

# LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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**DATE:** JANUARY 12, 2015

**FROM:** KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

**TO:** LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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**SUBJECT:** AGENDA ITEM #5 – Consideration of Fee Reduction Requested by Crest Forest Fire Protection District for its Sphere of Influence Amendment Application (LAFCO 3185) and Reorganization Proposal (LAFCO 3186)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the request from the Crest Forest Fire Protection District for reduction in application fees/deposits for LAFCOs 3185 and 3186 totaling \$17,900. The following is a breakdown of the fees/deposits:

a. LAFCO 3185 Sphere of Influence Amendment Proposal	\$5,000
b. LAFCO 3186 Reorganization Proposal (flat fee)	\$10,000
c. Legal Counsel Deposit	\$1,150
d. Environmental Review Deposit	\$ 750
e. Deposit for Display Ad in lieu of Individual Notice	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,900</b>

## **BACKGROUND:**

On November 18, 2014, the Crest Forest Fire Protection District (hereinafter the "CFFPD" or "District") submitted two concurrent proposals for a sphere of influence amendment (expansion) for the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (LAFCO 3185) and a reorganization that includes annexations to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, its Mountain and PM-1 Service Zones, dissolution of the Crest Forest Fire Protection District and its Service Zone PM-A, and formation of Service Zone FP-7 and PM-4 (LAFCO 3186).

Included in the District's application was a letter requesting a reduction filing fees (see attached letter from Robert Goss, Vice President, CFFPD Board of Directors). In its letter, the District did not specifically identify which fees it is requesting to be reduced or waived. However, in working with LAFCO staff, it was identified that it would be acceptable to reduce the reorganization filing fee to a flat fee of \$10,000.

Based on the Commission's adopted fee schedule, the total filing fee for the sphere change and reorganization would be \$26,340. The breakdown below shows all the required fees/deposits for both the sphere of influence amendment and the reorganization proposals:

**LAFCO Filing Fees**

a. Sphere of Influence Amendment (LAFCO 3185)	\$5,000
b. Reorganization Proposal (LAFCO 3186)	\$7,500
Additional Fee (\$1 per acre over 275 ac.)	\$10,940

**Required Deposits**

c. Legal Counsel	\$1,150
d. Environmental Review	\$750
e. Display Ad in lieu of Individual Notice	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,340</b>

Based on the flat fee of \$10,000 as agreed upon for the reorganization proposal, the following is the breakdown of the total fees/deposits the District paid at the time the proposals were submitted:

• Sphere of Influence Amendment (LAFCO 3185)	5,000
• Reorganization Proposal (LAFCO 3186)	\$10,000
• Legal Counsel Deposit	\$1,150
• Environmental Review Deposit	\$750
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,900</b>

Because these proposals have been initiated by the District to dissolve itself and for the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its Mountain Service Zone to take over fire services within the Crest Forest community because the District cannot continue to provide due to irreversible financial hardship, LAFCO staff fully supports the request for reduction in filing fees/deposits presented above.

The staff will be happy to answer any questions of the Commission prior to or at the hearing.

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Attachment

1. [Letter Dated November 18, 2014 from the Crest Forest Fire Protection District](#)
2. [Map of the Sphere of Influence Amendment \(LAFCO 3185\) and Reorganization Proposal \(LAFCO 3186\)](#)