

Rolling Five-Year Municipal Service Review Schedule

FY2027 Through FY2031

San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission

Subdivision of the State of California |
Regional Service Planning

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) were established in 1963 as political subdivisions of the State of California responsible for providing regional growth management services in all 58 counties. LAFCOs' authority is currently codified under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 ("CKH") with principal oversight provided by the Assembly Committee on Local Government. LAFCOs are comprised of locally elected and appointed officials with regulatory and planning powers delegated by the Legislature to coordinate and oversee the establishment, expansion, and organization of cities, towns, and special districts as well as their municipal service areas. LAFCOs' creation was engendered by Governor Edmund "Pat" Brown Sr. (1959-1967) to address the needs of California's growing and diversifying population more effectively with an emphasis on promoting governmental efficiencies.

STUDY DIRECTIVE

State law directs San Diego LAFCO to review spheres of influence for all cities and special districts and update as needed (affirm, expand, reduce, etc.) every five years and by extension mark the agencies' appropriate current and future boundaries and service areas. Pertinently, local agencies cannot annex and/or extend services outside their spheres with limited exceptions. State law also specifies San Diego LAFCO must inform the sphere updates by preparing comprehensive evaluations – titled municipal service reviews – to determine the availability and adequacy of local governmental services as well as governance responsiveness relative to community needs.

FIVE-YEAR STUDY SCHEDULE

San Diego LAFCO has established a five-year rolling Study Schedule to guide its statutory task to review and update as appropriate the spheres of influence of cities and special districts under the Commission's oversight. The rolling Study Schedule is premised on the Commission's policy interest to proactively calendar municipal service reviews and use these documents to determine the subsequent scope of any related sphere of influence updates for the affected agencies. The Commission also regularly draws on the municipal service reviews to inform its decision-making on boundary changes.

ROLLING STUDY SCHEDULE FORMAT

The Study Schedule is a living or rolling document that the Commission resets yearly in concert with the annual budget and workplan adoptions. The rolling study schedule spans 5 fiscal years with only the first two-years being set. The third through fifth years are tentatively calendared, and done so to help guide and telegraph future decision-making. This approach allows the Commission the flexibility to redirect staff resources where needed should calendar studies extend beyond one year while also granting staff the ability to prioritize applicant proposals.

SET: COASTAL COUNTY FOCUS

CARLSBAD + ENCINITAS REGION

Part II: Encinitas Subregion

- City of Encinitas
- Leucadia WWD
- Olivenhain MWD
- San Dieguito WD

SAN MARCOS + VISTA REGION

Part I: San Marcos Subregion

- City of San Marcos
- Vallecitos WD
- San Marcos FPD

Part II: Vista Subregion

- City of Vista
- Buena SD
- Vista ID

DEL MAR + SOLANA BEACH REGION

- City of Del Mar
- City of Solana Beach
- Santa Fe ID

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG)

HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Part I: Healthcare Districts

- Palomar HD
- Tri-City HD
- Fallbrook HD
- Grossmont HD

Part II: Quasi-Public Providers

- Sharp San Diego
- UC San Diego
- Other Community Providers

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SOUTH COAST REGION

Part I: Cities

- City of Chula Vista
- City of National City

Part II: Special Districts

- South Bay Water
- Sweetwater Authority
- Bonita-Sunnyside FPD
- Lower Sweetwater FPD

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT



SWEETWATER PARK, CHULA VISTA BAYFRONT

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TENTATIVE: SOUTHWEST COUNTY FOCUS

RANCHO SANTA FE REGION

- Fairbanks Ranch CSD
- Questhaven MWD
- Rancho Santa Fe CSD
- Rancho Santa Fe FPD
- Whispering Palms CSD

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WASTEWATER JPA'S

- Encinitas JPA
- San Elijo JPA
- Metro JPA

SILVER STRAND CITIES

- City of Coronado
- City of Imperial Beach

PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES

- North County Transit District
- Metropolitan Transit Service

CEMETERY SERVICES

- North County CD
- Pomerado CD
- Ramona CD
- Valley Center CD
- Other


EAST COUNTY HIKING TRAILS

TENTATIVE: EAST COUNTY FOCUS

OTAY WATER DISTRICT

LA MESA - LEMON GROVE REGION
- City of La Mesa
- City of Lemon Grove
- Lemon Grove SD

EL CAJON - SANTEE REGION
- City of El Cajon
- City of Santee

SOUTHEAST WATER DISTRICTS
- Lakeside WD
- Helix WD
- Padre Dam MWD

EAST COUNTY FPD'S
- Lakeside FPD
- San Miguel Consolidated FPDs
- Alpine FPD

SAN DIEGO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

COUNTYWIDE RECYCLED WATER SERVICES

SAN DIEGO COUNTY AIRPORTS

METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

COUNTYWIDE POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES



TENTATIVE: MISCELLANEOUS

COUNTYWIDE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES
(FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMS)

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

COUNTY SERVICE AREAS
- CSA 17 - Ambulance, San Dieguito
- CSA 26 - Parks and Recreation, Rancho San Diego
- CSA 81 - Parks and Recreation, Fallbrook
- CSA 83 - Parks and Recreation, San Dieguito
- CSA 122 - Infrastructure Planning, Otay East
- CSA 128 - Parks and Recreation, Spring Valley
- CSA 135 - Regional Communications, Countywide
- CSA 136 - Flood Control and Drainage, Lakeside
- CSA 137 - Retail Water Services, Live Oak Springs
- CSA 138 - Parks and Recreation, Valley Center

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT + VECTOR SERVICES

PAUMA VALLEY REGION
- Mootami MWD
- Rincon Ranch CSD
- Pauma CSD
- San Luis Rey MWD
- Yuima MWD

BORREGO REGION
- Borrego WD
- Coachella Valley WD

EAST LAGUNA SUMMIT REGION
- Canebrake WD
- Descanso WD
- Jacumba CSD

GEOLOGICAL HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICTS
- Casa de Playa Geologic HAD
- Oceanus Geologic HAD



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