

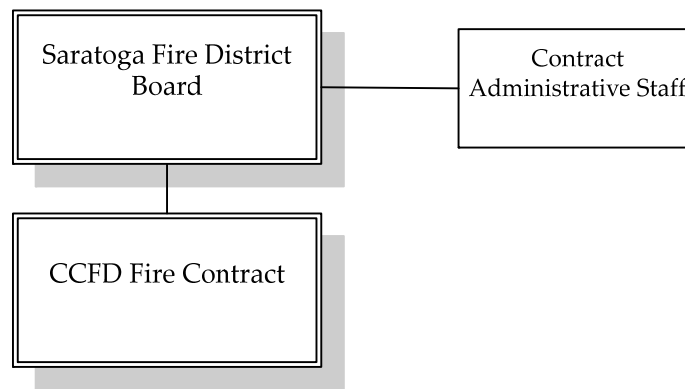
4.10 Saratoga Fire Protection District

4.10.1 Overview

The Saratoga Fire Protection District (SFD) is an independent special district created in 1924 to provide fire protection to properties in the Saratoga area. The SFD is governed by a three-member Board of Directors elected at large. The SFD serves a portion of the City of Saratoga and adjacent unincorporated areas with approximately 14,300 residents. The balance of the City of Saratoga is served by the CCFD. Figure 58 is a map depicting the boundaries and fire station locations of the Saratoga Fire Protection District.

In 2005, the SFD entered into a management agreement with the CCFD and in 2008 the district entered into a full-service contract with CCFD. The district administers an early fire alarm warning system (EWAS) on behalf of the City of Saratoga. Figure 56 shows the SFD organization.

Figure 56: Saratoga Fire Protection Organizational Chart



4.10.2 Budget

Over 99% of the district's revenue is derived from property tax. Tables 74 and 75 display the budgeted expenditures and revenues respectively, for FY 2010-11.

Table 74: Expenditures

Function	Expenditure
Administration	\$181,600
Contract Services	\$4,683,600
Loan Payments	\$218,000
Total Expenditures	\$5,083,200

Table 75: Revenues

Source	Revenues
Property Tax	\$5,204,000
Other	\$30,500
Total	\$5,234,500

The service contract with the CCFD accounts for 96% of the district's expenditures. Administrative staffing and expenses are budgeted at \$181,600. The district's audit for the year ending June 30, 2010 shows fund balances of \$1,562,156, with \$998,475 unreserved and the balance designated for equipment replacement and bond repayment. The unreserved fund balance is 19% of annual operating expenditures.

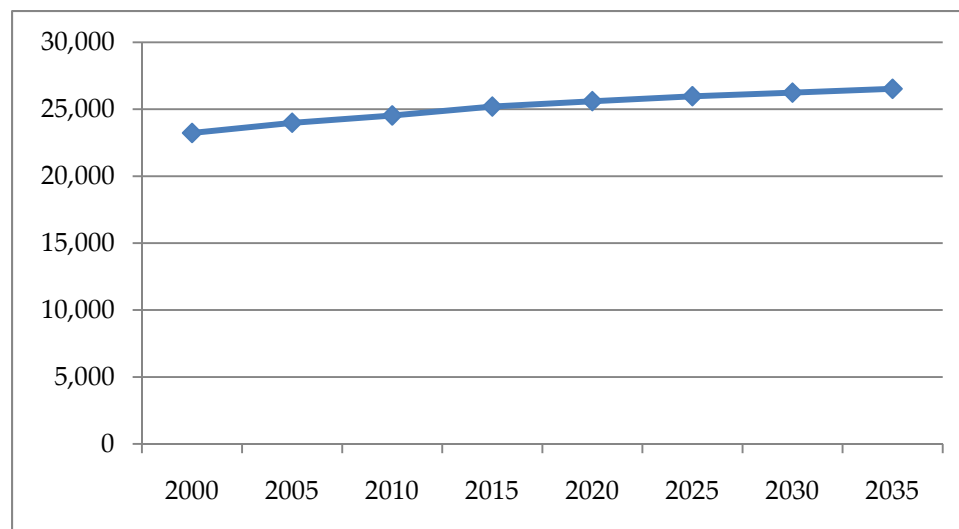
4.10.3 Stations

The Saratoga Fire District area has one fire station with two daily-staffed apparatus. The station handled 1,387 calls for service in 2009. Staffing and operating information are included in the CCFD statistics.

4.10.4 Trends and Projections

Minimal population growth is projected over the next 25 years, as shown in Figure 57.

Figure 57: Projected Population City of Saratoga 2000 to 2035



Source: Prepared by LAFCO based on 2000 census and Association of Bay Area Governments 2009 Projections

