

**NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING FOR LAFCO 3000**  
**“COUNTY FIRE REORGANIZATION”**

Notice is hereby given that a Protest Hearing will be held by the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of San Bernardino County for LAFCO 3000. The hearing will be held in the WIB Meeting Room, 215 N. D Street, Suite 201, San Bernardino, California 92415-0490, on March 26, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. to hear and receive any oral or written protests, objections, or evidence which are made, presented, or filed regarding:

LAFCO 3000 - Reorganization to include annexations to the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District, renaming the expanded agency the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, detachments from Central Valley Fire Protection District, rename the reduced district the Fontana Fire Protection District, and establish it as a subsidiary district of the City of Fontana, dissolution of the Forest Falls Fire Protection District, Lake Arrowhead Fire Protection District, County Service Area 38 and its various Improvement Zones, County Service Area 70 Improvement Zones FP-1, FP-5 and PM-1, removal of fire protection, ambulance, and/or disaster preparedness powers from County Service Areas and their Improvement Zones and transferring that authority to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, and establishment of Service Zones within the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District as follows: Valley Service Zone, Mountain Service Zone, North Desert Service Zone, South Desert Service Zone, Service Zone FP-1 (Red Mountain), Service Zone FP-2 (Windy Acres), Service Zone FP-3 (El Mirage), Service Zone FP-4 (Wonder Valley), Service Zone FP-5 (Helendale), Service Zone PM-1 (Lake Arrowhead Paramedic), Service Zone PM-2 (Highland Paramedic) and Service Zone PM-3 (Yucaipa Paramedic).

The reorganization area encompasses approximately 18,821 square miles. The territory proposed for annexation to the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District 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 including the annexation of the territory of the City of Grand Terrace (currently overlain by a Board-governed fire agency); 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; establishment of the residual Central Valley Fire Protection District (including the City of Fontana and its sphere of influence for a total of approximately 52.3 square miles) as a subsidiary district of the City of Fontana; and renaming the District the Fontana Fire Protection District; dissolution of Board-governed fire agencies that provide only fire services (fire protection districts, county service areas, and improvement zones to county service areas); the transfer of fire/ambulance/disaster preparedness powers from a number of County Service Areas and/or their Improvement Zones; the creation of Service Zones for regional service delivery – valley, mountain, north desert and south desert, and for maintenance of special tax districts; and renaming of the Yucca Valley Fire Protection District as the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District.

The reorganization area is more specifically described in the legal descriptions and maps which can be accessed below:

[www.sbclafco.org/lafco3000.htm](http://www.sbclafco.org/lafco3000.htm).

Proceedings for this reorganization were initiated by the County of San Bernardino and submitted to LAFCO. This proposal has been assigned the short-form designation of LAFCO 3000.

The proposed terms and conditions for this reorganization are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 2989, adopted by the Commission on January 16, 2008, which is available for review at the LAFCO office or on the LAFCO website at [www.sbclafco.org/lafco3000.htm](http://www.sbclafco.org/lafco3000.htm).

The reasons for the reorganization proposal were identified by the County Board of Supervisors as: The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District proposes to combine 27 separate fire districts and five ambulance areas that result in a very complicated budget process, and one that requires excessive accounting and management for each legal entity. This structural reorganization will reduce the number of legal entities managed by the new district, including reduction in audits, budgets, fixed assets and revenue accounting. The reorganized fire protection district and its four regional service zones would better meet the needs of the citizens within its jurisdiction boundaries through regional or countywide approaches for various revenue enhancement programs versus their individual community approach currently in place. In addition, it will also allow an efficient utilization of resources within the newly formed fire district, versus assigned to a community, which will ultimately produce a more effective and streamlined response to the needs of the citizens.

The reasons for the modification of the proposal, as requested by the City of Fontana, were identified as: The City of Fontana requests that the Central Valley Fire Protection District, less those areas outside of the City of Fontana and its Sphere of Influence be maintained as an independent special district; renamed the Fontana Fire Protection District; and established as a subsidiary District of the City of Fontana with the intent of the District to maintain existing levels of fire and emergency response services and to contract with the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District for the provision of these services.

Any owner of land within the territory proposed to be reorganized through annexation or formation of a service zone may file an official protest. Such protest must be made in writing and submitted to the LAFCO office prior to the conclusion of the hearing. The written protest must include your name, address, address of the land owned within the affected area if different from your residence, Assessor Parcel Number and LAFCO number. The written protest must be dated. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to the date of publication of this notice, or submitted after the conclusion of the hearing, shall be disregarded for purposes of ascertaining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or e-mail.

Any registered voter residing within the territory proposed to be reorganized through annexation or formation of a service zone may file an official protest. Such protest must be made in writing and submitted to the LAFCO office prior to the conclusion of the hearing. The written protest must include your name and address as they appear on the affidavit of registration and the LAFCO number. The written protest must be dated. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to the date of publication of this notice, or submitted after the conclusion of the hearing, shall be disregarded for purposes of ascertaining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or e-mail.

LAFCO policy requires that all applications for jurisdictional changes include disclosure of campaign contributions in excess of \$1,000. The entire policy and applicable forms to report campaign expenditures are available on LAFCO's website at [www.sbclafco.org](http://www.sbclafco.org). Any forms

received will be posted on the LAFCO website for public viewing with addresses and phone numbers redacted.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 383-9900.

Dated: February 26, 2008

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

BY: ANNA M. RAEF, Clerk to the Commission