

# LAFCO

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**Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission**  
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February 7, 2002 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission  
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

## **LAFCO Financial Status Report as of January 29, 2002**

Dear Members of the Commission:

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive this report and provide direction to the staff.

### DISCUSSION

This report summarizes LAFCO expenditures and revenues through January 29. With about 50% of the Fiscal Year elapsed, we have expended 27% of the approved appropriations and have received 86.5% of projected revenues.

Most local agencies have contributed their proportionate share of LAFCO's budget as determined and invoiced by the County Auditor. The following agencies have not yet made payment.

City of Guadalupe (\$1,670.42) – The City Manager indicates that the payment is being processed.

Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (\$12,677.49) – The District Controller informs us that payment is being processed.

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District (\$336.95) – The District staff informs us that payment is being processed.

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 (\$5,725.88) – It appears that this District's apportioned cost may be paid by its "parent district," the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. Enclosed is recent correspondence to the District.

Lompoc Health Care District (\$31,320.44) – The District has contested paying its calculated share of the LAFCO budget, contending it is being called on to bear a disproportionate amount of the districts' share of the costs.

In November the staff was directed to explore with the independent special districts the possibility of implementing an alternate formula for allocating costs among districts. We discussed this matter with the Executive Committee of the Special Districts Association and, based on that meeting, we believe that a majority of special districts would not support an alternative cost allocation formula for the current fiscal year.

The districts appear open to discussing cost allocation methodologies for next year's budget but since bills have been sent and most have been paid for the current year it does not appear likely that a change in the existing allocation would find sufficient support. For this reason we did not attempt to convene a meeting of the Independent Special District Selection Committee.

The procedure in the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Act for ensuring payments from local agencies is set forth in Government Code §56381:

“If the county, a city or an independent special district does not remit its required payments within sixty (60) days the Commission may determine an appropriate method of collecting the required payments, including a request to the Auditor to collect an equivalent amount from the property tax or any fee or eligible revenue owed to the county, city or district.”

The Auditor is required to provide written notice to the agency prior to appropriating a share of its property tax or other revenue for payment to LAFCO. Costs incurred by LAFCO and by the Auditor in collecting late payments or successfully challenging non-payment can be added to the payment owed to LAFCO.

We have made the General Manager of the Lompoc Health Care District aware of the fact that this matter will be considered by the Commission at the February 7 meeting and have requested that he be present to discuss this issue with the Commission.

Very truly yours,

BOB BRAITMAN  
Executive Officer

cc: Bob Geis, Auditor Controller  
Jim Raggio, Lompoc Health Care District

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FY 2001-2002 - BUDGET STATUS REPORT

**As of January 29, 2002; 50% of fiscal year elapsed.**

	<u>Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>Experienced Year-to-Date</u>	
Services & Supplies	\$ 426 650	\$ 114 997	27.0%.
Other Charges	<u>850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 427 500	\$ 114 997	27.0%
Revenue	<hr/> - \$ 448 095	<hr/> - \$ 387 537	86.5%
Variance	<hr/> -\$ 20 595	<hr/> - \$ 272 540	

Attached are detailed Expenditure and Revenue Status reports.