

FOR THE GOOD
OF THE WHOLE



Local Agency Formation Commission
of Santa Clara County

INTRODUCTION TO LAFCO'S SERVICE REVIEWS

OUR MISSION

Promote sustainable growth and good governance in the county by:

- » Preserving agricultural lands and open space;
- » Curbing urban sprawl;
- » Encouraging efficient delivery of services;
- » Exploring and facilitating regional opportunities for fiscal sustainability; and
- » Promoting public accountability and transparency of local agencies.



LAFCO COMMISSIONERS

State law dictates LAFCO composition.
7 COMMISSIONERS + ALTERNATES

Two County Supervisors appointed
by the Board of Supervisors



Susan Ellenberg
County Member
Chairperson



Mike Wasserman
County Member

**One Council
Member from the
City of San Jose**
appointed by the
City Council



Sergio Jimenez
City of San Jose Member

**One Council
Member from any
of the other cities**
appointed by the
Cities Selection
Committee



Rich Constantine
Cities Member

**Two Board Members from independent
special districts** — one appointed by the
Santa Clara Valley Water District, one
appointed by the Independent Special
District Selection Committee



Yoriko Kishimoto
Special Districts
Member



Linda J. LeZotte
Special Districts
Member

One Public Member
appointed by the
other members of
the Commission



Susan Vicklund Wilson
Public Member



Cindy Chavez
Alternate
County Member



Matt Mahan
Alternate
City of San Jose Member



Russ Melton
Alternate
Cities Member



Helen Chapman
Alternate Special
Districts Member



Terry Trumbull
Alternate
Public Member



WHAT DOES LAFCO DO?



boundary changes

service extensions

LAFCO Regulates

LAFCO REGULATES

- » City/District boundary changes:
 - Annexations & detachments
 - Consolidations and mergers*
 - Incorporation of new cities
 - Formation of new districts
 - Dissolution of districts*
 - Disincorporation of cities
- » Service extensions outside an agency's boundaries
- » Exercise of new and different services by districts

* *LAFCO may initiate these boundary changes*



COUNTYWIDE JURISDICTION

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CITIES

CAMPBELL
CUPERTINO
GILROY
LOS ALTOS
LOS ALTOS HILLS
LOS GATOS
MILPITAS
MONTE SERENO
MORGAN HILL
MOUNTAIN VIEW
PALO ALTO
SAN JOSE
SANTA CLARA
SARATOGA
SUNNYVALE

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SPECIAL DISTRICTS

DEPENDENT DISTRICTS (8)

COUNTY SANITATION NO. 2-3
COUNTY LIGHTING SERVICE AREA
LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE
SANTA CLARA COUNTY CENTRAL FIRE
SANTA CLARA COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL
SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE
VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
WEST VALLEY SANITATION

INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS (19)

ALDERCROFT HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER
BURBANK SANITARY
CUPERTINO SANITARY
EL CAMINO HEALTHCARE
GUADALUPE COYOTE RESOURCE CONSERVATION
LAKE CANYON COMMUNITY SERVICES
LION’S GATE COMMUNITY SERVICES
LOMA PRIETA RESOURCE CONSERVATION
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE
PACHECO PASS WATER*
PURISSIMA HILLS WATER
RANCHO RINCONADA RECREATION AND PARK
SAN MARTIN COUNTY WATER
SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER
SARATOGA CEMETERY
SARATOGA FIRE PROTECTION
SOUTH SANTA CLARA VALLEY MEMORIAL
WEST BAY SANITARY*

* lie principally outside Santa Clara County

**orderly growth and
development**

LAFCO Plans

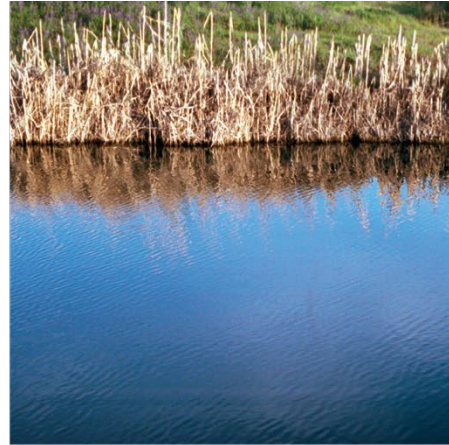
LAFCO PLANS

LAFCO plans for orderly growth and development –

- » Reviews cities Urban Service Area amendment proposals
- » Conducts service reviews to identify and address governance and service issues
- » Conducts special studies
- » Reviews and updates Spheres of Influence every 5 years or as necessary



5. SERVICE REVIEWS



DEFINITION

Comprehensive documentation, review and analysis of services in a designated geographic area

USES

- » Inform LAFCO's decisions
- » Generate options/ideas for efficient service provision and governance
- » Showcase best practices

MANDATE (GC 56430)

- » Required prior to a sphere of influence (SOI) review/update which must occur once every 5 years, or as necessary
- » A sphere of influence for a special district is a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a district
- » Preparation of a written statement of determinations

REQUIRED SERVICE REVIEW DETERMINATIONS

- » Growth and population projections for the affected area
- » Location and characteristics of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within or contiguous to the sphere of influence
- » Present and planned capacity of public facilities, adequacy of public services, and infrastructure needs or deficiencies including infrastructure needs or deficiencies related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection in any disadvantaged, unincorporated communities within or contiguous to the sphere of influence
- » Financial ability of agencies to provide services
- » Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities
- » Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies
- » Any other matter related to effective or efficient service delivery, as required by commission policy

SERVICE REVIEWS: PAST & PRESENT

FIRST ROUND

- » Countywide Fire Service Review (2004)
- » Countywide Water Service Review (2005)
- » Northwest Santa Clara County Service Review (2006)
- » South Central Santa Clara County Service Review (2007)

SECOND ROUND

- » Countywide Fire Service Review (2010)
- » Countywide Water Service Review (2011)
- » Audit and Service Review of the El Camino Hospital District (2012)
- » Special Districts Service Review Phase 1 (2013)
- » Special Districts Service Review Phase 2 (2013)
- » Saratoga Fire Protection District Special Study (2014)
- » Cities Service Review (2015)

THIRD ROUND

- » **Rancho Rinconada Recreation & Park District Special Study**
- » **Countywide Fire Protection Service Review**
- » Countywide Water and Wastewater Service Review
- » Special Districts Service Review
- » Cities Service Review

SERVICE REVIEW PROCESS

1.

Project Initiation

- » Establish a TAC to select consultant and provide advice
- » LAFCO issues RFP
- » LAFCO retains consultant

2.

Request for Information

- » Consultant collects data; interviews affected agencies
- » Consultant tabulates data
- » Agencies verify tabulated data

3.

Data Analysis & Findings

- » Consultant prepares data analysis, preliminary findings, and Administrative Draft Report

4.

Draft Report for Public Review

- » LAFCO releases Draft Report for public review and comment
- » Consultant responds to comments

5.

LAFCO Public Hearings

- » LAFCO public hearing on Draft Report
- » LAFCO public hearing on Revised Draft Report / Final Report

ENCOURAGING IMPLEMENTATION OF SERVICE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations
in Service Review
Report

Send Letter to Agencies
Requesting Written
Responses on:

- » How agency plans to implement recommendations
- » What is the timeline for implementation
- » Explanation if agency does not plan to implement

Report Back
to LAFCO on
Agencies'
Progress

**Consider
Next Steps**
and Determine
if further LAFCO
Action is needed

SERVICE REVIEW OUTCOMES



Santa Clara LAFCO's Service Reviews have helped:

- » Enhance transparency and public accountability of districts
- » Clarify purpose/function and relevance of districts
- » Identify and discourage duplication of services
- » Identify options for improved services and better governance
- » Identify opportunities for shared services
- » Identify unapproved service connections outside boundaries



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THANK YOU!!!

