

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROPOSAL TITLE: LAFCO 3000 - "County Fire Reorganization"; LAFCO 3001 - Sphere of Influence Expansion for Yucca Valley Fire Protection District et al; and LAFCO 3000A - Reorganization to Include Detachments from the Central Valley Fire Protection District, Establishment of the Central Valley Fire Protection District as a Subsidiary District of the City of Fontana and Renamed the Fontana Fire Protection District (City of Fontana Alternative)

APPLICANT(s): Board of Supervisors, County of San Bernardino (LAFCO 3000/3001)
City Council, City of Fontana (LAFCO 3000A)

DESCRIPTION: LAFCO 3000 is a reorganization proposal that proposes annexation of approximately 18,361 square miles to the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District. The territory proposed for annexation includes unincorporated areas throughout the County of San Bernardino that are not currently a part of an independent fire provider, city or other special district. The reorganization anticipates the annexation of the territory of the Cities of Fontana and Grand Terrace (both cities currently overlain by a Board-governed fire agency). Within the proposed expanded area of the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District, the application proposes the dissolution of Board-governed fire agencies that provide only fire services (fire protection districts, county service areas, and improvement zones to county service areas); it proposes the transfer of fire/ambulance/disaster preparedness powers from a number of County Service Areas and/or their Improvement Zones; it proposes the creation of Service Zones for regional service delivery – valley, mountain, north desert and south desert, and for maintenance of special tax districts; and it proposes the renaming of the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District as the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

LAFCO 3001, a companion application to LAFCO 3000, is a proposal to expand the existing sphere of influence of the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District by approximately 18,353 square miles, to encompass the County of San Bernardino, excluding the territory within existing independent fire entities, either cities or other special districts, and including the territory of the Cities of Fontana and Grand Terrace. The proposal includes the request for dissolution or reduction of the spheres of influence for the Central Valley Fire Protection District (Valley area including the City of Fontana and

communities of Muscoy and Bloomington), Forest Falls Fire Protection District (Mountain area), Lake Arrowhead Fire Protection District (Mountain area) and County Service Area 38 (Countywide).

LAFCO 3000A is an alternative proposal submitted by the City of Fontana that proposes: detachment of 10 separate areas from the Central Valley Fire Protection District and annexation of the areas being detached to the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District; the residual Central Valley Fire Protection District will include the City of Fontana and its sphere of influence, a total of approximately 52.4 square miles; establishment of the residual Central Valley Fire Protection District as a subsidiary district of the City of Fontana; and rename the District the Fontana Fire Protection District.

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

(after 30-day appeal period): _____

Pursuant to provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and the Local Agency Formation Commission Environmental Review Guidelines, the above referenced project has been determined not to have a significant effect upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Report will not be required.

Reasons to support this finding are included in the written Initial Study prepared by Tom Dodson and Associates on behalf of the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The decision may be appealed by any aggrieved person, organization, or agency to the Local Agency Formation Commission. Appeals shall be filed before the effective date of the Negative Declaration listed above. The Notice of Appeal shall be in writing and shall be filed with the appropriate fee at the LAFCO Office, during normal business hours.

DATED of Commission Approval:

KATHLEEN ROLLINGS McDONALD
Executive Officer