

# Fire Agency Consolidation

Cal LAFCO

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# Overview

- Why Consolidate?
- Procedural / Political process
- Social / Cultural aspects
- LAFCO's Role
- Legal Stuff
- A Multi County Perspective
- Conclusion / Questions

## Procedural process

- Feasibility and Efficiency Study
- Governing bodies adopt resolutions
- Hearing on the merits
- Public protest period (60 days) statue of limitations to challenge LAFCO action
  - Not free, \$20,00-\$50,000 and take 12 to 18 months
- 10% to 25% of registered voters or property owners (SB 938)
- LAFCO approval

## Political Process

- Titles and Fiefdoms
- Misinformation Campaigns
- Elected Political Resolve
- Fiscal Impacts and Sustainability
- Accurate and Official Information
- Local Control and Identity

## Why - Stakeholders

- Public – Tax payer
- County Administrators
- City Managers
- Elected Officials
- Fire Agency Members
- Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

## Why – Public Benefit

- Reduction or elimination of redundancies
- Organizational efficiencies and effectiveness
- Breakdown separate silos
- Reduce costs
- Improve services
- Increase funding opportunities

# LAFCO's Role

- Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000  
– GC 5600 et seq.
- “Sole and exclusive authority and procedure”  
for reorganizations of district.
- Unprecedented and unsettled scope of  
authority.
- Municipal Service Reviews (MSR)
- Fire / EMS Sphere Of Influence (SOI)

# Legal Stuff

- Annexation vs. Consolidation
- Annexing agency's tax structure replaces the existing tax structure
- Labor agreements
- DMV title transfers
- Property deed transfer
- Warranties
- OES MACS ID

# 346 Fire Protection Districts in California

## Yolo Fire Agencies

- Capay
- Cal Fire
- Clarksburg
- Davis
- Dunnigan
- East Davis
- Elkhorn
- Esparto
- Knights Landing
- Madison
- No Man's Land
- West Plainfield
- West Sacramento
- Winters
- Springlake
- Willow Oak
- Woodland
- Yocha Dehe
- Yolo
- Zamora
- 20 Fire Agencies in 5 Supervisor Districts

## Sacramento County Fire Agencies

- Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
- Sacramento Fire Department
- Folsom Fire Department
- Cosumnes Service District (CSD—Elk Grove)
- Wilton Fire Protection District
- Herald Fire Protection District
- Isleton Fire
- River Delta

## Sonoma County Fire Agencies



## Amador County Fire Agencies

- Amador Fire Protection District
- Lockwood Fire Protection District
- Jackson Valley Fire Protection District
- Sutter Creek
- Jackson Fire Department
- Lone Fire Department
- Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District
- Cal Fire
- USFS

**Conclusion: Management is the astute application of common sense”**

**- Peter Drucker -**

## **Questions**

