

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Proposed 2019-2020 Santa Barbara LAFCO Budget

April 4, 2019

Background

- LAFCO is an independent commission established by the legislature to carry out specific duties and objectives. It is responsible for adopting its budget to fulfill the purposes described in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.
- Government Code Section 56381 requires LAFCO, after conducting public hearings, to:
 - Adopt a proposed budget for the next fiscal year not later than May 1. This is transmitted to the County, each city and each independent special district for their review and comment.
 - Adopt the final budget for the next fiscal year by June 15.

Summary of Proposed Budget

The recommended Proposed Budget is \$385,750 a decrease of \$119,713 below the current year budget. The main reasons for the reduction are

- 1) Revenues from LAFCO processing fees increased by \$15,000 over budget,
- 2) The General Fund Cost Allocation (CAP) decreased by \$54,647 compared to the current year's budget, and
- 3) There is no recommended contribution to contingency reserve because the reserve is now adequate to fund unanticipated expenses such as litigation and other legal services, professional services, and other unexpected and other unbudgeted expenses. Any year-end fund balance will also be added to reserves.

Proposed 2018-19 LAFCO Budget

<u>Proposed Budget Summary</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget 2018-19</u>	<u>Proposed 2019-20</u>	<u>Change</u>
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 17 225	\$ 16 800	\$ - 425
Contracted Staff Support	235 000	235 000	0
Services & Supplies	171 597	132 350	- 39 247
Other Charges	<u>1 641</u>	<u>1 600</u>	<u>- 41</u>
Total	425 463	385 750	119 713
Contingencies	80 000	0	- 80 000
Total Appropriations	505 463	385 750	119 713
Revenues	505 463	385 750	119 713

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Commission:
 1. Review the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20, accept all public testimony and approve the Proposed Budget as presented.
 2. Direct the staff to distribute the approved Proposed Budget to cities, special districts and the County as required by Government Code Section 56381.
 3. Schedule a public hearing for May 2, 2019 to consider and adopt the Final Budget.