



September 5, 2017

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mr. David Church  
Executive Officer  
San Luis Obispo LAFCO

Re: Cayucos Fire Protection District's LAFCO Application to Dissolve

Dear Mr. Church:

Please find attached the Cayucos Fire Protection District's LAFCO application to dissolve the District.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since its inception in 1948, the Cayucos Fire Protection District has provided fire and rescue services to Cayucos. We are at a point where the District can no longer provide these services with the resources we have available. The Board of Directors has worked diligently to find a solution. The topic of dissolution has been discussed at regular Board of Directors meetings, special meetings, social media sites, as well as, print and television media to inform the community of this eventuality.

On April 6, 2017, the Board appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee to review the cost of delivering fire protection and emergency services to the citizens of Cayucos through each of the proposed models.

1. The proposed cost for fire protection services from the Cayucos Fire Protection District to provide 2.0 staffing on the fire engine, training, maintenance, and supervision, fire marshal, and support services 24/7 career firefighters and EMT or better.
2. The proposed cost of a contract with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide 2.0 staffing on the fire engine, training, maintenance, supervision, fire marshal, and support services 24/7 career firefighters and EMT or better.
3. The proposed cost to turn over fire protection to the County of San Luis Obispo to provide 2.0 staffing on the fire engine, training, maintenance, supervision, fire marshal, and support services 24/7 career firefighters and EMT or better.

The advisory committee reported its findings and the Board discussed and took action at its June 1, 2017, board meeting. It was clear from these findings as well as budget workshops and operational reviews that the fire department is unable to sustain the model that is currently being used to deliver emergency services to the citizens of Cayucos. The Board determined that the only viable solution was to dissolve the District and request the County of San Luis Obispo assume fire protection for the community of Cayucos.

The application package includes:

1. LAFCO Application, Cayucos Fire Protection District
2. Certified Resolution 2017-06 Dissolution of the Cayucos Fire Protection District
3. Copy of the District Boundary Map
4. Copy of District Legal Description
5. Plan for Services

## **SUMMARY**

In summary, the Cayucos Fire Protection District has provided service for almost 70 years. As a volunteer department it has become increasingly difficult to attract and retain new volunteers, promote new funding sources, and continue as a stand-alone department. As the times have changed, it is necessary for the department to change with these times. The Board of Directors was elected to ensure that the citizens of Cayucos receive fire and rescue services as a top priority. Consequently, after reviewing all options, it was necessary for the Board to take action to dissolve the fire protection district and request the County of San Luis Obispo assume fire protection for the community of Cayucos.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Beightler, Chairperson  
Cayucos Fire Protection Board of Directors

Enclosures