

# NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

## **LAFCO 3218 – REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATIONS TO THE SAN BERNARDINO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ITS NORTH DESERT SERVICE ZONE AND APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, DETACHMENTS FROM HESPERIA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND APPLE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, AND DIVESTITURE OF FIRE PROTECTION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES FROM THE HESPERIA FIRE PROTECTION 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 **City of Hesperia City Hall, Council Chambers, located at 9700 Seventh Avenue, Hesperia, California, on August 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**, to hear and receive any oral or written protests, objections, or evidence which are made, presented, or filed regarding LAFCO 3218. *Una copia de este aviso está disponible en español a través por internet, accesible por la página de inicio del sitio de LAFCO ([www.sbclafco.org](http://www.sbclafco.org)).*

The purpose of this proposal is to annex the entirety of the Hesperia Fire Protection District's boundary, encompassing approximately 46,674 acres (72.9 Sq. miles), into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (County Fire) and its North Desert Service Zone. This reorganization also includes detachments from Hesperia Fire Protection District (FPD) and annexations to Apple Valley FPD encompassing a total of approximately 61.95 acres and detachments from Apple Valley FPD and annexations to County Fire and its North Desert Service Zone encompassing a total of approximately 254.52 acres to allow for realignment along the Mojave River. This change of organization, which includes the divestiture of fire protection, emergency medical response and ambulance services from the Hesperia FPD, will include the transfer of the Hesperia FPD's responsibilities including the transfer of its assets, obligations, and liabilities (excluding CalPERS); the administration of its Community Facilities District #94-01; and the transfer of a portion of the special tax proceeds attributable to fire protection and emergency medical response services from Community Facilities District #2005-1 to County Fire's North Desert Service Zone. The Hesperia FPD will remain in existence to ensure its continued participation in CalPERS on an ongoing inactive status to allow for payments of Hesperia FPD's unfunded CalPERS obligations whose obligation it retains.

The reorganization annexation area is shown on the map available for review in the LAFCO office, located at 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490, and on our website:

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

The Board of Directors for the Hesperia Fire Protection District and the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District initiated the reorganization proposal by each adopting a resolution of application. The reasons specified in these resolutions are:

Both resolutions identify: "The reasons for this proposal are to permit the subject agencies to streamline fire protection services to the subject territory so as to provide orderly growth and development within the subject territory; and to permit all agencies authorized to provide the scope of municipal services to extend their boundaries to cover the subject territory in one action."

County Fire also included the following: "the reorganization is to provide effective, safe, and financially sustainable fire protection, emergency medical response and ambulance services to the Hesperia Fire Protection District".

The proposed terms and conditions for this reorganization are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3266 adopted on May 16, 2018, which is available for review in the LAFCO office, and on our website:

[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. All protest must be made in writing and submitted either:

- (1) To the LAFCO office, 1170 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490 prior to the conclusion of the Protest Hearing on August 23, 2018, or
- (2) At the Protest Hearing to be held at the City of Hesperia City Hall, Council Chambers on August 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.

**The written protest must be signed and dated during the official 60-day protest period, which begins on June 25, 2018 and ends on August 23, 2018 at the close of the Protest Hearing. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to June 25, 2018, or received after the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or email.**

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

**HOW TO OBTAIN A PROTEST FORM:**

A Protest Form (usable for both landowners and registered voters) is available from the LAFCO website, [www.sbclafco.org](http://www.sbclafco.org)., accessed from the front page. Protest Forms may also be picked up in person at the LAFCO office, 1170 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, California 92415-0490. If you wish to receive a protest form by mail, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or by email at:  
[lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov](mailto:lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov)

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

**CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS:**

Disclosure of contributions in support of or in opposition to the proceedings for completion of a change of organization is required by Government Code Section 57009. The Commission has adopted policies related to compliance with this directive as outlined in its *Policy and Procedure Manual, Section IV Application Processing, Chapter 1 Proposals, Policy 15 Campaign Disclosure Requirements*. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is responsible for enforcement of these disclosure requirements. Questions may be directed to the FPPC: by mail at Fair Political Practices Commission, 428 J Street, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA 95814, by phone at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3722) or electronically at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

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: June 25, 2018

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

BY: ANGELA SCHELL, Administrative Assistant