

# 2026700000—LAFCo Contribution

## Environmental Protection

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General Fund	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Adjusted	2019-2020 Requested	2019-2020 Recommended	Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>Expenditures</b>					
<i>Other Charges &amp; Uses</i>	\$210,000	\$216,300	\$222,800	\$222,800	\$6,500
<i>Total Appropriations</i>	\$210,000	\$216,300	\$222,800	\$222,800	\$6,500
<b>Earned Revenues By Source</b>					
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net County Cost</b>	\$210,000	\$216,300	\$222,800	\$222,800	\$6,500

### Purpose

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is established under the provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Sections 56000 - 57550). LAFCo is mandated in each California county for the purposes of discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services, and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies.

The five-member San Joaquin LAFCo consists of two County Supervisors, two Mayors or Council Members representing all the cities within the County, and a member of the general public. The LAFCo operating budget is governed by LAFCo, not by the Board of Supervisors. The County LAFCo budget reflects only the County’s contribution toward the operation of the LAFCo, not the portion contributed by cities or other LAFCo revenues.

### Program Discussion

The 2019-2020 recommended County contribution to LAFCo totals \$222,800, matching the total contribution amount from the seven cities within the County. For 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018, the County’s contribution was \$210,000. An annual increase of 3% to minimize the ongoing budget deficit increased the County’s contribution to \$216,300 in 2018-2019 and \$222,800 in 2019-2020.

The preliminary LAFCo operating budget for 2019-2020 totals \$728,958 consisting of \$448,255 in salary and benefits, and \$280,703 in operating expenses. Funding is provided by the County’s contribution of \$222,800, the contribution from cities totaling \$222,800, filing fees and interest of \$29,000, and \$254,358 from LAFCo Contingency/Reserve funds, as needed.

#### 2019-2020 Work Program

In 2019-2020, the LAFCo Work Program will include application processing for annexations, other organizational changes, and out-of-agency service requests. Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) and Sphere-of-Influence (SOI) will be updated for the cities of Escalon and Lodi. In 2018-2019, LAFCo completed MSR and SOI updates for 21 reclamation districts. Based on LAFCo Commission direction, LAFCo may begin work on the remaining 29 reclamation districts in 2019-2020. Also pending Commission direction, LAFCo MSR and SOI updates may be completed for County rural fire districts as well as an MSR and SOI amendment for South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

In 2019-2020, LAFCo anticipates a consolidation proposal from Byron-Bethany Irrigation District and West Side Irrigation District.

In 2018-2019, LAFCo adopted a policy to require detachment of Tracy Rural First Protection District upon annexation to the City of Tracy.

The Commission will review and update, as needed, its operational policies and procedures.