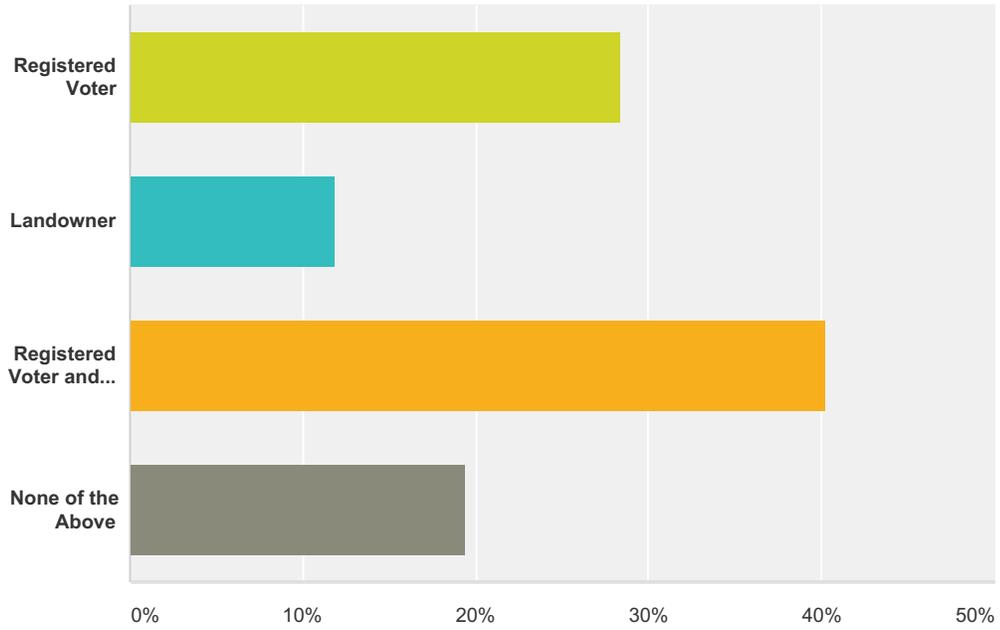


Results from Survey

Attachment 3

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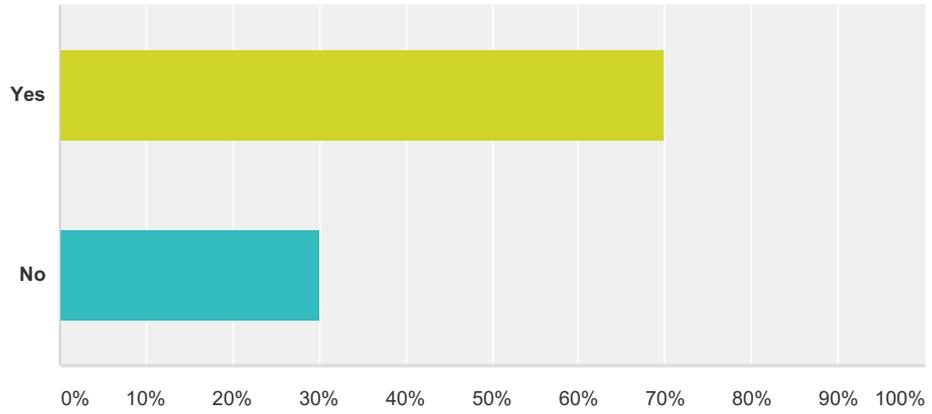
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Answer Choices	Responses
Registered Voter	28.36% 19
Landowner	11.94% 8
Registered Voter and Landowner	40.30% 27
None of the Above	19.40% 13
Total	67

Q2 I have read the draft LAFCO staff report

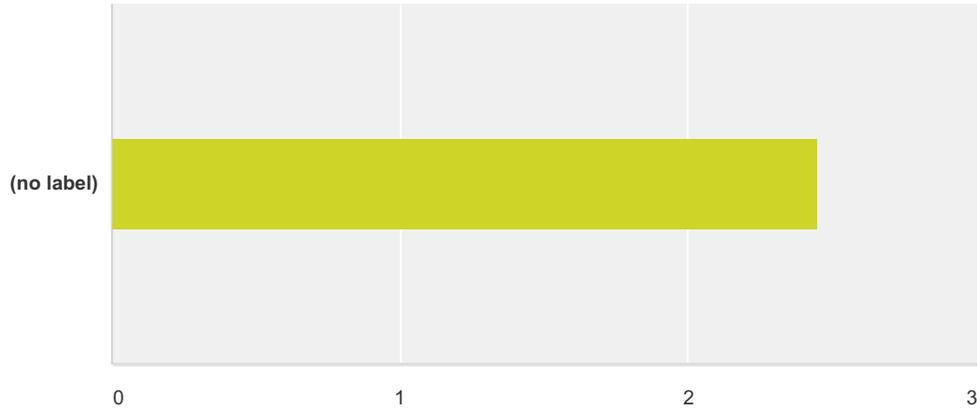
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	70.00%	42
No	30.00%	18
Total		60

Q3 The Draft Staff Report adequately describes the level of services provided to the overall community as well as the finances and operations of the districts.

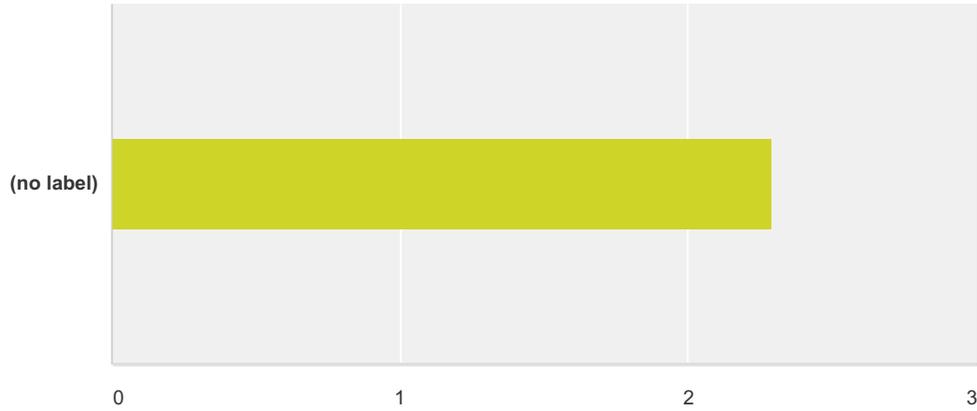
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	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	12.82% 5	38.46% 15	35.90% 14	10.26% 4	2.56% 1	39	2.45

Q4 The Draft Plan for Service clearly outlines the governance structure options and describes the pros and cons of each option.

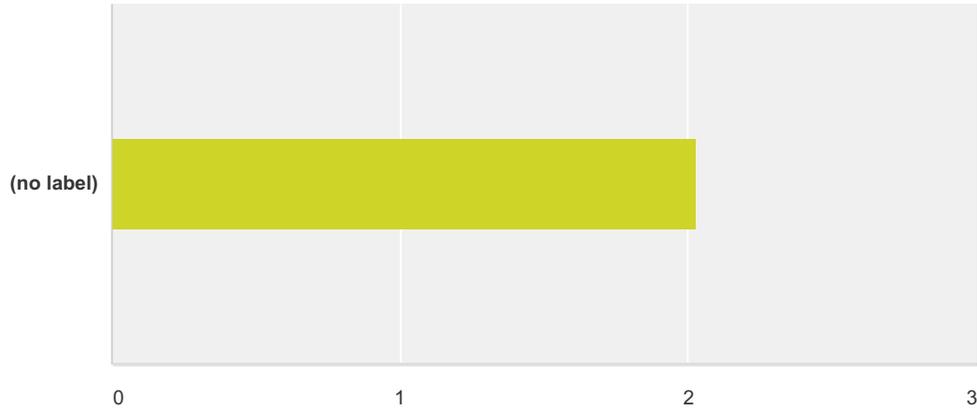
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(no label)	25.64% 10	30.77% 12	28.21% 11	12.82% 5	2.56% 1	39	2.29

Q5 The Draft Plan for Service clearly identifies that the levels of service as presently provided would not decrease in a consolidation.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 28



	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	43.59% 17	15.38% 6	25.64% 10	10.26% 4	5.13% 2	39	2.03

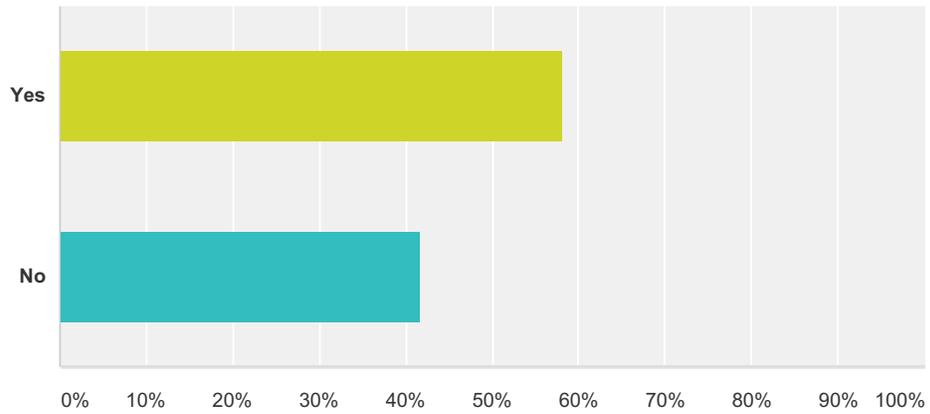
Q6 Please add any comments on the staff report.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 53

#	Responses	Date
1	I agree that status quo is not a great plan for the future. However, I would think a 9 member board for the three districts to consolidated would allow for a more equal voice for each area. Until the New Dagmo identity and pride would allow for a smaller board.	1/12/2015 10:51 AM
2	The staff report raises a lot of questions about the support of this proposal. But we don't need it.	1/12/2015 10:42 AM
3	The three towns need to stay separate.	1/6/2015 11:11 AM
4	It is very clear that the people of the communities do not want to combine. Since any action requires the approval of the communities, stop wasting your time trying to push an agenda that isn't welcome or wanted.	1/4/2015 8:41 AM
5	The information provided takes only into account the FINANCIAL benefits from consolidation, without consideration for the people that reside in the reports areas. We are in a grey area; living in one CSD, but receiving services from another, leaving us with great services, but technically associated with the governance of a CSD we have little exposure to and with. These "grey area" residents have the least input, and potentially the most to lose. As a proponent, you will most likely state we "grey area" residents have the most to gain. But in reality, the CSD we are a part of has serious issues far beyond anything stated in the consolidation plan, which need to be dealt with before considering such a monumental change; we need to fix the major problems before we should even be TALKING about consolidation!	1/3/2015 11:36 AM
6	Much has happened since the Staff Report was compiled.	12/28/2014 10:22 PM
7	Staff report good	12/21/2014 11:00 AM
8	The staff report only revealed the issues that each district had at the time. Each district has been working diligently to resolve those issues. In addition, the report did not reveal the steps that each district and their fire departments are taking to ensure this does not happen again. Further research should be done to show proposed future endeavors of each district and their fire departments and adequately reflect that information as well. Yermo is a perfect example. With the fire department taking over the fire prevention and inspections for their own district that will be a source of revenue that will assist the fire department in cutting down their expenditures to the CSD thus providing a larger profit gain every year in the budget. Things like this were not disclosed or even discussed.	12/15/2014 1:33 PM
9	I have a clearer idea than before the meeting, however it (understandably) appears the details are not up to date... Also these facts do not take human nature into consideration. I don't believe everything I read.	12/12/2014 11:07 AM
10	Personally I think the way you have worded it is to purposely pull the wool over our towns people's eyes.	12/12/2014 10:52 AM
11	I believe that Line 5 is incorrect - the plan DID show a Decrease in Service Levels.	12/12/2014 10:31 AM
12	Do not consolidate the districts. Thanks.	12/12/2014 8:16 AM
13	I get my water from Daggett Water and they run it outstandingly - in over 6 years living here I've never once had a problem. And the price for the water is reasonable. Now Daggett is not a rich community by any means and I don't want a Water Company coming in here and taking it over and arbitrarily just jacking up the prices. I live on 5 acres and have over 120 trees and 50 bushes to water. Exceedingly high water prices would ruin me. Leave the running of the Daggett Water Company alone. Otherwise to be honest I really have no interaction with the Daggett CSD.	12/12/2014 7:43 AM
14	The purpose if the draft report appears to be the perpetual campaign by LAFCO to cultivate support for an uncalled-for obsession with combining the three CSDs by demeaning the districts as much as possible to make it seem that the combination is some kind of blessing from Heaven rather than what is, arbitrary and unnecessary interference in community affairs. I've been a homeowner in the Newberry District for nigh-on to thirty-five years now, and the problems that we have experienced are not the result of any kind of actionable malfeasance that you purport to identify, unlike the County itself with orders of magnitude more malfeasance than has ever occurred in Newberry.	12/11/2014 9:55 AM

Q7 I attended the December 10 community meeting at the Silver Valley High School.

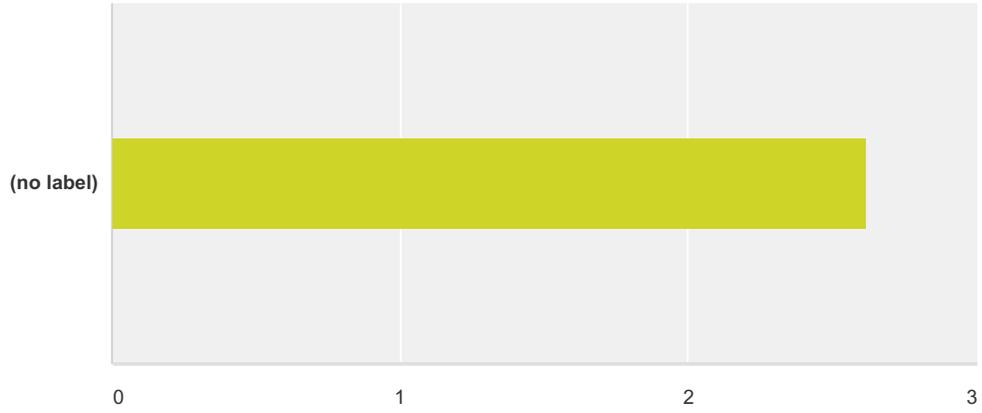
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	58.18% 32
No	41.82% 23
Total	55

**Q8 LAFCO staff adequately outlined the
 information in the staff report.**

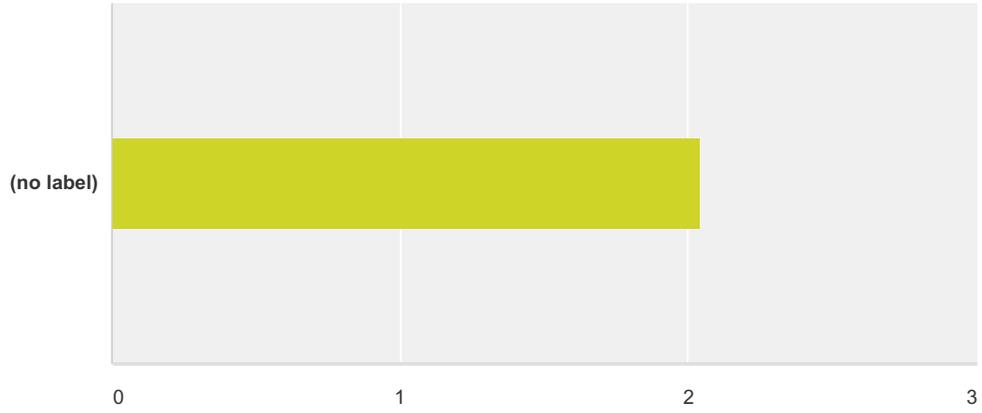
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	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	13.79% 4	24.14% 7	48.28% 14	13.79% 4	0.00% 0	29	2.62

Q9 LAFCO staff addressed my concerns and questions.

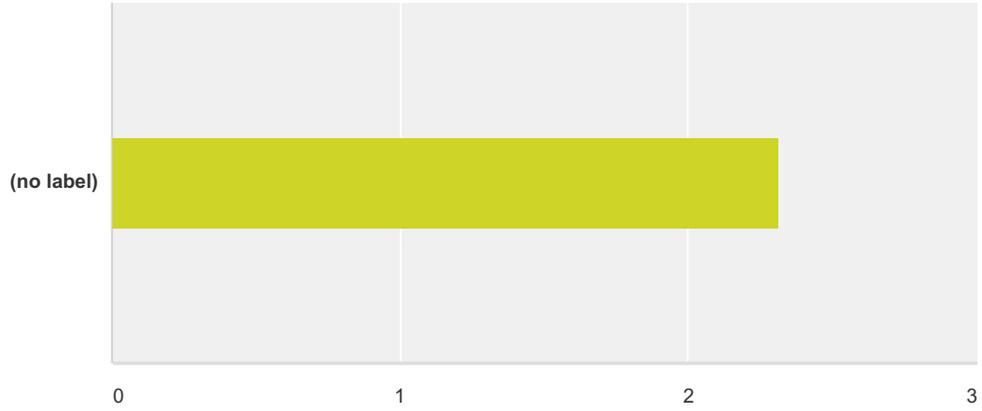
Answered: 28 Skipped: 39



	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	32.14% 9	42.86% 12	14.29% 4	10.71% 3	0.00% 0	28	2.04

Q10 I feel informed as to the governance options that LAFCO identified for my community and the other communities.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 39



	Not at All	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
(no label)	21.43% 6	39.29% 11	25.00% 7	14.29% 4	0.00% 0	28	2.32

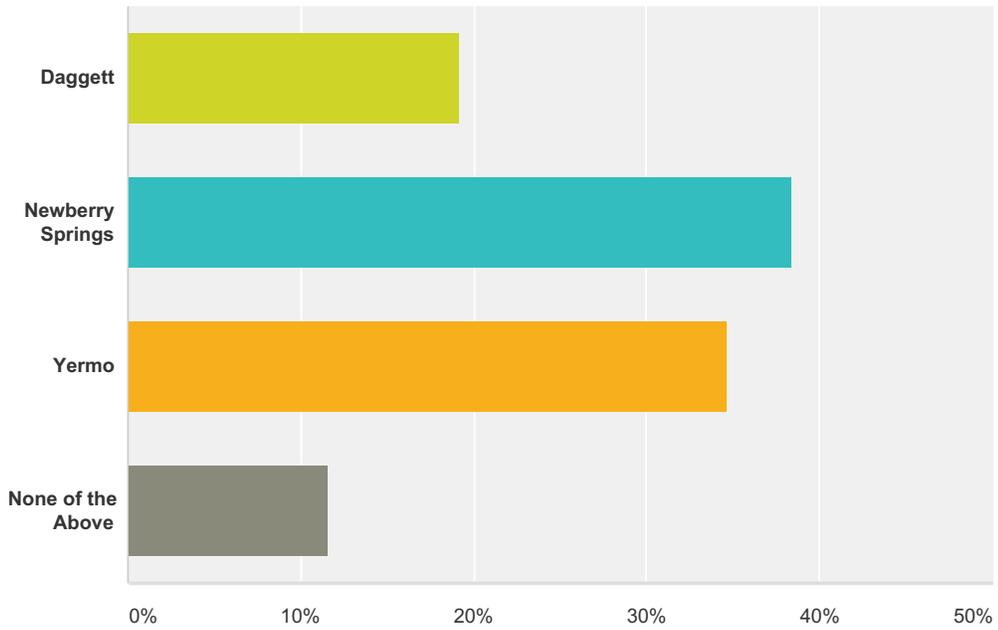
Q11 Please add any comments on the community meeting.

Answered: 10 Skipped: 57

#	Responses	Date
1	Regarding #9, I wish my concern about the proposed 5 member board and suggestion of (initially at least) a 9 member board consisting of 3 members voted on from each area had been addressed less politically and more directly.	1/12/2015 10:53 AM
2	Thank you for your concern and information.	1/6/2015 11:40 AM
3	I want Newberry to stay the same as it is now.	1/6/2015 11:18 AM
4	Though the staff maintained order and admirably kept their composure, many of the residents were merely allowed to state opinions rather than asking pertinent questions. When a resident asked the staff a question regarding representation, the staff responded with an answer that seemed to indicate little thought was put into the particular needs of the communities affected. Additionally, the staff seemed surprised that a resident would be aware of the particular options, even though, the staff clearly stated these options were well within LAFCOs power to recommend.	1/3/2015 11:51 AM
5	The formation of a Joints Powers Authority for fire protection and emergency response might be the best option. If people were better inform. To many egos as far as Fire Chief, not enough information on if monies can be saved, how these monies could be used to better the service. Working with the CSFA as they have had programs to help rural areas volunteer fire departments. This has gone on deaf ears as far as the CSD'S. etc. Believe with more information that the joint powers for fire might be good for the whole.	12/21/2014 11:29 AM
6	Several questions seemed to be brought up but not addressed in the report. Audience members commented that LAFCO did not know about certain things, and since I don't know, either, I feel there's more work to be done.	12/15/2014 10:16 AM
7	I commend Kathy for sticking to topic and for fielding abrasive questions and comments... It was a 'just the facts' meeting, which I think raised more questions than actually provided answers, which in my opinion is a good thing; 'Status Quo' having its high points also generates a lethargy and complacency within our communities.	12/12/2014 11:17 AM
8	LAFCO Staff tried to accommodate all the audience questions, but were out-manned by the audience inquiries. Nice try though Kathy!	12/12/2014 10:34 AM
9	As a comment rather than a question, I made the observation that I was very dissatisfied with with this process and implied that we out here are a little tired of being told what is best for us by city people that have no clue what it is like to live as we do and are chronically overstepping their bounds. I also mentioned to the audience that this persecution has been going on for many years, and the only way that we have to show our dissatisfaction is to hold a single member of the Commission, our First District Supervisor responsible at the ballot box next time around. McDonald replied that these were not all city people and somehow that the commissioners are absolutely blameless. Her definition of rural must then be an area where it takes more than two minutes to get to the local burger joint. I can see the merit in consolidating the CSDs, however that consolidation should be initiated by the people of our area, not by a report from a grand jury that contains unnecessary and arbitrary recommendations precipitated by a few discontented conspiracy-theory prodigals having a tantrum because thry couldn't have their way in the majority Democratic process. These tantrums have resulted in almost constant persecution of our local districts for many years now. And the meetings between directors and LAFCO reps precipitated by this patently questionable innuendo have been characterized by arrogant, prefunctory, and condescending attitudes on the part of LAFCO. LAFCO, very frankly, should be reined in by the State of California. The agency, seeking to expand its powers, has entered realms that threaten the very fabric of democracy at the community level in order to satisfy grasping authority at county level. It's time to stop this travesty.	12/11/2014 11:05 AM
10	Methods for maintaining "The Status Quo" were not sufficiently addressed. Too much time was spent on doom and gloom options that would dissolve the sense of community many of us hold dear.	12/11/2014 8:16 AM

Q12 I reside in or own land in (you may choose more than one):

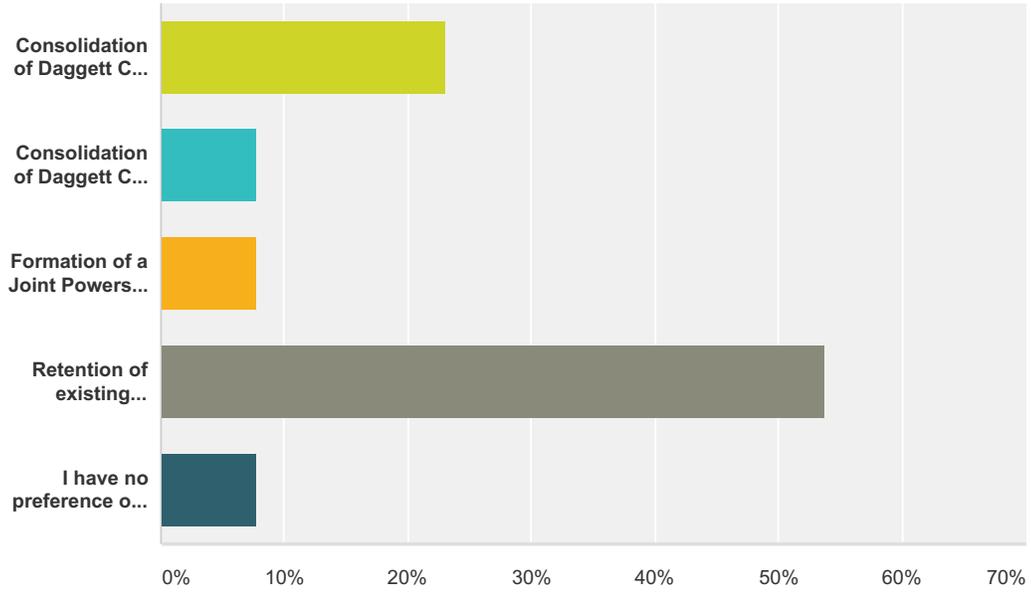
Answered: 52 Skipped: 15



Answer Choices	Responses
Daggett	19.23% 10
Newberry Springs	38.46% 20
Yermo	34.62% 18
None of the Above	11.54% 6
Total Respondents: 52	

Q13 My preference for continuing streetlighting, park & recreation, and fire protection & emergency medical response services for the Daggett and Yermo communities is:

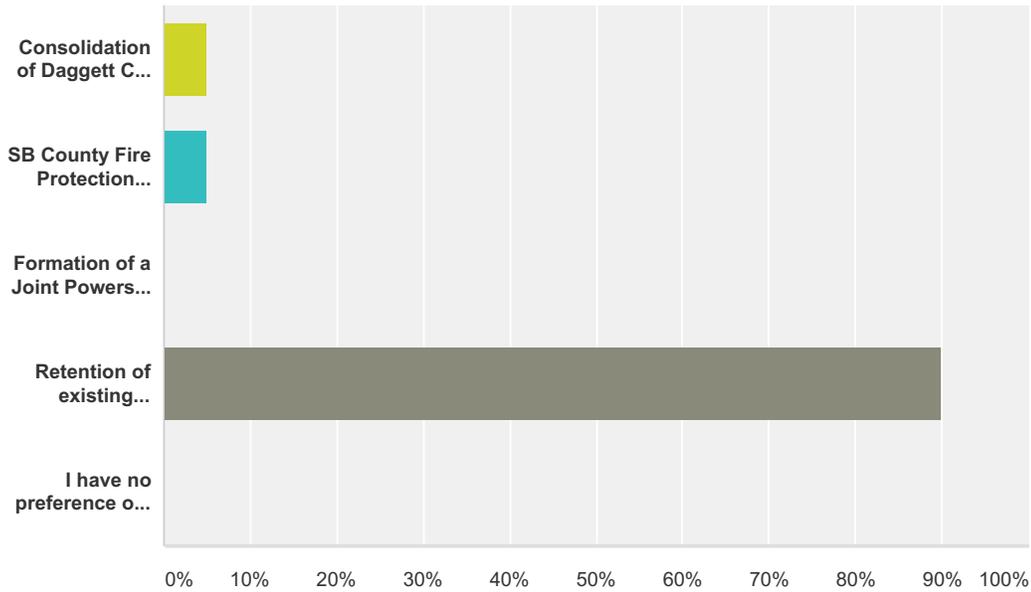
Answered: 26 Skipped: 41



Answer Choices	Responses
Consolidation of Daggett CSD, Newberry CSD, and Yermo CSD	23.08% 6
Consolidation of Daggett CSD and Yermo CSD	7.69% 2
Formation of a Joint Powers Authority for fire protection and emergency response	7.69% 2
Retention of existing separate districts - Daggett, Newberry, and Yermo CSDs	53.85% 14
I have no preference or opinion on the matter	7.69% 2
Total	26

Q14 My preference for continuing streetlighting, park & recreation, and fire protection & emergency medical response services for the Newberry Springs community is:

Answered: 20 Skipped: 47



Answer Choices	Responses
Consolidation of Daggett CSD, Newberry CSD, and Yermo CSD	5.00% 1
SB County Fire Protection District providing fire protection & emergency response to Newberry Springs	5.00% 1
Formation of a Joint Powers Authority for fire protection and emergency response	0.00% 0
Retention of existing separate districts - Daggett, Newberry, and Yermo CSDs	90.00% 18
I have no preference or opinion on the matter	0.00% 0
Total	20

Q15 Please submit any additional comments below:

Answered: 24 Skipped: 43

#	Responses	Date
1	Please note that if only Yermo & Daggett were to combine, then #14 would be retention of existing district for Newberry Springs (not an option on your survey). Thank you for your efforts to work towards a better community in our perceived future and this survey.	1/12/2015 10:54 AM
2	I would like 3 separate CSDs. However, some change in the fire protection and EMS services would probably be a good idea. All the pros and cons of each choice definitely need to be explained clearly in detail for anyone to make a choice. Thank you.	1/12/2015 10:49 AM
3	It is my opinion that large entity take overs are never good because of special interests hiding in the woodwork. We don't want hundred dollar water bills down the road, which is what happens when big companies take control of stuff. To put it bluntly, we don't want this proposal. Thanks, but no thanks.	1/12/2015 10:45 AM
4	Don't steal our money or water. Fix Cadiz. Don't let Orange County take water from the desert.	1/6/2015 11:50 AM
5	My preference is to keep Newberry Springs the way it is.	1/6/2015 11:45 AM
6	Just the way the Fire Dept. works, each district needs to be separate the way it is now. PLEASE keep things the way they are.	1/6/2015 11:43 AM
7	I feel and so do some others that you are trying to combine the three towns to make Newberry Springs residents pay for Yermo and Daggett. That is not right, keep the three towns separate. If you want to help, weed out the crooks and crackheads. That sounds pretty reasonable. Thanks for reading.	1/6/2015 11:16 AM
8	I left the meeting somewhat confused as to the overall goal of consolidation, beyond the economic side, as the staff clearly stated. I am, however, acutely aware now of the personalities involved, and why the communities have garnered such scrutiny! It may be helpful instead, if the county oversight authority sought to help and encourage the affected communities to solve their individual problems, before tasking LAFCO for a 'bandaid fix' proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.	1/3/2015 12:01 PM
9	Newberrians are country people, self-reliant, resourceful, and independent. We have little in common with Daggites or Yermites. Most Daggites and Yermites are town people, need government to take care of them, dependent, and un-resourceful and no one a proper Newberrian would want to have much to do with. After all, that is why most of us are in Newberry to begin with; to escape the antics of city minded people. Newberry has our own 4th of July parade and fireworks, Pistachio Festival, Senior Center(Family Center), four churches, We have some light manufacturing unknown to county because of the confiscatory conditional use fees. We would have more if they could afford to be visible. What have those town people done for their communities? Unfortunately, Newberry does have some vegetables living here. You should spend your resources moving them to Daggett and Yermo where they would be more comfortable.	12/28/2014 11:41 PM
10	You seem to have no respect for the rural lifestyle many in the areas have chosen to live. Not everyone chooses to live with streetlights and sidewalks. According to your job description you are to protect the rural areas not push them to "citify" themselves. You harp on lack of "water system" as keeping the area from growing. The MWA says we are in overdraft. You are working against our correcting this overdraft. We need a good Community Plan and have tried 2 times to accomplish this. Both times County defeated our efforts. Help us -- don't harass us.	12/28/2014 10:32 PM
11	To many people that bitch, that don't partake in the process. To many years of hearing the CSD's. different groups and people not getting any response from LAFCO or San Bernardino Co.	12/21/2014 11:41 AM
12	Daggett CSD is doing fine, the only thing that is fire, but that is why we have mutual aid to and from each other's area.	12/16/2014 7:01 AM
13	Although the material was presented well by the LAFCO representatives they admitted that recent changes and improvements by the CSDs was not factored in their assessment. I understand some of the reasons they could not use more current data but these recent changes show me that the CSDs are fixing the problems these consolidation plans are addressing. I don't think all of the potential problems with consolidation were presented. Money management is only one dimension of the CSD.	12/15/2014 11:42 PM

14	I am a volunteer firefighter with Yermo VFD. I have worked for other paid call and VFD's, as well as contract agencies. I can tell you from my own experience that Yermo has a professional and well run department, and having met personnel and seen equipment from Daggett and NS there is no comparison with the other 2 departments. While consolidation of the 3 may benefit Daggett and NS, in my personal opinion it would be detrimental to the residents of Yermo. Yermo has many firefighters who travel great distance to work there, myself included, as I have a 98 mile drive 1 way. Some of my fellow firefighters travel from LA County. If Daggett and NS want well trained personnel they need to provide professional leadership. Don't penalize Yermo for Daggett and NS lack of leadership.	12/15/2014 3:11 PM
15	The staff report was incomplete and felt very biased in its determinations. No mention of leaving the districts status quo and providing further education to each district to eliminate these issues in the future was ever proposed. It was simply consolidate, form a JPA, or stay the way you are. There are better, more cost effective options that would cause less resistance and achieve the desired result which should be to allow the people to govern themselves and have their voices heard in a small/manageable setting.	12/15/2014 1:37 PM
16	Newberry Springs is totally different from Yermo and Daggett. We would lose if we consolidated. And we would gain their problems. Fire Dept response times would be longer and our resources would be stretched thinner. So no to consolidation.	12/15/2014 10:19 AM
17	Newberry Springs is fine financially and performs service to the community well. I like leaving things that are working alone, if you believe merging Daggett and Yermo will help them, please do. But leave Newberry as is.	12/13/2014 4:09 PM
18	I am frightened at the prospect of not knowing the outcome of consolidating all three Districts, however I am an advocate for change for the better. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE: I believe additional equipment and training for the Fire Departments is crucial; Community Interest Advisory Liaisons must be put into place to represent the community public and their needs (public also to be encouraged to attend regular Board Meetings); an effective, safe and efficient Water Service securely in place and additional Streetlights to remove completely the fear of burglary and drug abuse in our streets. This safety factor to include maintenance of and safe space in our public parks and upgrade to our community centers, I do not believe there should be just ONE park, ONE fire station or ONE Community Center...but that all communities work together for the greater good.	12/12/2014 12:08 PM
19	The town of Daggett has been doing just fine. Paperwork and all of it legalities are properly taken care of, the parks are maintained, as are the community services and water. The town of Daggett has been able to keep it's own for generations and it will continue to do so for many generations to come.	12/12/2014 10:56 AM
20	After discussion with others, it is my opinion that the 'Status Quo' has had it's day and we need to try something else.	12/12/2014 10:35 AM
21	We simply need better resources and training for the management of these districts individually. People already in these positions genuinely do what is best for their community with what they already have.	12/12/2014 8:21 AM
22	BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT: Daggett CSD is run exceedingly well and Yermo from all accounts is a train wreck from their water services to scandals in their Fire Department et al. I DO NOT want Daggett to be corrupted also. Keep them separate. I get my water from Daggett Water and they run it outstandingly - in over 6 years living here I've never once had a problem. And the price for the water is reasonable. Now Daggett is not a rich community by any means and I don't want a Water Company coming in here and taking it over and arbitrarily just jacking up the prices. I live on 5 acres and have over 120 trees and 50 bushes to water. Exceedingly high water prices would ruin me. Leave the running of the Daggett Water Company alone.	12/12/2014 7:47 AM
23	In the three communities, there are three completely unique needs. Daggett is a VERY small rural community. I could see merging Daggett and Yermo. The two of them share resources and overlap in many ways. Yermo is a bedroom community or suburb of Barstow. They are beginning to have much more urban development. This is a completely different direction from Newberry. Newberry is an agricultural community. We produce world renowned koi fish at two different koi farms, alfalfa, ostrich, and we are known for our pistachios. Our area is much greater than that of the combined Yermo/Daggett area. Our needs are different because our area is greater and much more spread out. By consolidating the three CSD's, LAFCO would be doing a disservice to all three communities. Yes, there has been mismanagement. There needs to be more accountability and more oversight. Those who have been in charge of the CSD(s) in the past should be prohibited from participating in any way. There should be an investigation into the individual leaders. But combining the three communities is not the answer. Its like saying there is corruption in San Bernardino so lets combine it with Loma Linda and Redlands. It just doesn't make sense. I am against combining the CSD's. The fire protection should be with SB County fire to maximize the effectiveness and safety of protecting our homes against fire. But the parks and street lights, etc needs to remain in our community.	12/12/2014 6:14 AM
24	The Newberry Springs Volunteer Fire Department has a strong identity in our community. LAFCO doesn't seem to understand that proposals to dissolve it is viewed as a personal attack on our right to self-governance and sense of community.	12/11/2014 8:26 AM