

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING

LAFCO 3206 – REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATIONS TO THE SAN BERNARDINO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ITS SOUTH DESERT SERVICE ZONE, ITS SERVICE ZONE FP-5 AND FORMATION OF ZONE FP-5 NEEDLES

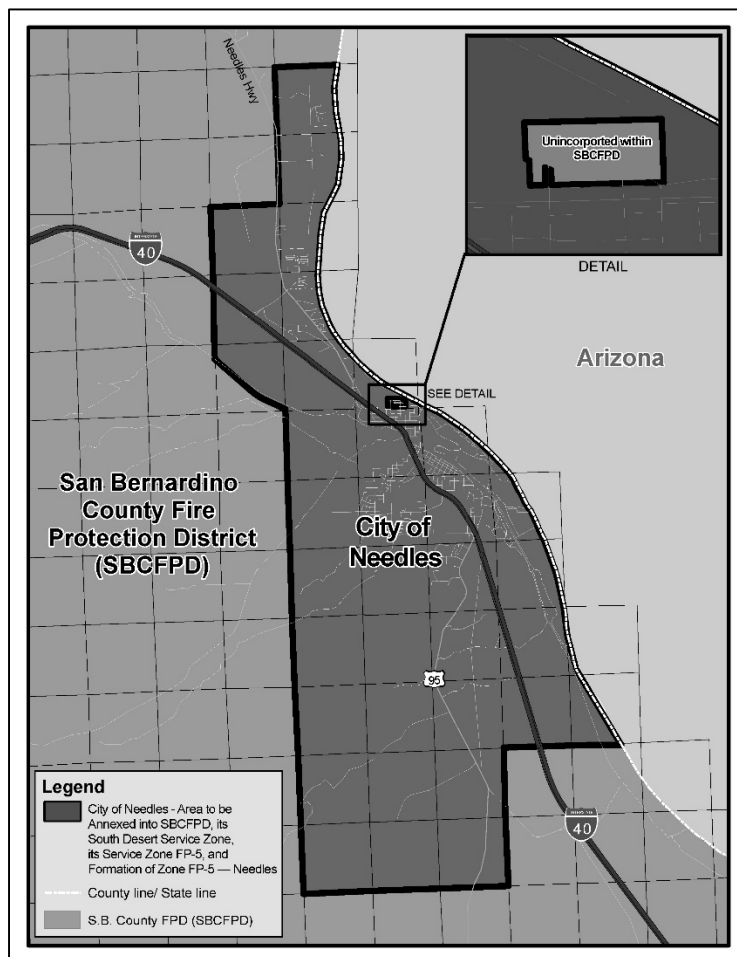
This Notice is to advise you that the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will be considering a proposal for annexation into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (hereafter SBCFPD or County Fire) at its **April 20, 2016** hearing which includes property which you own and/or where you reside within the City of Needles. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. in the City of San Bernardino City Council Chambers located at 300 North “D” Street, San Bernardino. Below is a summary of the referenced proposal.

TITLE: LAFCO 3206 – Reorganization to include Annexation to the San Bernardino Fire Protection District, its South Desert Service Zone, its Service Zone FP-5 and the Formation of Zone FP-5 Needles

AREA: The study area encompasses the entirety of the corporate boundaries of the City of Needles, comprising approximately 20,998 acres.

PURPOSE: The purpose is to annex the City territory into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, its South Desert Service Zone, its Service Zone FP-5 and form Zone FP-5 Needles. This change of organization will entail the transfer of the City’s Fire Department employees, assets, obligations, liabilities and responsibilities to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and its related service zones. The consideration of the proposed reorganization will include the annexation into San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Service Zone FP-5 which includes a special tax for funding of fire protection and emergency medical response services. This special tax includes an annual inflationary rate of up to a maximum 3% increase. The current rate for FP-5 is \$143.92 per parcel for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The formation of Zone FP-5 Needles will provide for accounting and transparency of revenue and expenditures related to the City of Needles.

A map of the reorganization area is shown below:



The City Council of the City of Needles and the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District initiated the reorganization proposal by adoption of resolutions of application. The reason for this proposal, as outlined in these resolutions, is to provide safe and financially sustainable fire protection services to the City of Needles.

If you have any questions regarding the reorganization process or this notice, please contact the LAFCO staff at (909) 388-0480, at our mailing address, 215 North D Street Suite 204, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490, or by email at lafo@lafo.sbcounty.gov. The staff report for this item will be available for review on the LAFCO Website (www.sbclafo.org) at approximately 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016.

For background information and/or questions on the services to be provided by County Fire, please contact South Desert Division Chief John Chamberlin at (760) 365-3335 or by mail at 6942 Airway Avenue, Suite A, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

For background information on the on the City of Needles fire service transfer, please contact Mr. Rick Daniels, City Manager, City of Needles at (760) 326-2113 or by mail at 817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION



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Dated March 29, 2016