



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
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SUBJECT: Comments from the County of San Luis Obispo on the application to dissolve the Cayucos Fire Protection District.

Mr. Church,

On July 6, 2017 the Cayucos Fire Protection District (CFPD) Board of Directors voted to submit an application to your agency, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), to dissolve the Cayucos Fire Protection District. I have reviewed the application documents you provided and this letter transmits the County's comments on the application and the application process.

The District's application proposes that responsibility for fire and medical response services be transferred to the County of San Luis Obispo. Under California state law the provision of fire protection services in the unincorporated area of a county is a discretionary activity. As such, action on the District's request will require a formal decision of the County Board of Supervisors. The County formally requests that LAFCO pause consideration of the District's application for dissolution to allow the County Board of Supervisors time to agendize a discussion of the Districts' request.

The County also requests two corrections to the application documents. First, On page 21, item #3 "State reason(s) for requesting the proposed action" the District writes: "...CPFD IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE OVER SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS WITH THE CFPD BOUNDARIES." This statement is not correct and the County requests that it be removed from the final application document. While the District has, on occasion, discussed issues and concerns with the County Fire Department, no negotiations have taken place. As noted above, until the Board of Supervisors has taken action, County staff have no authority to negotiate with the District.

Second, in the Draft Plan for Services item #4 "Budget Financial Plan" should include the District's proposed budget necessary to support the proposed level of services, including commensurate operating costs and projected capital expenditures. The attached budget document appears to be the District's current year budget.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. O'Quest".

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