilities. Projects of this nature are best led by the entities whose infrastructure is being replaced. Entities who have received funding—such as insurance proceeds and settlement funds—for that purpose. This ensures accountability, efficiency, and proper stewardship of assets. IVCS D is still working to rebuild its own critical infrastructure, including its fire station. Taking on additional large-scale projects outside of our core responsibilities would not be a responsible use of limited time and resources.

As previously mentioned, Round Valley Reservoir remains an important asset for fire suppression, irrigation, and other non-potable uses and IVCS D is currently developing that asset. The Plumas Sun's article misleadingly ignores this fact.

The Plumas Sun's Editor has NOT reached out to IVCS D to corroborate the details of its article, nor to ensure quotes were contextually accurate, nor to clarify any questions or circumstances regarding information provided in the article.

Another example of unprofessional conduct by the Plumas Sun's Editor is her refusal to publish non-controversial, informational press releases put out by IVCS D.

IVCS D submitted an informational press release to the Plumas Sun's Editor, excited to finally be getting valuable information out to the public. The press release was submitted to the Plumas Sun in accordance with the instructions for press release submittal on their website. This submittal and a follow-up conformation request went unanswered for 12 days. On the same day that the Plumas Sun published the misleading article, IVCS D received a response from the Plumas Sun's Editor stating that she would NOT publish IVCS D's press release because it was written by someone who works at the IVCS D. This, according to the Plumas Sun's Editor, is a conflict of interest.

IVCS D finds it unprofessional that after receiving \$70,000 in grant funding specifically for reporting on Greenville's recovery, the Plumas Sun would then refuse to publish non-controversial, informational press releases which describe how Greenville's potable water, sewer, lighting, parks and fire department provider is moving forward with recovery. This is particularly interesting since the Plumas Sun appears to be struggling to provide grant deliverables – which are consistent reporting on Greenville's recovery.

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Additionally, given that Plumas Sun’s Editor is known to be closely acquainted with those who supported IVCS D’s championship of the Town Center Project, and given that the Plumas Sun has received public funds from organizations who supported IVCS D’s championship of the Town Center Project, if there is a conflict of interest at work here, it lies within the conduct of the Plumas Sun’s Editor, not IVCS D.

Based on the events and conduct described above, we cannot, in good conscience and public trust, endorse information provided by the Plumas Sun regarding the IVCS D at this time. Be it known that information published by the Plumas Sun, related to IVCS D in any manner, is the strictly the opinion of the Plumas Sun and is not endorsed by IVCS D, as IVCS D has not been afforded the opportunity to corroborate information published by the Plumas Sun.

IVCS D remains dedicated to doing the work that matters most—restoring infrastructure, ensuring reliable services, and supporting the long-term resilience of our community. Please be patient with us as we create our own means of effectively keeping the Community accurately informed of our progress.

We invite all community members to stay engaged, attend board meetings, and reach out directly with questions or concerns. Working together, with clear information and shared understanding, we can continue to make meaningful progress toward recovery.

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**Join us for a Regular Board Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 PM**

**at the IVCS D Office:**

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**or just stop by and see us...**

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### **Sources**

Plumas Sun's March 24 Article

<https://plumassun.org/2026/03/24/ivcsd-withdraws-from-postfire-projects/>

Plumas County Supervisors March 17 Meeting Minutes

<https://plumascoca.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1856/files/agenda/7296>

Plumas County Memorandum regarding BRIC Grant

<https://plumascoca.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1856/files/report/6519>

IVCSD's March 12 Press Release

[https://www.indianvalleycsd.com/files/20b74f72f/2026\\_0311+PR\\_RBM+2026\\_0304.pdf](https://www.indianvalleycsd.com/files/20b74f72f/2026_0311+PR_RBM+2026_0304.pdf)

Attached: Plumas Sun Editor's response to the March 12 Press Release (see below)

IVCSD Website

<https://www.indianvalleycsd.com/>

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**The Plumas Sun**

to Katherine, me ▾

Mar 24, 2026, 9:43 AM (7 days ago)



Dear Katherine,

Thank you for sending these highlights from the Indian Valley Community Services District's March 12, 2026 meeting. They are clear and well written. *The Plumas Sun* cannot publish them as a press release. You deserve to know why.

Journalists cover government, community events and other issues of public interest. They contact officials and involved citizens to ask questions and listen. They research public documents and seek information to give context to the stories they write. Journalists approach these issues without personal involvement. They do not represent the organizations or groups they write about. They are independent and unbiased.

Your highlights may be 100% accurate but they come from a writer who is paid by the organization they are writing about. This is an obvious conflict of interest. It is not journalism. I appreciate that this is not your role so it's not a criticism. I will file your submission as information and background for future stories *The Plumas Sun* may write about the IVCSD.

We are glad to be included in these highlights and look forward to any others you write.

Best,

Jane

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