



LAFCo: Your Partner in Smart Growth

Yolo LAFCo and Local Government Overview

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Why LAFCo?

Local Agency Formation Commissions

- ▶ Post-WWII population boom and increased car mobility moved population out of cities and into suburbs
- ▶ Proliferation of developers seeking special districts as means to provide services led to inefficiency
- ▶ Deteriorating city revenues created annexation land grabs
- ▶ State concern about misuse of land resources
- ▶ 1961 State Boundary Commission created (and failed)
- ▶ **1963 State created LAFCos in every county for local control**



LAFCo's Legislative Intent

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (a.k.a. “CKH” or “LAFCo Law”)

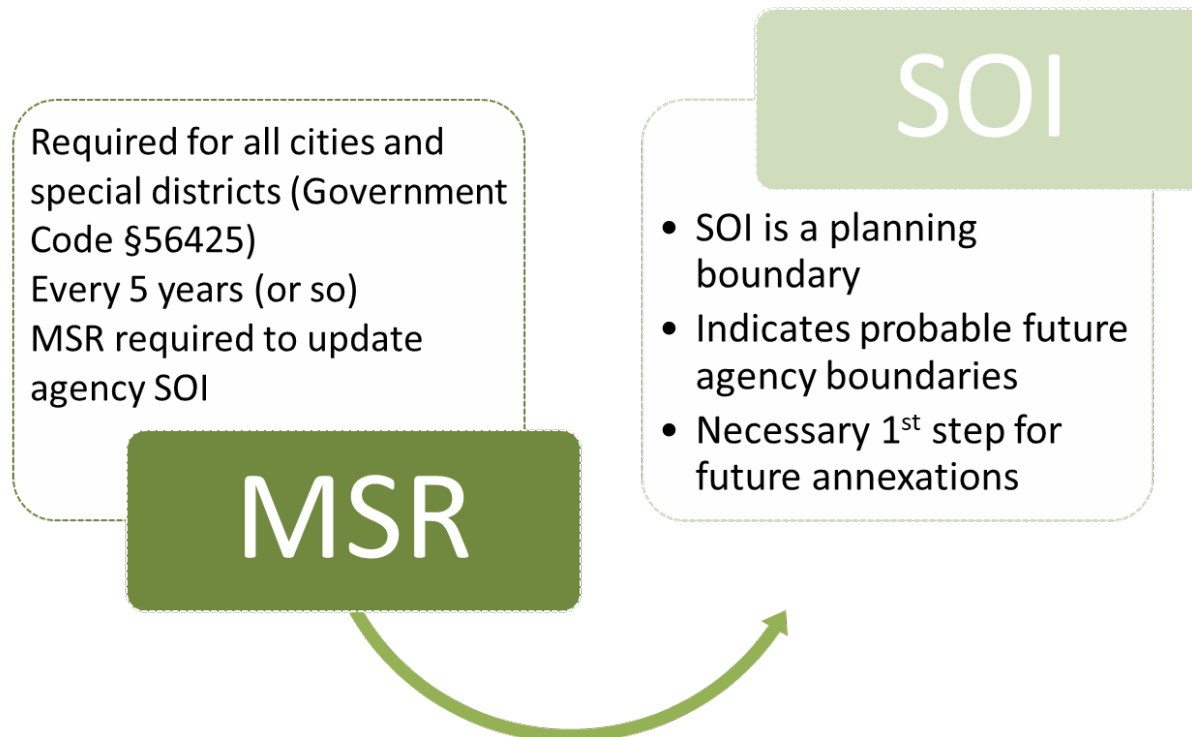
“Discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing government services and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies based upon local conditions and circumstances...”

In short: We organize local government to promote efficient community services and protect ag/open space

How do LAFCos achieve this intent?

1. Function as a think tank or research institute to help shape the evolution of local government countywide

This legislative intent became “Municipal Service Reviews” conducted every 5 years. MSR’s study capacity, financial ability, and accountability and evaluates structure, governance, and operation and possible areas for improvement, efficiencies, and/or coordination



How do LAFCos achieve this intent?

2. Implement “changes of organization” (often as anticipated or suggested by MSR/SOI studies) as requested or LAFCo initiated

- ▶ *Create new or dissolve outdated districts (formation/dissolution)*
- ▶ *Expand or decrease size of agencies (annexations/detachments)*
- ▶ *Clean up and simplify districts (mergers/consolidations)*
- ▶ *Change authorized services for districts*
- ▶ *Authorize extending services outside agency boundaries (in certain situations where needed)*

LAFCo decisions affect local government structure/efficiencies, urban form, public services, infrastructure, and government finances

What other things does Yolo LAFCo do that supports our mission?

3. Shared Services

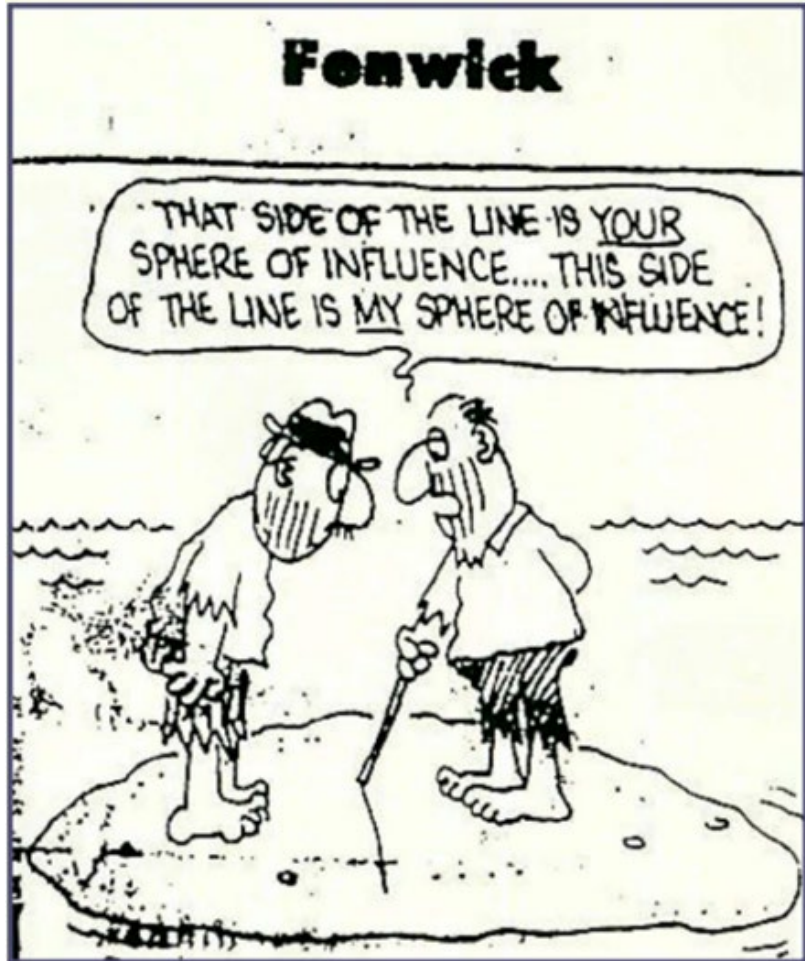
Other informational studies:

- ▶ Yolo County Animal Services Governance Study (2013)
- ▶ Yolo Broadband Strategic Plan (2015)
- ▶ MSRs on certain Joint Powers Authorities (began 2017+)
- ▶ Agency Website Transparency Scorecard (began 2017+)

Acting as a convener to facilitate collaborative conversations:

- ▶ YED-Talks (began 2012+ paused in 2025)
- ▶ Bring local agencies together as-needed to resolve regional issues

LAFCo's work with Yolo County:



- ▶ Managing city-county interface
- ▶ Growth via annexations
- ▶ Municipal services for CSAs
- ▶ Authorizing extended services outside of special districts (in certain circumstances)

County Service Areas

CSA	Authorized Services
Dunnigan (#11)	Street lighting
El Macero (#1)	Water Sewer Street (maintenance & ROW landscaping) Drainage
Garcia Bend (#9)	Fire protection
North Davis Meadows (#10)	Water Sewer Landscaping Street lighting Drainage
Snowball (#6)	Flood control
Wild Wings (#15)	Water Wastewater Recreation (golf course)
Willowbank (#12)	Water (service inactive)

Special Districts Overseen by LAFCo

Cemetery Districts (6)

Community Services Districts (4)

County Service Areas (7)

Drainage District (1)

Fire Protection Districts (15)

Reclamation Districts (10)

Resource Conservation District (1)

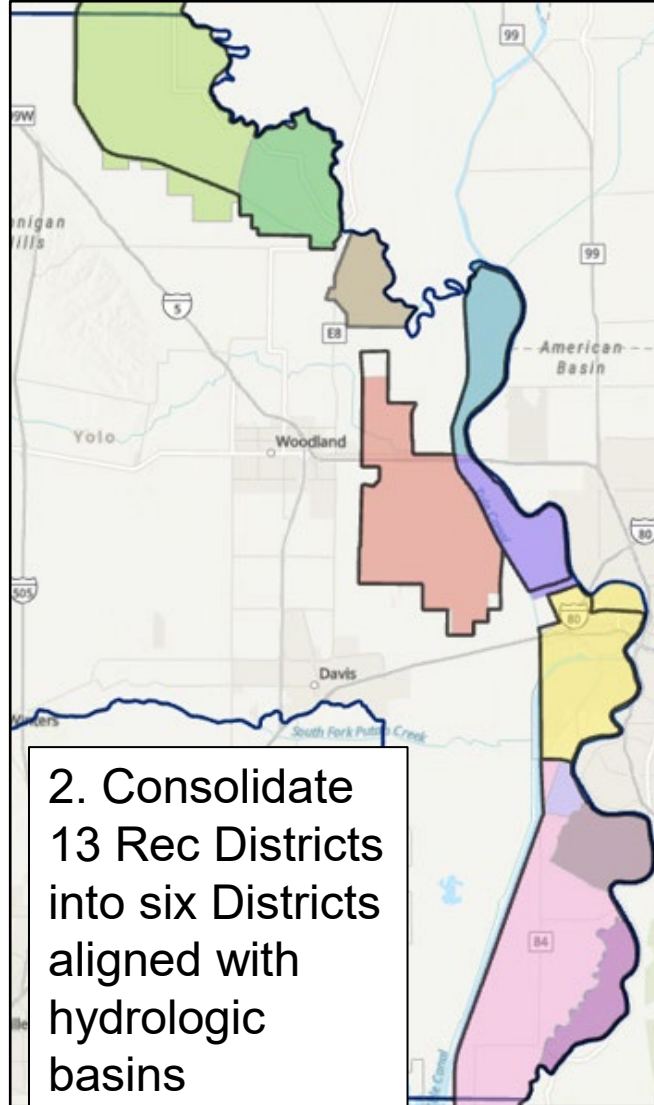
River Port District (1)

Irrigation Districts (2)

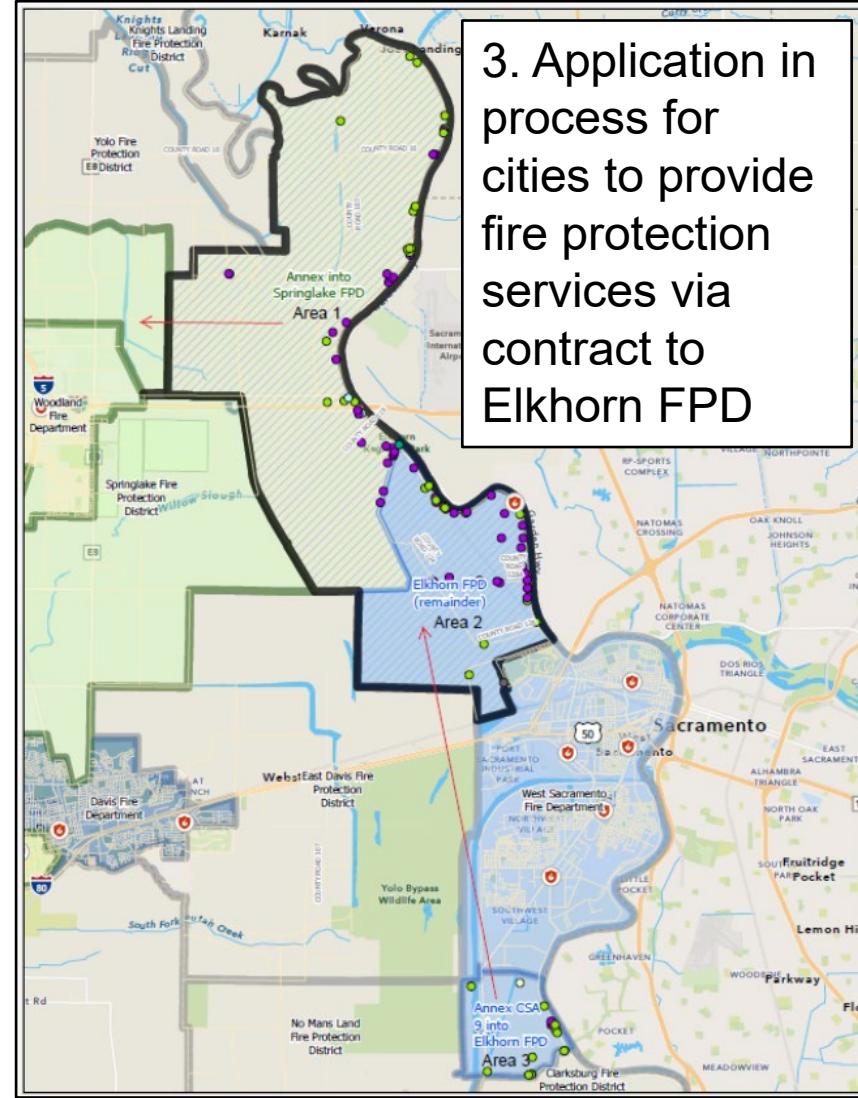
Total Special Districts = 47

Acting on MSR Recommendations

1. Reviewing CSD reorganization options: Cacheville, Knights Landing, and Madison are too small to be sustainable



2. Consolidate 13 Rec Districts into six Districts aligned with hydrologic basins



3. Application in process for cities to provide fire protection services via contract to Elkhorn FPD



LAFCo Composition

- ▶ County Members (2 regular, plus 1 alternate) are County Supervisors
- ▶ City Members (2 regular, plus 1 alternate) are City Council
- ▶ Public Member (1 regular, plus 1 alternate) at large

Regular Members

- ▶ Bill Biasi, City Member (2026)
- ▶ Lucas Frerichs, County Member (2026)
- ▶ Gloria Partida, City Member (2028)
- ▶ Oscar Villegas, County Member (2027)
- ▶ Pamela Miller, Public Member (2027)

Alternate Members

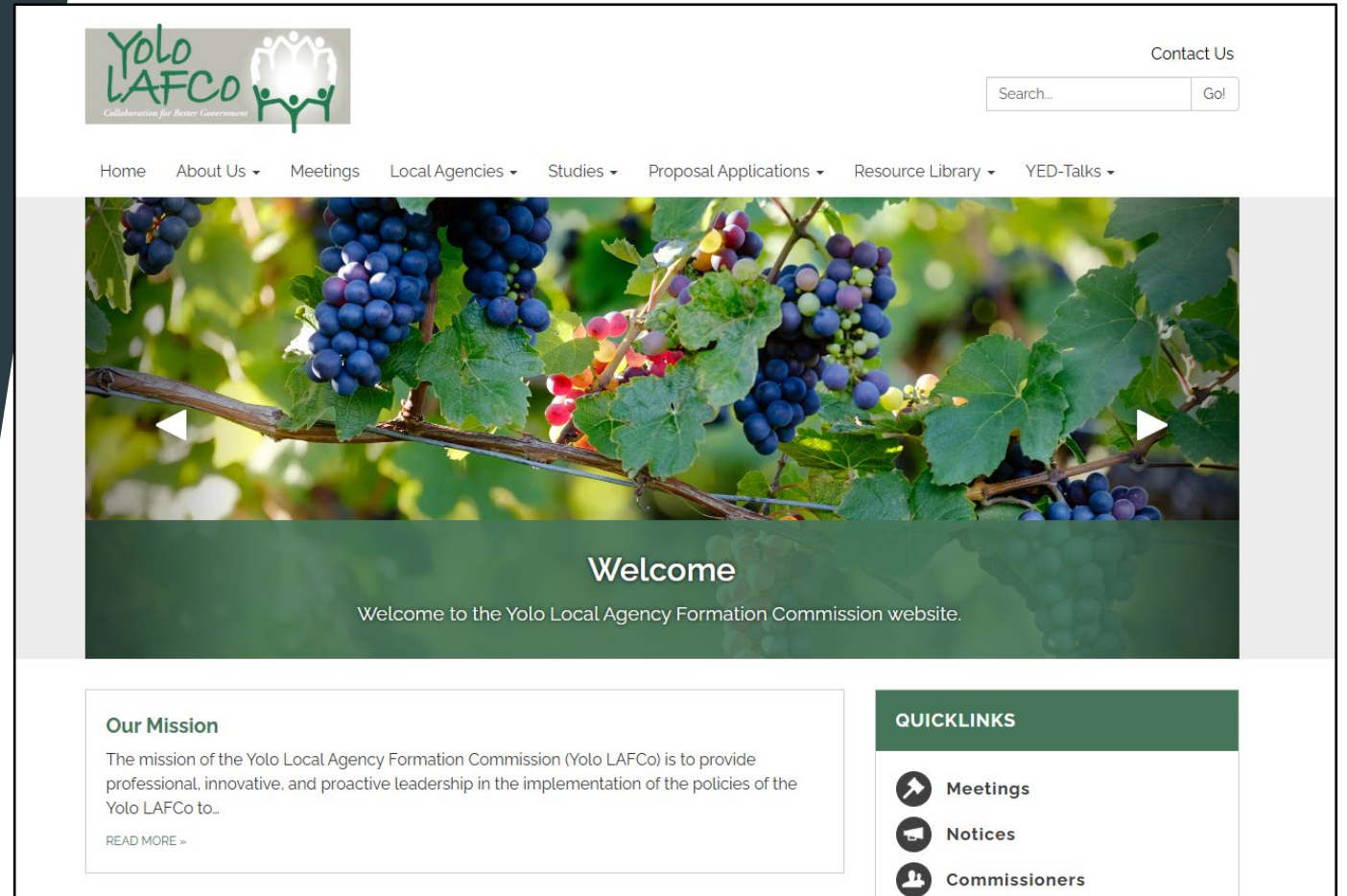
- ▶ Erik Vink, Public Member Alternate (2029)
- ▶ Tania Garcia-Cadena, City Member Alternate (2028)
- ▶ Sheila Allen, County Member Alternate (2028)

Information Resources

Links to our most recent MSR's are on our website:

<https://www.yololafco.org/municipal-service-reviews-spheres-of-influence-studies>

Information on Meetings, Reports, Applications, Policies, and Presentations



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (Yolo LAFCO) website. At the top left is the logo for Yolo LAFCO, which includes the text "Yolo LAFCO" and "Collaboration for Better Government" alongside a stylized graphic of people. To the right of the logo is a search bar with a "Go!" button and a "Contact Us" link. Below the logo and search bar is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, About Us (with a dropdown arrow), Meetings, Local Agencies (with a dropdown arrow), Studies (with a dropdown arrow), Proposal Applications (with a dropdown arrow), Resource Library (with a dropdown arrow), and YED-Talks (with a dropdown arrow). The main content area features a large image of grapevines with clusters of blue and red grapes. Below the image is a green banner with the word "Welcome" in white, followed by the text "Welcome to the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission website." Below the banner, there are two columns of content. The left column is titled "Our Mission" and contains the text: "The mission of the Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (Yolo LAFCO) is to provide professional, innovative, and proactive leadership in the implementation of the policies of the Yolo LAFCO to.." followed by a "READ MORE >" link. The right column is titled "QUICKLINKS" and contains three items: "Meetings" with a right-pointing arrow icon, "Notices" with a megaphone icon, and "Commissioners" with a person icon.

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