

**Letter Dated August 13, 2015 from
the Twentynine Palms Water District**

Attachment 1



TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT

August 13, 2015

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Executive Officer
San Bernardino LAFCO
215 North "D" Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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RE: Request for Reduction of Fees

Dear Kathleen,

The Twentynine Palms Water District Board of Directors has approved the initiation of the application procedure to LAFCO for the divestiture of fire protection services from the Water District and annexation to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District. It is estimated the filing fees for this application will be:

Sphere Amendment	\$5,000
Reorganization	\$56,780
Divestiture	\$5,000
Deposits:	
Legal Counsel	\$1,150
Environmental	\$750
Legal Ad	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$69,680

The Board of Directors initiated this action because the fire function is operating solely on a fixed special parcel tax and the provision of fire protection services by the district is deemed to be unsustainable. In addition, the district faces an unfunded retirement liability that is estimated to exceed the district's available fund balance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that, as part of the application process, LAFCO consider approving a reduction in fees as follows:

Sphere Amendment	\$5,000
Reorganization	\$10,000
Divestiture	\$5,000
Deposits:	
Legal Counsel	\$1,150
Environmental	\$750
Legal Ad	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$22,900

Sincerely,

Jim Thompson
Fire Chief