



# Building a Bridge to Somewhere: Toolkits for LAFCO's in Scoping MSR's

# Somewhere Over the Rainbow

- **98% of all Special District MSR's/SOI Updates are prepared in-house**
  - **Stanislaus - 9 Cities and 74 Special Districts**
  - **MSR/SOI Update Schedule By Year**
  - **MSR/SOI Guidelines – Available on website**

# Wish Somebody Would Build a Bridge

## ➤ MSR/SOI UPDATES:

- Documents are prepared together – efficiency of staff resources
- Completed as comprehensive as possible
- Scheduled documents are completed by LAFCO Staff – no charge to agency
- Agency's wanting documents completed before scheduled date, must pay

# Bridge Over Troubled Waters

## ➤ Types of MSR's:

- **Level 1 – Single-Purpose Districts (e.g., cemetery, mosquito abatement, drainage districts, resource conservation)**
- **Level 2 – Agencies associated with urban development (water, sewer, police & fire protection)**

# Across the Bridge

- **Process Starts w/ Agency Information Request Letter:**
  - **Copy of Current District Budget/Audits**
  - **Master Plans, other relevant documents prepared since last MSR/SOI Update**
  - **Previous MSR/SOI document for new information**
  - **Informational Survey to be completed**

# Bridge of Hope

- **Stanislaus LAFCO MSR Toolkit:**
  - **MSR Guidelines are part of the LAFCO Policies & Procedures**
  - **Guidelines were developed to provide guidance in preparing and conducting MSR's**
  - **Guidelines include purpose, types of MSR's and evaluation categories based on the seven determinations**

# 57<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (Feelin Groovy)

- **MSR Guidelines include “Information Questionnaire”:**
  - **Utilized by Agencies for filling out LAFCO Survey**
  - **Agency to provide existing documentation, no need to prepare additional studies**
  - **Listing of Information Sources – assists agency determine what sources of info. LAFCO staff is looking for**

# Which Bridge to Cross

## ➤ MSR Evaluation Categories:

- Provides examples of how Stanislaus LAFCO will fulfill the 7 determination requirement

**Determination 7 – May include other information that relates to the ability of the subject agency to provide effective or efficient service delivery**

**(e.g. level service for fire & protection)**



# Love Can Build a Bridge

**QUESTIONS?**



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