

June 7, 2001 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

## **Grand Jury Report – Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services**

Dear Members of the Commission:

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive the Grand Jury Report, take any public testimony and decide, either today or at a future meeting, whether or not to undertake an evaluation of aspects of the organization of fire protection and emergency medical services in Santa Barbara County, as recommended by the Grand Jury.

### DISCUSSION

The enclosed report of the 2000-01 County Grand Jury, “A Regional Approach to Providing Better Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to Santa Barbara County Residents,” recommends, on page 24, that your Commission consider conducting a study of this subject.

The report recommends that LAFCO conduct a study, in consultation with affected parties, into the possible consolidation or reorganization of services including fire prevention and suppression and centralized dispatch for fire and emergency medical response. It is recommended a committee be utilized in the study process including participants from the affected agencies.

Clearly, the type of study envisioned by the Grand Jury is within LAFCO’s purposes and powers. Government Code Section 56301 states that

56301. Among the purposes of a commission are discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services, and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances.

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One of the objects of the commission is to make studies and to obtain and furnish information which will contribute to the logical and reasonable development of local agencies in each county and to shape the development of local agencies so as to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of each county and its communities.

The staff has not evaluated the scope of such a study, costs or time that would be involved, preferring to wait until the Commission has an opportunity to consider this matter, take testimony and determine whether to become a participant in this matter.

The staff notified all fire protection and emergency service agencies in the County of this meeting. A list of the agencies contacted is attached.

If you have any questions please contact the LAFCO office.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN

Executive Officer

## Fire Protection and Emergency Service Agencies in Santa Barbara County

### Cities that provide fire protection services

City of Guadalupe  
City of Lompoc  
City of Santa Barbara  
City of Santa Maria  
City of Solvang

### Special Districts that provide fire protection services

Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District  
Montecito Fire Protection District  
Orcutt Fire Protection District  
Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District

### County of Santa Barbara

County Administrator Mike Brown  
Public Health Director Roger Heroux  
County EMS Director Nancy Lapolla  
Sheriff Jim Thomas

### State Agencies

University of California, Santa Barbara  
California Department of Forestry (CDF)

### Federal Agencies

Vandenberg Air Force Base  
Los Padres National Forest

### Private Agencies

American Medical Response (AMR)