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RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Both names....?

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CA Advisory Committee on Geographic Names <cacgn@resources.ca.gov> Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 9:55 AM
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Good Morning Mr. Fletcher,

Thank you for your email and comments concerning the Kelseyville to Konocti name proposal. Your comments have been noted and will be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,

Meagan

Meagan Flier (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde) (she/her)

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Thank you for your clarification on the BGN and USPS issues.

"Save The Name" (the town needs no saving) keep stating that everyone in the ZIP code will have to change their addresses with the DMV, credit cards, mortgage holders etc, etc.

I believe that is false (though USPS procedures are fairly opaque.)

I discovered that, like the BGN, the USPS DOES support "alternate" names in their official "City State File" -- which is made available to multiple government and commercial users.

<https://pe.usps.com/text/pub28/welcome.htm> and in particular,
https://pe.usps.com/text/pub28/pub28c2_006.htm "Last Line of the Address"

where the "Last Line" is currently
Kelseyville, CA 95451

We (C4H) hope that this Last Line becomes
Konocti, CA 95451

The question is then: what action does any person or business in that ZIP have to do?
The answer appears to be : Nothing!

The best description of that line is in a document describing a change in the postal addresses in "Prince George VA".

https://cms1files.revize.com/princegeorgeva/document_center/Real%20Estate/FAQ%20sheet%20FAQ.pdf

For each main post office, there is a "preferred" last line used as the mailing name. No

two main post offices in the same state are allowed to have the same preferred last line.

There is allowance for an "alternate preferred" last line used as the mailing name (other than the preferred name of the main post office) to be used by customers served by these stations or branches of a main post office.

In our case, if the ZIP is renamed, then I believe that the USPS would change their "Last Line" in the City and State Database to:

PREFERRED: Konocti, CA 95451
ALTERNATE PREFERRED : Kelseyville, CA 95451

and both would be fully legal addresses.

The Prince George document elaborates:

What is the difference between a "preferred last-line" mailing address name and an "alternate preferred last line"?

The "preferred last line" for a ZIP code is the single place name that can be used for most or all addresses in a five-digit ZIP code. Every ZIP code has a default or preferred last line. This is the city name or place name that will appear in the last line of addresses in the ZIP.

What if I don't want my mailing address name to change, and wish to continue using my current mailing address name? Will I be able to do that?

Yes. These proposed recommendations will allow postal customers to continue to permanently use their current mailing address names if they choose to do so, as it will be recognized by the Postal Service as an acceptable mailing address name. However, major commercial companies and mailers, such as mortgage companies, banks, utilities,

mail-order houses, etc., will use the "alternate preferred" mailing address name in correspondence, billings or statements sent to customers.

I just ordered new stationery and office supplies. Will I have to throw it all out and order new supplies if these changes are made?

No. You do not need to throw out your current supply of stationery, personal checks, business cards or other supplies. Prince George County postal customers will have the option of using the preferred or alternate mailing address names on their correspondence. However, when a new supply of checks or stationery is ordered, the new supplies may reflect the alternate preferred mailing address name.

Will I have to send out change-of-address notices?

No. Postal customers will not have to send out change-of-address notices as they will be able to use either the preferred or alternate last-line mailing address names. However, utility companies, cable companies, banks, and other commercial companies and mailers will use the alternate mailing address names in their mailings

The CA DMV requires that you keep your official mailing address up to date. (Driver's Manual) The above USPS information indicates that no action is **required** -- though most people would probably change it when they renew their driver's license or car registration.

Note : As a "Joe Blow" I have had no luck in requesting information about this from the DMV. and others.

Since the BGN has an official USPS member on the board, perhaps they could be asked to address this issue. And maybe CACGN could ask the CA DMV for their official position on whether a change of address is required.

Alan Fletcher 707 413 9491

On Wed, Jun 26, 2024 at 9:37 AM BGNEXEC, GS-N-MAC <bgnexec@usgs.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

The U.S. BGN has always had a policy of "One Feature - One Official Name", so it cannot approve both names equally. "Konocti or Kelseyville" would not be an option, while "Kelseyville-Konocti" likely would not satisfy either party.

The BGN's official names database records any other name ever applied to a location, and so *if* the name Kelseyville is changed (please be assured I'm not suggesting that will happen), it would be retained as a variant, just as Kelsey Town, Peartown, Uncle Sam, and others are listed [currently](#). Federal agencies are permitted to show variant (former) names on maps, reports, etc., but *only after or below the one official name*. This is rarely done, but is intended to avoid confusion and would certainly be an option in this case, i.e., while the community evolves to use of a new name. But again, it would not be considered a "dual name", nor can a variant name be used alone on any Federal product.

The U.S. Postal Service, which has two voting members on the BGN, will occasionally permit alternate names for mailing purposes, but that is a completely separate process outside the BGN's purview. Presumably the USPS is standing by and awaiting the outcome of the BGN's decision. They have assured us that any change to an existing mailing address (ZIP Code) is considered case-by-case and there is no guarantee they would change it even if the BGN votes to rename the community. You would need to contact the regional USPS Office to find out what's involved. Shawn, you are correct that the USPS relies primarily on the correct ZIP Code.

As you have both noted, the BGN would not require, nor even suggest, that any business or other local organization should change its name.

The Census Bureau, which is also a voting member of the BGN, would also decide independently whether the Census Designated Place (CDP) should be renamed.

Thank you for your continued interest and I hope this is helpful.

Jennifer Runyon, research staff

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Hi Shawn

What's your describing sounds like the natural progression when a name is changed. Of course, people will continue to call it Kelseyville for a long time. And like you said businesses do not have to change their name unless they want to. The BGN will make its decision according to the criteria that they have set forth. I believe their board will ultimately change the name of the town. And people will slowly adjust to the new name.

On Tue, Jun 25, 2024, 2:04 PM shawn [bayareahomeoptions.com](mailto:shawn@bayareahomeoptions.com) <shawn@bayareahomeoptions.com> wrote:

I consider myself an outsider, I live in Cobb, CA. I also consider myself someone who works toward mutual understanding or even mutual disagreement instead of division and opposition. Live and let live instead of right and wrong.

Have your two groups considered calling the community Konocti or Kelseyville?

Not Kelseyville-Konocti simply whoever wants to continue with Kelseyville continues and whoever wants to go forward with Konocti does so.

This allows business and individuals to refer to either name without either name being "incorrect" or "wrong". This allows new business, new residents to choose between two names while allowing existing business to keep or choose a name.

You may be thinking a town cannot have two names. I ask why not? Mail and package deliver is by street address and zip code. A number of homes with addresses bordering in Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland often carry an incorrect city name which is routed correctly by address and zip.

Many residents in Stateline, NV, 89449, simply send their mail to "Lake Tahoe, NV 89449" and receive proper postal delivery.

The Census Designated Place (CDP) name would or would not be changed. Parks, high school, festival, etc. names would or would not be changed depending on the people involved. And, maybe over 20, 40 or 100 years, a name change would be complete.

I assume this wouldn't go far enough to satisfy CitizensforHealing.org

I assume this goes too far for [savekelseyville.com](https://www.savekelseyville.com)

Wouldn't a compromise to live and let live minimize what appears to have become a battle of right and wrong?

Even renaming it with BGN, shouldn't mean it has to be adopted by everyone (some continue to use Kelseyville). Conversely, keeping Kelseyville with BGN shouldn't mean people cannot use another name (Konocti).

Just my two cents from someone with just an opinion.