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TO:

TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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FROM: Amie Kane, Staff Analyst

SUBJECT: FY 2023/24 Final Budget and Work Program

LAFCO Commissioners, Alternates, Counsel,

Enclosed for your review are the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Final Budget and Work Program. LAFCO is required to adopt its final budget by June 15th of each year. At the April 5th meeting, LAFCO elected to use \$75,000 of reserve funds to help offset city and county contributions to the budget. Besides the \$75,000 offset and the stipends for public members, all other budget allocations are the same from the preliminary budget and work program to the final budget and work program. Listed below are the contributions amounts for FY 2023/24.

Using \$75,000 offset	POPULATION (DOF 1/1/2022)	PERCENT OF POPULATION	PROPOSED 22/23 CONTRIBUTION
CITY OF DINUBA	25,127	5.29%	\$9,515
CITY OF EXETER	10,257	2.16%	\$3,884
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	10,239	2.16%	\$3,877
CITY OF LINDSAY	12,566	2.65%	\$4,758
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	62,345	13.12%	\$23,609
CITY OF TULARE	69,462	14.62%	\$26,304
CITY OF VISALIA	142,091	29.91%	\$53,806
CITY OF WOODLAKE	7,648	1.61%	\$2,896
COUNTY OF TULARE	135,279	28.48%	\$51,227
TOTAL	475,014	100.00%	\$179,876

(+\$200 billing fee to County Auditor)

Attachments

- 1. FY 2023/2024 Final Budget (Org 794)
- 2. FY 2023/2024 Work Program
- 3. Resolution

TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION BUDGET ORG 794

		Adopted Budget FY	As of	Projected Expenses	Proposed Budget FY
	Object No.	22/23	03/15/23	FY 22/23	23/24
EXPENDITURES	·				
Services and Supplies					
Board Director's Fees	6008	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,600
Memberships	7027	\$8,081	\$7,704	\$7,704	\$8,750
Office Expenses	7036	\$832	\$497	\$832	\$857
Professional and Specialized	7043	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Publication - Public Hearing Notices	7059	\$2,040	\$1,532	\$2,040	\$3,850
Training	7073	\$3,355	\$5,215	\$5,215	\$4,200
Transportation and Travel	7074	\$5,865	\$3,857	\$3,857	\$6,040
Total Services and Supplies		\$21,373	\$19,005	\$20,848	\$25,497
Other Charges			-		·
I/F Workers Compensation	7043	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
I/F Expenses - Property	7043	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
I/F Expenses - Special Liability Insurance	7043	\$3,417	\$3,403	\$3,403	\$2,819
I/F ADP Payroll	7036	\$276	\$0	\$276	\$271
Rent	7036	\$13,654	\$9,002	\$13,654	\$13,654
Alarm Services	7036	\$100	\$21	\$100	\$100
Telecom	7036	\$1,000	\$382	\$1,000	\$1,000
Utilities	7036	\$1,989	\$876	\$1,989	\$1,950
Custodial Services	7043	\$816	\$655	\$1,200	\$1,000
I/F RMA - Printing	7036	\$250	\$299	\$500	\$250
I/F RMA - Mail	7036	\$900	\$369	\$900	\$900
Total Other Charges		\$22,402	\$15,008	\$23,022	\$21,944
Agency Charges		· · · ·	. ,	. ,	· · ·
County Counsel Charges	7043	\$4,080	\$907	\$4,080	\$4,080
Services from Other Dpts.	7066	\$8,858	\$4,736	\$8,858	\$8,858
COWCAP Charges	7066	\$10,000	-\$12,569	-\$12,569	\$10,000
GIS Services	7043	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$6,000
Salaries	7066	\$209,538	\$73,809	\$175,000	\$199,566
Total Agency Charges		\$237,476	\$66,883	\$180,369	\$228,504
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Contingencies	7432	\$28,125	\$0	\$0	\$27,595
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$200 27C	* 400.000	£004.000	\$202.540
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$309,376	\$100,896	\$224,239	\$303,540
REVENUES			<u> </u>		
Other - Government Agency Contributions	5801	\$179,140	\$179,140	\$179,140	\$179,876
Planning and Engineering Services	5421	\$38,236	\$21,126	\$31,554	\$48,664
Prior Year Revenue Accurals Adjustment	5999				
TOTAL REVENUES		\$217,376	\$200,266	\$210,694	\$228,540
NET COST		\$92,000	-\$99,370	\$13,545	\$75,000

2023/24 LAFCO WORK PROGRAM

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<u>Introduction</u>

Overview of LAFCO

The Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is responsible for coordinating logical and timely changes in local government boundaries, for conducting special studies which review ways to reorganize, simplify and streamline governmental structure, and for preparing Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence for each city and special district within Tulare County. The Commission's efforts are directed to seeing that services are provided efficiently and economically while agricultural and open-space lands are protected. LAFCO is independent of the government of Tulare County or any of the cities; however, funding to operate the agency is required to be provided by the county and the cities.

State law first established LAFCOs in each county in 1963. LAFCOs were given regulatory authority over local boundary changes. The agencies currently function under the provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. Government Code Section 56375 sets forth the powers and duties of the commission. It gives LAFCO the authority to "review and approve or disapprove with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally" proposals concerning the formation of cities and special districts, annexation or detachment of territory to cities and special districts, and other changes in jurisdiction or organization of local governmental agencies. In reviewing proposals, LAFCO is required to consider certain factors such as the conformity with city or county plans, current levels and need for future services, the social, physical and economic effects on the community, the effect on existing agricultural lands and open space, the timely availability of adequate water supplies, and the extent to which each proposal will assist the receiving city and the County in achieving its fair share of the regional housing needs.

LAFCO must consider the effect that any proposal will produce on existing agricultural lands. By guiding development towards vacant urban land and away from agricultural preserves, LAFCO assists with the preservation of Tulare County's valuable agricultural resources. LAFCO also works to discourage urban sprawl, a pattern of development characterized by inefficient delivery of important urban services and unnecessary loss of agricultural land. By discouraging sprawl, LAFCO discourages the misuse of land resources and promotes a more efficient system of local government agencies.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires each LAFCO to adopt an annual budget. The 2023/24 Work Program for the Tulare County LAFCO outlines the anticipated work to be accomplished by LAFCO during the fiscal year and is prepared to accompany the annual budget.

Description of Region

Tulare County, comprised of 12,595 km², is located in the southern portion of the San Joaquin Valley. The Valley is bounded on the west by the Coast Range and on the east by the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Valley extends from Sacramento to the north, to the Tehachapi Mountains on the south. The San Joaquin Valley is the richest farmland in the world.

Tulare County has approximately one third of its land area in the Valley. The remaining portion is in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This offers an abundance of scenic and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The land in the Valley produces a wide variety of agricultural products. Tulare County ranks as one of the largest agricultural producing counties in the nation. The population of Tulare County is concentrated in the Valley area. There are eight incorporated cities, which account for 71% of the total county approximate population of 475,014 (DOF – 1/1/22). The eight cities are: Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, and Woodlake. There are also numerous special districts in the county, including various Community

Service Districts, Irrigation Districts, Hospital Districts, Cemetery Districts, Public Utility Districts, and Resource Conservation Districts.

Organization of LAFCO

The Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission is composed of two county supervisors selected by the Board of Supervisors, two city council representatives selected by the mayors in the county, and one public member selected by the other four members. Commission members serve four-year terms. There is an alternate member for each category – city, county, and public. Tulare County LAFCO does not have special district members; however, the law does provide for the addition of two special district members and one alternate if the Commission so orders or the special districts petition for such representation.

LAFCO Commissioners

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Liz Wynn
Pete Vander Poel
Maribel Reynosa

County representative
City representative
City representative
City representative

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Fred Sheriff Alternate, Public representative
Steve Harrell Alternate, City representative

LAFCO Staff

Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer Amie Kane, Staff Analyst Holly Gallo, LAFCO Clerk Matthew Pierce, LAFCO Counsel

LAFCO Abbreviations and Acronyms

CALAFCO California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

C-K-H Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act Of 2000

CSD Community Services District

GC Government Code

LAFCO Local Agency Formation Commission

MSR Municipal Service Review

PUD Public Utility District

SOI Sphere of Influence

LAFCO Work Program Elements

SUBCATEGORY: 100 ADMINISTRATION

WORK ELEMENT: 100.01 LAFCO Administration

PURPOSE: To manage and coordinate LAFCO staff work in Tulare County,

including development and implementation of the budget, work

program, and Policies and Procedures Manual.

PREVIOUS WORK: This is an ongoing function of LAFCO.

PRODUCTS:

1. Administration and support of LAFCO work functions.

- 2. Representation at statewide and local planning meetings.
- 3. Development of LAFCO Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 4. Maintain LAFCO files and records.
- 5. Prepare LAFCO meeting agendas, schedules and minutes.
- 6. Prepare annual budget and work program.
- 7. Maintain membership in CALAFCO.

DISCUSSION:

The administration program provides direction and management of the various routine functions that comprise the LAFCO Work Program. This includes: project scheduling, budget preparation and monitoring, personnel recruitment and training, records maintenance, review of legislation affecting LAFCOs and development of LAFCO Policies and Procedures consistent with C-K-H requirements and Commission directives.

LAFCO staff also maintains membership in the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), which provides statewide coordination of LAFCO activities, representation before the State Legislature and other bodies, training opportunities for member LAFCOs, and a structure for sharing information among LAFCOs and other governmental agencies throughout the State.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs: \$55,435 (5.0 Staff Person Months)

Memberships: \$8,750 **Publications and Notices** \$3,850 County Counsel: \$4.080 COWCAP Charges: \$10,000 Board Directors fees: \$1,600 Rent \$13.654 Insurance \$2,819 Prof. & Specialized: \$200 Service from Other Dept. \$8,858 Total: \$109,246

Revenue (source): \$75,000 (Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): \$34,246 (County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source): (Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 100 ADMINISTRATION

WORK ELEMENT: 100.02 Office Expenses/Fixed Assets

PURPOSE: To procure and manage the assets of LAFCO.

PREVIOUS WORK: Purchase supplies and equipment.

Purchase Liability Insurance. Maintenance of LAFCO website.

Publish public notices.

PRODUCTS: 1. Procurement of supplies and equipment.

- 2. Maintenance of existing equipment.
- 3. Inventory of LAFCO assets.
- 4. Continuation of Internet service.
- Payment of rent, telephone, mail, printing, data processing and other overhead services.
- 6. Ongoing maintenance of LAFCO website.

DISCUSSION:

LAFCO is required by GC Section 56300(f)(1) to establish and maintain, or otherwise provide access to notices and other commission information for the public through an internet website.

The address for the Tulare County LAFCO website is www.co.tulare.ca.us/lafco/. The site provides general information regarding LAFCO, Tulare County LAFCO commissioners and staff, meeting and application deadline schedules, and allows access to agendas and minutes. The site will also be used to post notices, agendas, minutes, and disclosures as required by Sections 56100.1, 56150, 56300, and 56661.

Because LAFCO is an independent agency, LAFCO maintains a general liability insurance policy. LAFCO reimburses the County for office space and other operational expenses as part of the work program.

BUDGET:

Office Expense:	\$857
Telecomm	\$1000
ADP Payroll/Personnel:	\$271
Utilities:	\$1,950
Custodial Services:	\$1,000
Property	\$0
Mail	\$900
Printing	\$250
Alarm	\$100
GIS	\$6,000
Worker's Compensation	\$0
Total	\$12,328

(Reserve Funds)

\$12,328 (County & Cities Contribution)

(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 100 ADMINISTRATION

WORK ELEMENT: 100.03 Training and Travel

PURPOSE: Travel to various local, regional and statewide meetings as required.

Training for staff related to the operations of LAFCO and legislative activity

affecting LAFCOs.

PREVIOUS WORK: This is an ongoing work element.

PRODUCTS: 1. Representation at statewide and local LAFCO meetings.

2. Staff training and educational seminars.

3. Commissioner training and education seminars.

BUDGET:

Training (Commissioners & Staff): \$4,200 Transportation/Travel (Commissioners & \$6,040

Staff)

Total: \$10,240

Revenue (source): (Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): \$10,240 (County & Cities Contribution)

WORK ELEMENT: 101.02 Municipal Service Reviews

PURPOSE: To prepare Municipal Service Reviews (MSR's) pursuant to GC

§56430.

PREVIOUS WORK: Group 1 MSRs adopted March 2006

Group 2 MSRs adopted May 2006 Group 3 MSRs adopted March 2007 Group 4 MSRs adopted October 2011 City of Dinuba MSR updated June 2012 City of Visalia MSR updated February 2013 City of Tulare MSR updated October 2013 City of Porterville MSR updated October 2014

City of Exeter MSR update April 2016 City of Woodlake MSR update August 2016 Goshen CSD MSR update December 2018 Lindsay LHD MSR update December 2020

Alta HD MSR update January 2021

PRODUCTS: MSRs for urban service providing districts

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with GC §56430, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence, LAFCOs are required to conduct a review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the Commission. To address this requirement, a program for conducting municipal service reviews (MSR's) was initiated by LAFCO during the 2003/04 fiscal year.

Tulare County's eight cities and 19 of the special districts were reviewed and MSRs were adopted in 3 groups in 2006 and 2007. Group 4, consisting of 21 special districts was approved in October 2011. The scope of MSRs has since been expanded to include service needs of disadvantaged unincorporated communities within and adjacent to the subject agency's current SOI. MSR updates have been completed for the cities of Dinuba, Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, Exeter and Woodlake. By policy, future MSR updates will be completed on an as needed basis following County Community Plan and City General Plan Updates. The County of Tulare received State funding that will allow for MSRs to be updated for urban service providing districts during FY 23/24.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs: \$66,522 (6.0 Staff Person Month)

Total: \$66,522

Revenue (source): (Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): \$66,522 (County & Cities Contribution)

WORK ELEMENT: 101.03 Cities and Special District Inventory Update

PURPOSE: To maintain the LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory.

PREVIOUS WORK: LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (October 1975)

LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised January 1981)
LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised June 1998)
LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised April 2007)
LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised April 2013)
LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised January 2023)

PRODUCTS: Continuous update of the LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory.

DISCUSSION: The Tulare County LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory is a

listing of the various agencies in Tulare County and provides

information about each agency, including: date formed, address, phone number, contact person, functions performed, and method of financing. The Inventory also includes a brief description of each type of agency and a map depicting the agency's sphere of influence. For Community Service Districts and County Service Areas the inventory also describes the latent powers each district was authorized to perform, but had not performed as of January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2009 (respectively). The full-published revision has been completed. The last major revision took place in FY 22/23. However, this Work Program allocation is intended for the continual updating of contact and map information in

the Inventory.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs: \$11,087 (1.0 Staff Person Months)

Total: \$11,087

Revenue (source): (Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): \$11,087 (County & Cities Contribution)

WORK ELEMENT: 101.04 Sphere of Influence Updates & Amendments

PURPOSE: To prepare updates to agencies' Spheres of Influence and provide an

efficient method to review and amend the Spheres of Influence for all

agencies within Tulare County LAFCO's jurisdiction.

PREVIOUS WORK: In 2011; Alpine Village-Sequoia Crest CSD, Ducor CSD, East Orosi

CSD, Patterson Tract CSD, Ponderosa CSD, Three Rivers CSD, Tract 92 CSD, Porter Vista PUD, CSA #1, Strathmore FPD and Woodlake FPD. Lindmore ID (2011) Lindsay-Strathmore ID (2011) Sultana (2011) Ivanhoe (2011) City of Dinuba (2012) Lindmore Irrigation District (2012) Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation (2012) Allensworth CSD (2012) Sultana CSD (2012) Three Rivers CSD (2012) City of Lindsay (2014) City of Porterville (2014) City of Exeter (2016) City of Woodlake (2016) City of Tulare (2017) City of Visalia (2018) Coshen CSD (2018) City of

Tulare (2017) City of Visalia (2018), Goshen CSD (2018), City of

Woodlake (2020).

PRODUCTS:

 SOI Reviews (and updates as needed) for Tulare County principal districts and cities

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to GC Section 56425(g), all Spheres of Influence must be reviewed and updated, as necessary, on or before January 1, 2008 and every five years thereafter, as needed.

Tulare County LAFCO Resolution 96-02 provides that, whenever possible, the Sphere of Influence of each city and those Special Districts that provide urban services to unincorporated communities within the County should reflect a twenty-year growth area with additional areas for communities of interest (Section 56425 (a) (4)). This boundary shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated no more than once every five years. The updates should be sufficient to accommodate projected growth for twenty years from the date of adoption. SOI Amendments typically occur in conjunction with an annexation and per LAFCO policy does not require a MSR.

The MSR schedule in Work Element 101.02 will guide the update of agencies' spheres of influence.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs: \$22,174 (2 Staff Person Months)

Total: \$22.174

Revenue (source): (Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): \$6,771 (County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source): \$15,403 (Planning & Engineering Fees)

WORK ELEMENT: 101.06 Special Projects

PURPOSE: To fulfill LAFCO's obligation to perform special governmental

organization studies pursuant to GC 56375.

PREVIOUS WORK: Agricultural Land Updates

Public Cemetery District Report

Memorial District Report

PRODUCTS: This is an on-going work element. Products could include district

consolidation and formation studies.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with GC §56375, LAFCO has the authority to conduct a variety of studies related to effective and efficient provision of public services. This includes special district formation and consolidation studies. As a result of LAFCO Policy Amendments, a Financial Impact Study is now required to be prepared for the activation of latent powers, in certain instances.

The work element accounts for staff and consultant resources required to respond to the need for such special studies as may be authorized by LAFCO during the fiscal year. There is no anticipated need for consultant services in FY 22/23.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs: \$11,087 (1.0 Staff Person Month)

Total: \$11,087

Revenue (source): (Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): \$11,087 (County & Cities Contribution)

SUBCATEGORY: 102 CASE PROCESSING

WORK ELEMENT: 102.01 LAFCO Case Processing

PURPOSE: To process applications submitted by LAFCO.

PREVIOUS WORK: In FY 2023/24 as of this date, staff has processed 9 cases

(annexations, detachments, sphere of influence amendments, activation of latent powers and extension of services agreements). In prior years, a separate work element (101.05 Island Annexation Program) was

dedicated to the island annexation program which is now incorporated

in this element

PRODUCTS: This is an ongoing work element. Staff will continue to process case

applications as they are submitted. For fiscal year 2023/24, based on

feedback from local agencies, staff are estimating processing 14

cases.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs: \$33,261 (3 Staff Person Months)

Total: \$33,261

(Reserve Funds)

Revenue (source): (County & Cities Contribution)

LAFCO Work Program Summary

Activity Work Revenue Source and					
Description	Element	Amount			
	Number				Expenditures
		Reserve Funds	Income from Other Agencies	Planning & Engineering Services	
LAFCO Administration	100.01	\$75,000	\$34,246	\$0	\$109,246
Office Expenses / Fixed Assets	100.02	\$0	\$12,328	\$0	\$12,328
Training and Travel	100.03	\$0	\$10,240	\$0	\$10,240
Municipal Service Reviews	101.02	\$0	\$66,522	\$0	\$66,522
Cities & Special District Inventory Update	101.03	\$0	\$11,087	\$0	\$11,087
Sphere of Influence Updates & Amendments	101.04	\$0	\$6,771	\$15,403	\$22,174
Special Projects	101.06	\$0	\$11,087	\$0	\$11,087
LAFCO Case Processing	102.01	\$0	\$0	\$33,261	\$33,261
Subtotals	NA	\$75,000	\$152,281	\$48,664	\$275,945
Contingency	NA	\$0	\$27,595	\$0	\$27,595
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Total Staff Person Months = 18.0

(Executive Director – 6.0; Staff Analyst – 9; Clerk - 3)

TULARE CO. LAFCO- 6-YEAR STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAM

FY	MSR	SOI UPDATE	SPECIAL PROJECTS	Pending Proposals, Possible Future Projects, Annual Work Elements
2023/24	Urban Service providing Districts	As needed based on MSR results		District dissolutions District formations Incorporation studies Policy updates Implementation of MSRs
2024/25	Future MSRs and SOI u completed based on Co Plan Updates and City (unty Community		Annual Work Elements
2025/26	Updates.			Case Processing SOI Amendments
2026/27				 City-Special Districts Inventory Special Projects
2027/28				
2028/29				