

# Local Agency Formation Commission OF KINGS COUNTY

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Sid Palmerin  
Dave Brown  
Martin Devine, Alternate

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Joe Neves - Chair  
Doug Verboon – Vice Chair  
Richard Valle, Alternate

**PUBLIC MEMBERS**

Dan Chin  
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Greg Gatzka, Executive Officer, (559) 852-2682

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## AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING DATE AND TIME:  
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 3:00 P.M.**

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County Regular Meetings are held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Administration Building (Bldg. No. 1) of the Kings County Government Center located at 1400 West Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Chairman**

#### **A. Unscheduled Appearances:**

Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to five minutes.

#### **B. Approval of March 27, 2019 Minutes (Voice Vote)**

### **II. OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. LAFCO Budget FY 2019-2020**

- 1) Executive Officer's Report
- 2) Public Hearing
- 3) Continue Hearing to May 22, 2019

#### **B. Overview of LAFCO**

- 1) Executive Officer's Report

### **IV. LEGISLATION**

None

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Correspondence –**
- B. Items from the Commission -**
- C. Staff Comments –**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Next Scheduled Meeting – Regular Meeting Date May 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A special meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County was called to order by Chairman, Joe Neves, at 3:10 p.m., on March 27, 2019 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers of the Kings County Government Center, located at 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., in Hanford, California.

## COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Joe Neves, Doug Verboon, Sid Palmerin, Dave Brown, Dan Chin

## COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

## STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Gatzka – Executive Officer, Chuck Kinney – Assistant Executive Officer, Terri Yarbrough – Clerk

## VISITORS PRESENT:

**UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:** None

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Brown) to nominate Commissioner Neves for Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Chin to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin/Chin) to nominate Commissioner Verboon for Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin/Brown) to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously, with Verboon and Brown abstaining.

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2019 CALAFCO Staff Workshop

Mr. Gatzka requested authorization for staff to attend the 2019 CALAFCO Staff Workshop. A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Chin) to approve staff to attend the 2019 CALAFCO Staff Workshop. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Verboon suggested contacting Nina Hawk for a tour of the water treatment plant.

### LAFCO Preliminary Budget FY 2019-2020

Mr. Gatzka presented the preliminary budget. A motion was made and seconded (Verboon/Chin) to set a public hearing for April 24, 2019 and May 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

## LEGISLATION

None

## MISCELLANEOUS


- A. **Correspondence** – None
- B. **Items from the Commission** – Chairman Neves introduced Commissioner Brown. Chairman Neves suggested that staff provide guidelines on water and sewer at the next meeting. He also suggested an overview of the role of LAFCO since we have new members.
- C. **Staff Comments** – Mr. Kinney reported he has had a few discussions with the Cities of Hanford and Lemoore and they are looking at doing some annexations. Mr. Gatzka stated that the sphere of influence could also be affected with these potential annexations.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

- A. **A meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
OF KINGS COUNTY**



Gregory R. Gatzka, Executive Officer

# Local Agency Formation Commission OF KINGS COUNTY

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**TO: LAFCO Commissioners**  
**FROM: Greg Gatzka, Executive Officer**  
**DATE: April 24, 2019**  
**SUBJECT: 2019-2020 Proposed Budget Review**

## **I. INTRODUCTION:**

Attached is the summary review of the proposed budget recommended by the Executive Officer for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. This proposed Budget includes all the updated costs related to other County Departments. The requested budget of \$68,598 is \$1,987 more than last year's request, a 2.98% increase. The requested amount covers LAFCO's general activities as required by Assembly Bill 2838, the Cortese – Knox – Hertzberg Act, and continued involvement with CALAFCO to keep current on legislative and procedural changes. The largest adjustments in the budget this year are an increase of \$1,067 in CAP charges and increases of \$1,137 in administrative allocation. There is no change in the total funds being requested for In-Service Training and Travel and Expense although these two line items are being merged into one account. The net result of all of the budget changes resulted in the budget with an increase of \$1,987. Revenues are projected at \$34,799, up \$1,912 from the 2018-2019 Budget. This amount includes the estimated LAFCO Application Fees of \$1,000 and City shares for half of the remaining LAFCO budget. The County covers the remaining half of the LAFCO Budget share of \$33,799, which is an increase of \$75 from last FY. The total budget estimate is \$68,598.

## **II. LAFCO 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR OBJECTIVES**

The primary objectives for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget will center on continued training for LAFCO staff on operational procedures and processes, timely processing of reorganization and sphere of influence amendment applications, processing of all spheres of influence amendments for the cities, communities, and special districts in Kings County and prepare resources for the next required update. Staff will also review and assist Cities and Districts with the preparation of detailed MSRs for any Sphere of Influence Amendment application submitted to LAFCO to ensure compliance with Government Code Section 56430. As LAFCO staff is often relied upon by Cities to advise their prospective development applicants on annexation processes, staff needs to remain current on LAFCO processes, procedures, issues and implementation strategies. Continuing Legislative changes to LAFCO processes and procedures also necessitates

staff's need for continual update through CALAFCO legislative review activities. LAFCO staff has remained actively involved with CALAFCO workshops and other training venues to fulfill that need. The two annual CALAFCO training events are organized by LAFCO volunteers to keep all LAFCOs current on issues and implementation strategies.

### III. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

The recommended draft budget for FY 2019-2020 will require a budget of approximately \$68,598. After applying the estimated \$1,000 in fee revenue, the County's share is \$33,799. The Cities share is also \$33,799. An estimated summary of individual City shares based on population (not including prison populations) is provided in the chart below. The Executive Officer recommends that the Commission open the public hearing to receive public comment and testimony on the proposed LAFCO Budget and continue the public hearing to the May 22, 2019, Commission meeting. A copy of the detailed line item Budget for the proposed LAFCO Expenditures and Revenues is attached.

**2010 City/County Population Percentages for LAFCO Budget  
April 4, 2019**

<b>County/City</b>	<b>Population 4/1/2010</b>	<b>Percentage of Population</b>	<b>City Share Percentage</b>	<b>LAFCO Cost</b>
<b>KINGS COUNTY POP.</b>	<b>152982</b>			
AVENAL	9083	5.94%	9.06%	\$3,062.19
CORCORAN	12697	8.30%	12.66%	\$4,278.95
HANFORD	53967	35.28%	53.82%	\$18,190.62
LEMOORE	24531	16.04%	24.46%	\$8,267.24
<b>CITY SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>100278</b>	<b>65.55%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$33,799</b>
Prison Population	18538	12.12%		
<b>Federal Territories</b>	<b>7799</b>	<b>5.10%</b>		
<b>UNINCORPORATED</b>	<b>26367</b>	<b>17.24%</b>		<b>\$33,799</b>
		100.00%		\$67,598.00

Prepared by: LAFCO of Kings County, April 4, 2019

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF KINGS CO.

UNIT NUMBER:	<b>280000</b>
UNIT TITLE:	LAFCO
FUNCTION:	Pub. Safety
ACTIVITY:	Other Protect.

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Department: **Local Agency Formation Commission of Kings County (LAFCO)**

Run date:

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION		ACCT. NO.	Budget 18-19	To Date 3/1/19	Difference 3/1/19	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/1/19 Estimated 18-19	DEPT. REQ'T 2019-2020	Change 18-19 to 19-20	% Change 18-19 to 19-20
<b>SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS:</b>										
Regular Employees	91000	82-1010	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Extra Help	91001	82-1020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Overtime	91002	82-1030	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
O.A.S.D.I.	91005	82-1100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Retirement	91007	82-1110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Health Insurance	91008	82-1120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Unemployment Insurance	91010	82-1122	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Insurance-Work Comp.	91011	82-1123	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	N/A
Management Benefits	91012	82-1140	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	NA	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
<b>TOTAL LABOR:</b>			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A

<b>SERVICES &amp; SUPPLIES:</b>										
		ACCT. NO.	Budget 18-19	To Date 3/1/19	Difference 3/1/19	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/1/19 Estimated 18-19	DEPT. REQ'T 2019-2020	Change 18-19 to 19-20	% Change 18-19 to 19-20
Communications	92006	82-212000	\$ 80	\$ 52	\$ 28	64.91%	\$ 78	\$ 80	\$ -	0.00%
Memberships	92027	82-220000	\$ 2,805	\$ 2,805	\$ -	100.00%	\$ 2,726	\$ 2,805	\$ -	0.00%
Office Expenses	92018	82-222000	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	0.00%
Record Storage Charges	92032	82-222015	\$ 444	\$ 259	\$ 185	58.33%	\$ 316	\$ 444	\$ -	0.00%
Postage & Freight	92033	82-222030	\$ 75	\$ 18	\$ 57	24.20%	\$ 400	\$ 76	\$ 1	1.33%
Offset Printing/Stores	92035	82-222040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Legal Expenses	92038	82-223005	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0.00%
Publi. and Legal Notices	92056	82-224000	\$ 360	\$ -	\$ 360	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 360	\$ -	0.00%
Rents & Leases - Equipment	92057	82-225000	\$ 996	\$ 747	\$ 249	75.00%	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,286	\$ 290	29.09%
Rents & Leases - Computer	none	82-225015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Purchasing Charges	92068	82-228200	\$ 97	\$ 56	\$ 41	58.16%	\$ 85	\$ 119	\$ 22	22.68%
Bd. & Comm. Mem. Expenses	92069	82-228205	\$ 3,064	\$ -	\$ 3,064	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 3,064	\$ -	0.00%
Consultant Expense		82-223060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
CAP Charges	93038	82-314060	\$ (3,729)	\$ (2,797)	\$ (932)	75.00%	\$ (4,201)	\$ (2,662)	\$ 1,067	-28.61%
In-Service Training		82-228465	\$ 1,700	\$ 720	\$ 980	42.35%	\$ 1,081	\$ -	\$ (1,700)	-100.00%
Motor Pool Serv.	92089	82-229000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Travel & Expenses	92090	82-229010	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 6,700	\$ 1,700	34.00%
Utilities	92094	82-230000	\$ 550	\$ 251	\$ 299	45.72%	\$ 378	\$ 550	\$ -	0.00%
Administrative Allocation	93057	82-314000	\$ 44,744	\$ 16,628	\$ 28,116	37.16%	\$ 24,976	\$ 45,881	\$ 1,137	2.54%
Information Tech Services	93048	82-314050	\$ 1,734	\$ -	\$ 1,734	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,219	\$ (515)	
Utility Bond	98001	82-8100010	\$ 441	\$ 314	\$ 127	71.15%	\$ 471	\$ 426	\$ (15)	-3.40%
<b>TOTAL SERV/SUPP:</b>			\$ 66,611	\$ 19,054	\$ 47,557	28.60%	\$ 27,432	\$ 68,598	\$ 1,987	2.98%

<b>REVENUE:</b>										
		ACCT. NO.	Budget 18-19	To Date 3/1/19	Difference 3/1/19	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/1/19 Estimated 18-19	DEPT. REQ'T 2019-2020	Change 18-19 to 19-20	% Change 18-19 to 19-20
<b>INTERGOV'T REVENUE</b>										
Cities-LAFCO Shares		81-540012	\$ 29,887	\$ -	\$ (29,887)	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 33,799	\$ 3,912	13.09%
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>										
LAFCO Fees	87095	81607025	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ (3,000)	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ (2,000)	-66.67%
LAFCO MSR/SOI Fees			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>			\$ 32,887	\$ -	\$ (32,887)	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 34,799	\$ 1,912	5.8%

<b>TOTALS</b>										
		ACCT. NO.	Budget 18-19	To Date 3/1/19	Difference 3/1/19	% of Bud. Expended to Date	3/1/19 Estimated 18-19	DEPT. REQ'T 2019-2020	Change 18-19 to 19-20	% Change 18-19 to 19-20
<b>SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS:</b>			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A
<b>SERVICES &amp; SUPPLIES:</b>			\$ 66,611	\$ 25,470	\$ 41,141	28.60%	\$ 27,432	\$ 68,598	\$ 1,987	2.98%
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>GROSS EXPENDITURES:</b>			\$ 66,611	\$ 25,470	\$ 41,141	38.24%	\$ 27,432	\$ 68,598	\$ 1,987	2.98%
<b>REVENUE:</b>			\$ 32,887	\$ -	\$ 32,887	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 34,799	\$ 1,912	5.81%
<b>COST APPLIED:</b>			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>GEN. FUND CONTRIBUTION:</b>			\$ (33,724)	\$ (25,470)	\$ (8,254)	75.52%	\$ (27,432)	\$ (33,799)	\$ (75)	0.22%

# LAFCo 101

## An Introduction to Local Agency Formation Commissions





# What's Ahead

- ❖ Why LAFCo was created
- ❖ LAFCo's role and functions
- ❖ What are MSR and SOI, and why do them anyway?
- ❖ Resources available from LAFCo
- ❖ Your questions





Promote orderly growth  
Prevent sprawl  
Preserve agriculture and open space  
Assure efficient, sustainable public services

# What Does LAFCo Do?

1. Creates new cities and special districts
2. Changes boundaries
3. Changes authorized services
4. Allows service extensions
5. Performs municipal service reviews
6. Reorganizes local agencies

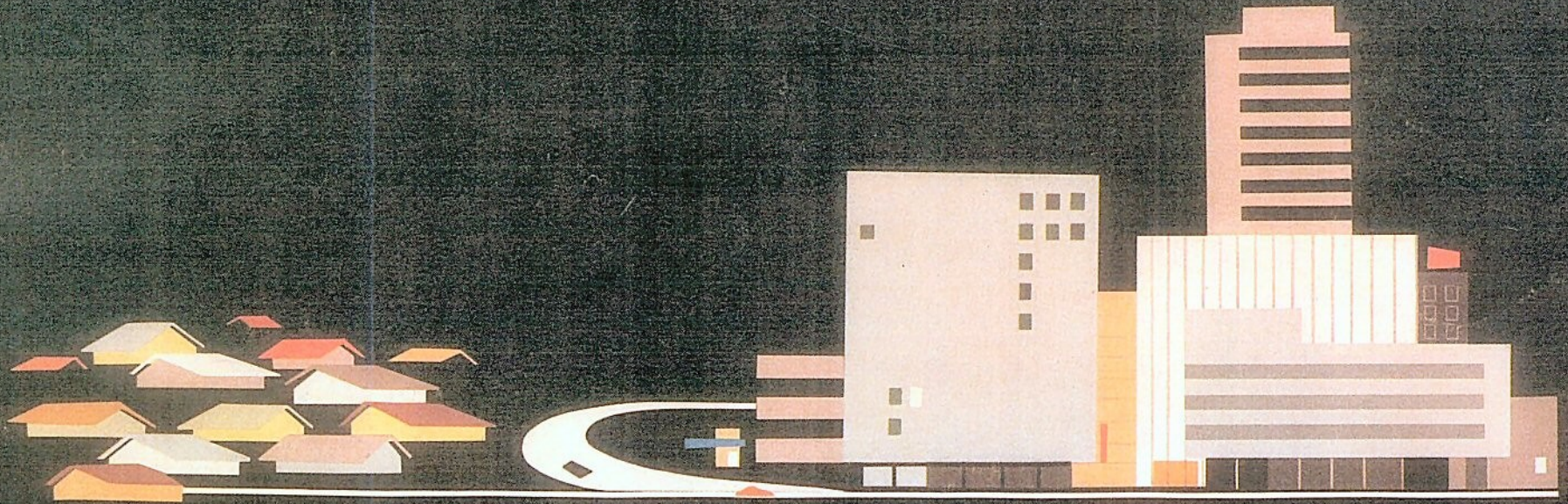


# Why Create a LAFCo?

- ❖ Post World War II population and housing boom in California
- ❖ Street car suburbs; scramble to finance and extend services
- ❖ City annexation "wars;" proliferation of limited purpose special districts
- ❖ Confusion with multiple local governments



# MEETING METROPOLITAN PROBLEMS



**REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON METROPOLITAN AREA PROBLEMS**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA—Edmund G. Brown, Governor

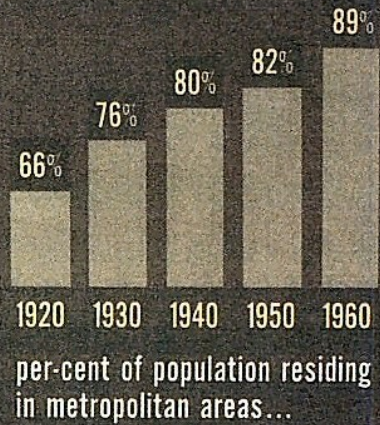
# NIGHTMARE OF NUMBERS

1960

15½ million people

1980

30 million



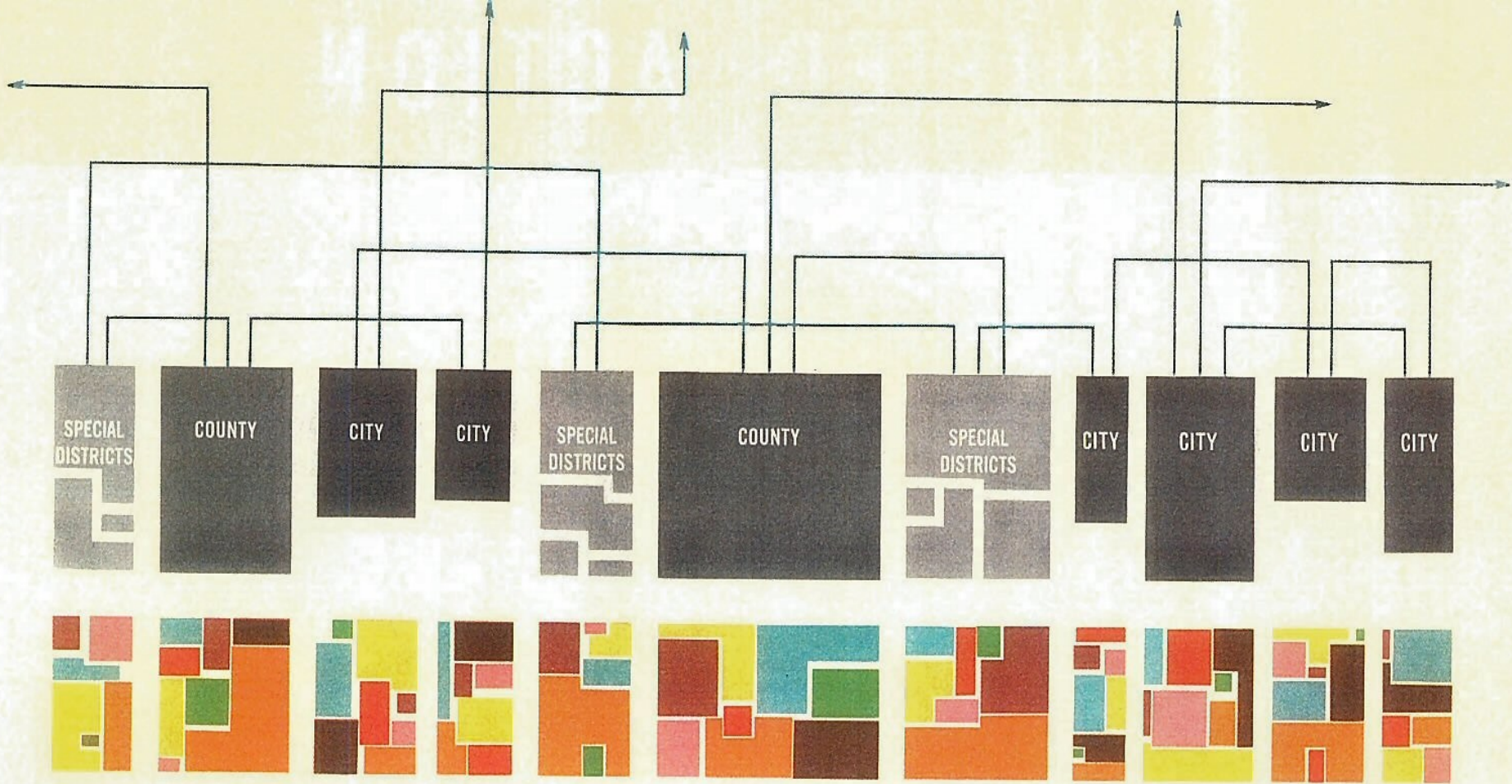
**90%+**  
CONCENTRATED  
IN LESS THAN  
**5%** OF TOTAL  
LAND AREA

Year	Population
1970	19,953,134
1980	23,667,902
1990	29,760,021
2000	33,871,648
2010	37,253,956

¼ million population present population projected

1500 a day





# FRAGMENTED ACTION

- Uneconomical use of regional resources
- Traffic congestion
- Air pollution
- Strain on water facilities
- Complex local government structure
- Lack of area-wide multi-purpose district with planning controls
- Overlapping jurisdictional areas
- Uninformed citizenry

# Legislative Solution (1960 to 1963)

- ❖ No state commission or statewide agency
- ❖ Local control; no state appointments
- ❖ A LAFCo in every county
- ❖ Each LAFCo independent





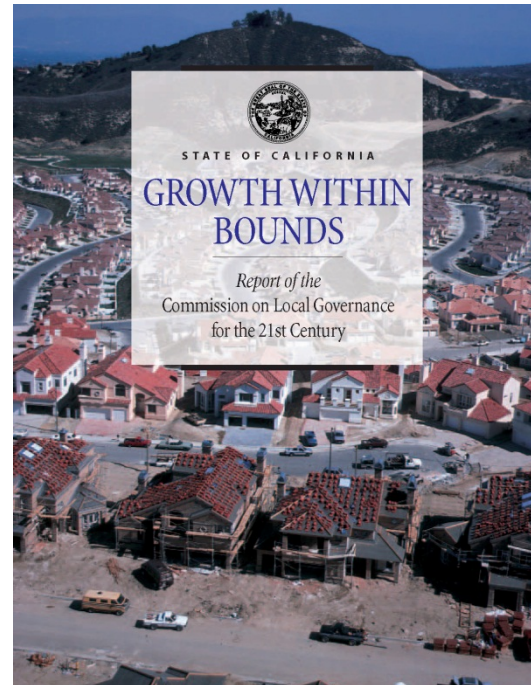
# Over 50 Years of LAFCo

- ❖ 1963 – Knox Nesbitt Act
- ❖ 1965 – District Reorganization Act
- ❖ 1971 – Spheres of Influence
- ❖ 1972 – Districts seated on LAFCo
- ❖ 1985 – Cortese Knox Local Government Reorganization Act
- ❖ 2000 – Cortese Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act



# The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000

1. Spheres of Influence
2. Municipal Service Reviews
3. LAFCo Independence



# **LAFCo Composition**

## **Commissions a Unique Mix**

- ❖ All Local: 2 county supervisors, 2 city council members, 1 public member
- ❖ 30 LAFCos also have 2 special district members
- ❖ An alternate member in each category
- ❖ All members are required by law to represent the interests of the entire public



# Commissions a Unique Mix



30 LAFCOs with  
Special District  
Members



# Jurisdiction

## ❖ Includes:

- ◆ Counties, cities, most special districts

## ❖ Does NOT include:

- ◆ Air Pollution/quality management districts
- ◆ Bridge or highway districts
- ◆ Joint power authorities/agencies
- ◆ Community facilities or Mello-Roos districts
- ◆ School or college districts
- ◆ County boundary lines
- ◆ Special Assessment districts
- ◆ Improvement districts
- ◆ Flood or conservation districts



# As a **PLANNING** Agency

- ❖ Develop and update **Spheres of Influence** for cities and districts
- ❖ Prepare **Municipal Service Reviews** for all local agencies
- ❖ Work cooperatively with public and private agencies and interests on growth, preservation and service delivery



# As a **REGULATORY** Agency

- ❖ Manages **modification** of existing agencies and creation of new ones
- ❖ Approves **boundary changes** if consistent with spheres
- ❖ Controls **extension** of public services
- ❖ Is prohibited from directly regulating how land is used, but ...



# Spheres of Influence

- ❖ **Unique to California**
- ❖ **§56076:** "Sphere of influence" means a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the commission.

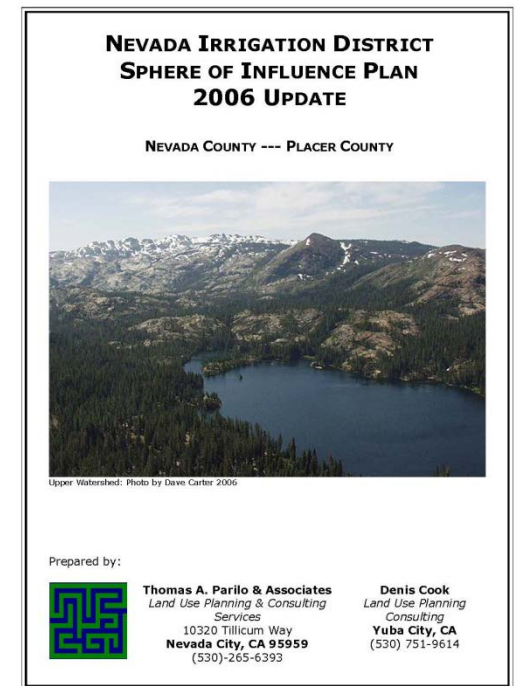




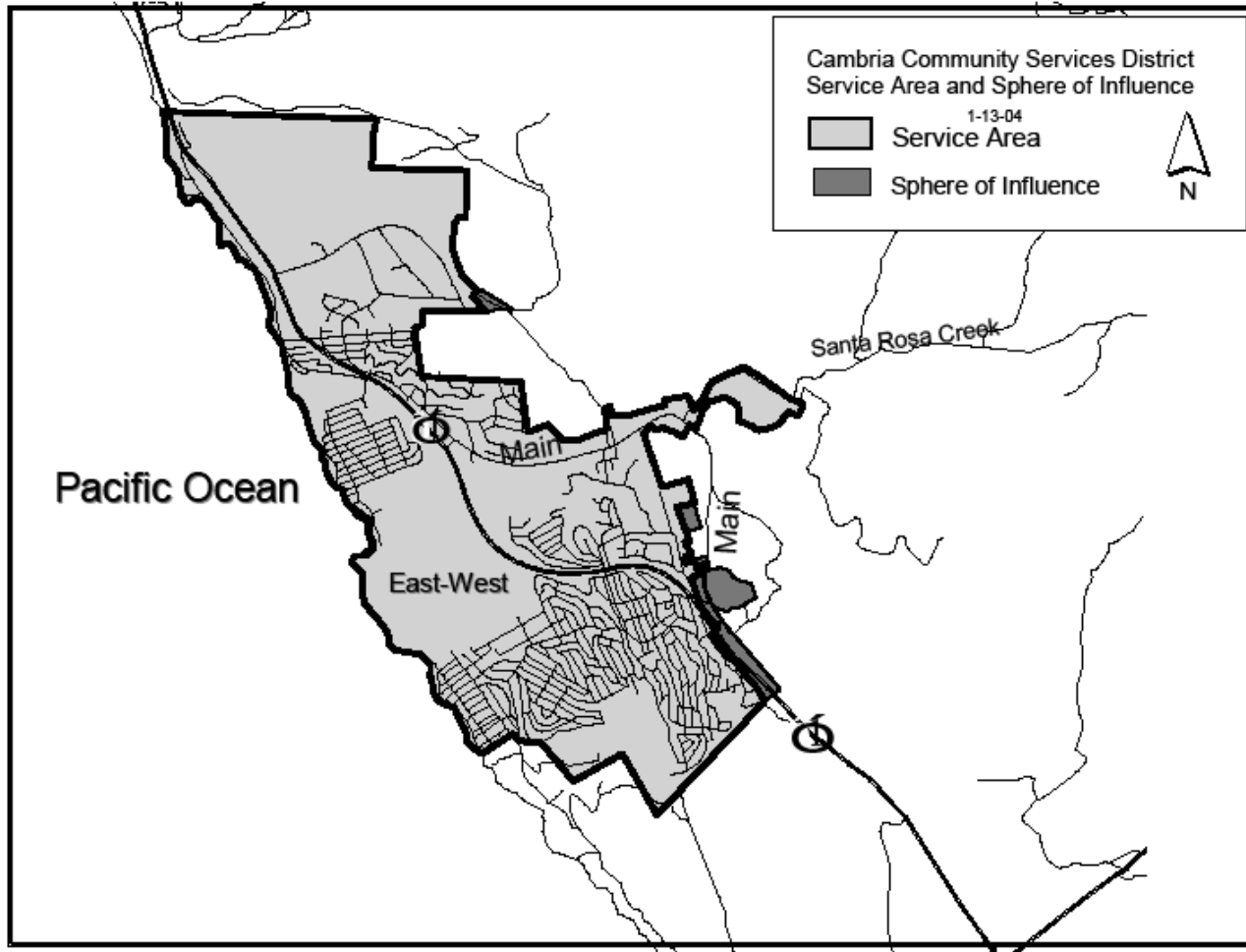
# Spheres of Influence

§56425

(a) "... the commission shall develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the sphere."



# Typical Sphere of Influence Map



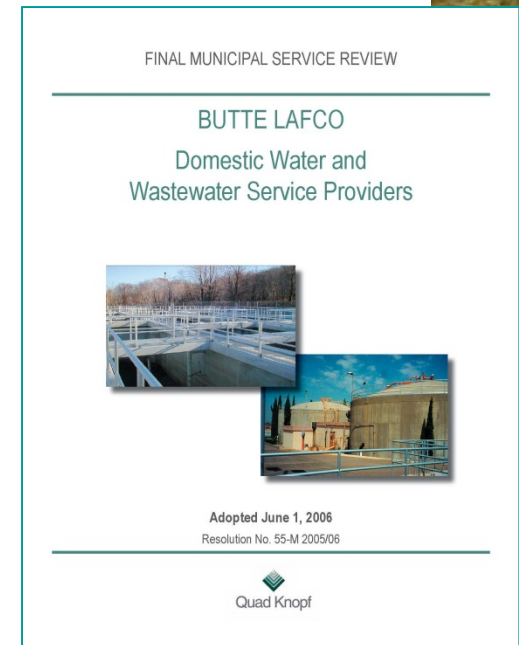
# Spheres of Influence §56425

- ❖ In determining the SOI the commission considers ...
  1. Present and planned land uses, including ag and open-space
  2. Present and probable need for public facilities and services
  3. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services
  4. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest



# Spheres of Influence §56425

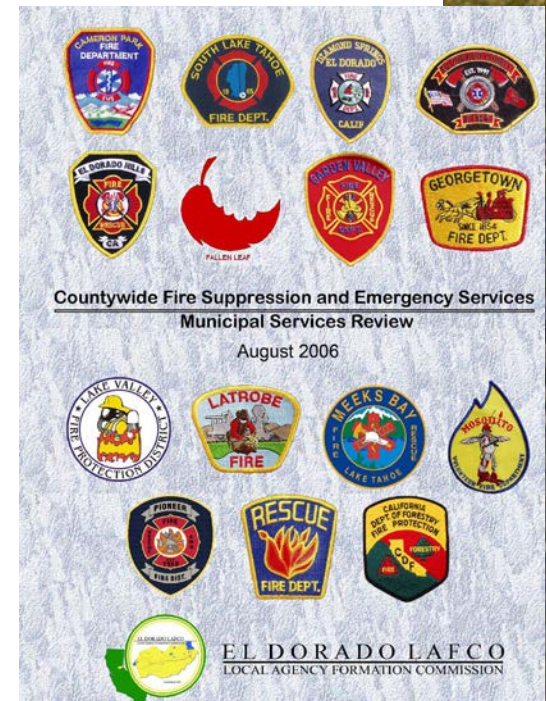
“The commission **may recommend governmental reorganizations** to particular agencies in the county, using the spheres of influence as the basis for those recommendations.”



# Municipal Service Reviews

§56430

“In order to prepare and to update spheres of influence ... the commission shall conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission.”



# Service Reviews Have Details

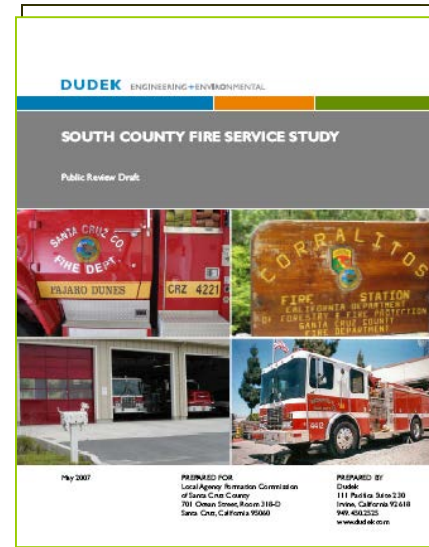
§56430

- ❖ Growth projections
- ❖ Present and planned capacity
- ❖ Financial ability of agency
- ❖ Shared facilities
- ❖ Accountability
- ❖ Other matters



# MSRs Prepared in Several Methods

- ❖ Individual agency or jurisdiction
- ❖ Type of special district
- ❖ Category of service
- ❖ Countywide
- ❖ Regional or area



# When Are SOI/MSRs Done?

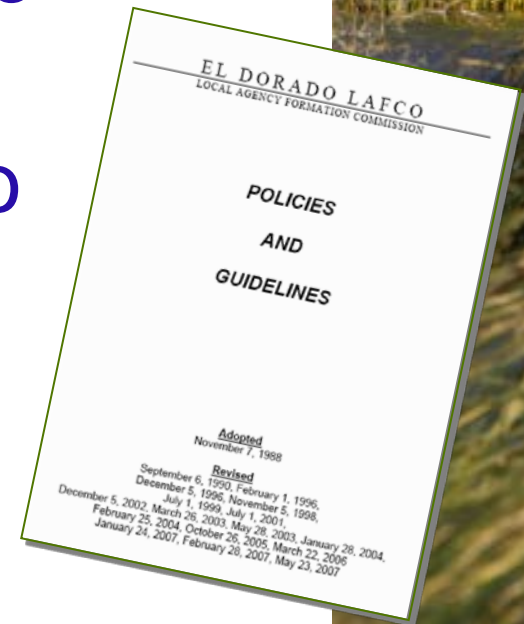
- ❖ Law required all spheres to have been updated by 1 January 2008
  - ◆ Includes an MSR for each Sphere
- ❖ Subsequent sphere reviews every five years, *as necessary*
  - ◆ Leaves “*as necessary*” to local policy
  - ◆ 1 January 2013 was next deadline
- ❖ MSR required with sphere update





# LAFCos Are Independent

- ❖ Commissioners make final decisions
- ❖ Adopt local policies
- ❖ Decisions cannot be appealed to other administrative bodies
- ❖ Executive Officer accountable to Commission and statutes



# LAFCos Are Independent

- ❖ Provides own quarters, equipment, personnel
- ❖ Appoints an Executive Officer
- ❖ Appoints a Legal Counsel
- ❖ Can contract for staff services
- ❖ Administrative authority as an independent public agency





# Subject to State Laws

- ❖ Political Reform Act
  - ◆ Annual filing of assets and campaign contributions is required
  - ◆ Automatic disqualification from decisions related to entitlements for use
- ❖ Brown Act
- ❖ CEQA



# The Courts Support LAFCo Authority

- ❖ “Engaged in the pursuit of an overriding State purpose”
- ❖ Is quasi-legislative; limited legal challenge to decisions
  - ◆ Determinations vs. findings
- ❖ Is the Legislature’s “watch dog” on local governments



# LAFCo Resources to Use

- ❖ Municipal Service Reviews
- ❖ Maps of Boundaries and Spheres
- ❖ History of Formation and Changes to Local Agencies
  - ◆ Authorized powers
- ❖ Local Agency Governance and Contact Information
- ❖ Local Agency Formation Laws



# Issues on the Horizon

- ❖ Balance resource preservation with pressure for housing
- ❖ Infill vs sprawl
- ❖ Regional land and transportation planning and regulations
- ❖ Water; infrastructure availability
- ❖ Urbanization outside of cities – no funding for future incorporations or inhabited annexations
- ❖ Viable local agencies and services – shared services





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Information and resources on  
LAFCo law and process

