

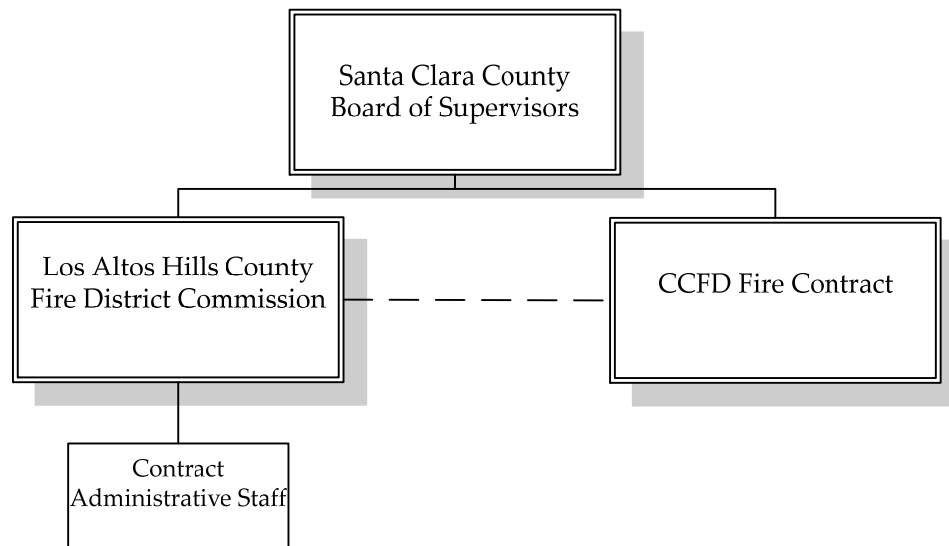
## 4.2 Los Altos Hills County Fire District

### 4.2.1 Overview

The Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHFD) is a dependent fire district governed by the County Board of Supervisors. A seven-member fire commission, selected by the Santa Clara County District 5 Supervisor with Board of Supervisors' approval, oversees District operations. In December 1980, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution delegating all of its powers to the Fire Commission to manage the affairs of the district except that the commission shall not initiate litigation without prior approval of the Board of Supervisors. Two members must be from the unincorporated area of the Fire District. The District serves a population of approximately 11,500 in the Town of Los Altos Hills and adjacent unincorporated lands. Figure 13 is a map depicting the boundaries and fire station locations of the Los Altos Hills County Fire Protection District.

The District, which contracts with CCFD for all services and does not employ its own firefighting personnel, is responsible for funding station maintenance and apparatus purchases. Additional services provided directly by the District are brush clearance and hydrant maintenance. A contract fire consultant and clerical help support the commission. The fire marshal function is provided by the CCFD. The District's organization is displayed in Figure 11 below.

Figure 11: Los Altos Hills County Fire District Organization Chart



### 4.2.2 Budget

Revenue estimated for FY 2010-11 is approximately \$7.8 million, with about 85% derived from property taxes. A total of \$4,833,000 is budgeted to pay the CCFD

for fire and emergency services. An additional \$3,365,000 is budgeted to provide supplementary programs and projects including chipping, tree trimming, dead tree removal, maintenance of fire breaks and emergency preparedness. The District has also budgeted \$2,800,000 for hydrant installation. As District expenditures for the year will exceed revenue, funds will be drawn from reserves to cover expenses.

As of June 30, 2010, the District audit reported a total fund balance of \$17,768,277, a decrease of \$2,193,027 in comparison with the prior fiscal year end. Unreserved fund balance was \$6,768,277, which is 59% of annual expenditures. Several reserved fund balances also exist: \$1 million for insurance, \$1 million for equipment, \$3 million for emergency operations, \$3 million for building maintenance, and \$3 million for water mains and fire hydrants. Tables 14 and 15 list the District's FY 2010-11 expenditures and revenue.

*Table 14: Expenditures by Function*

Function	Expenditure
<b>Administration</b>	\$338,481
<b>Contract Services</b>	\$4,833,000
<b>Projects and Programs</b>	\$3,365,000
<b>Hydrant Installation</b>	\$2,900,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,436,481</b>

*Table 15: Revenues*

Source	Revenue
<b>Property Tax</b>	\$6,798,000
<b>Interest</b>	\$500,000
<b>Other</b>	\$541,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$7,839,000</b>

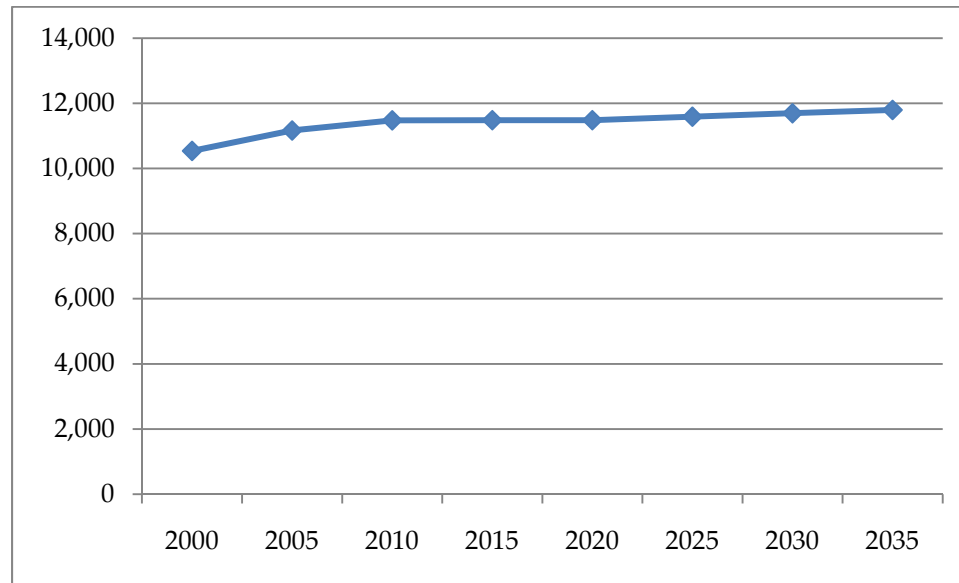
#### 4.2.3 Stations

The District has one fire station which contains an engine, a truck and patrol apparatus. This station handled 550 calls for service in 2009. Staffing and operational information is included with the information for CCFD.

#### 4.2.4 Trends and Projections

Figure 12 shows the projected population growth between 2000 and 2035. Population in the District is estimated to increase by 3% over the next 25 years (2010-2035) to approximately 11,800.

*Figure 12: Projected Population for Los Altos Hills County Fire District 2000-2035*



*Source: Prepared by LAFCO based upon 2000 census and ABAG Projections 2009*

