

# **NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING**

## **LAFCO 3200 – REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATIONS TO THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ITS SOUTH DESERT ZONE AND SERVICE ZONE FP-5 AND DIVESTITURE OF FIRE POWERS FROM THE TWENTYNINE PALMS WATER DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that a Protest Hearing will be held by the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for San Bernardino County. **THE HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER IN THE JOSHUA ROOM LOCATED AT 385 N. ARROWHEAD AVENUE, SAN BERNARDINO, ON APRIL 25, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**, to hear and receive any oral or written protests, objections, or evidence which are made, presented, or filed regarding LAFCO 3200.

The purpose of the proposal is to annex the entirety of the Water District's boundary to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (County Fire) and its South Desert Service Zone. This change of organization will include the transfer of all the Water District's fire responsibilities including the transfer of Fire Department employees, assets, obligations, and liabilities to County Fire and its related service zone. The approval of the proposed reorganization will also include the annexation into County Fire's Service Zone FP-5, which includes the service area of the Twentynine Palms community defined as the entirety of the Water District, including the area that is already in County Fire's existing service area located between Morongo Road and the City of Twentynine Palms (along Mesquite Springs Road) and south of the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (see hatched area on the map below). The annexation to Service Zone FP-5 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. If the maximum 3% increase is applied for FY 2016-17, the annual tax will be \$148.24 per assessed parcel.

The reorganization area is shown on the map available for review in the LAFCO office, located at 215 N. "D" Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490, and on our website:

[Click here to view the reorganization area map](#)

The Board of Directors of the Twentynine Palms Water District 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:

- (1) Maintain the existing levels of services while providing for a sustainable revenue source to provide for said service within the Twentynine Palms community;
- (2) Permit the Twentynine Palms Water District and County Fire to streamline fire protection services to the proposal area so as to provide for orderly growth and development within the Twentynine Palms community; and,
- (3) Permit all affected agencies to provide the scope of municipal services to the proposal area.

The proposed terms and conditions for this reorganization are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3216 adopted by the Commission on February 17, 2016, which is available for review in the LAFCO office, and on our website at the addresses listed above.

[Click here to view the proposal](#)

**How to file a Protest:** Any registered voter or owner of land within the territory proposed to be reorganized may file an official protest. Such protest must be made in writing and submitted to the LAFCO office prior to the conclusion of the Protest Hearing. The written protest must be signed and 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 email. **Protest forms are to be submitted or mailed to the LAFCO office, 215 N. "D" Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490.**

Protest submitted for a landowner must contain the address of the land owned within the proposal and the Assessor Parcel Number. Protest submitted for a registered voter must include the name of the voter, signature and address as they appear on the affidavit of registration.

[Click here to view and print the landowner protest petition form](#)

[Click here to view and print the registered voter protest petition form](#)

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or by email at: [lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov](mailto:lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov)

Dated: March 24, 2016

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
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