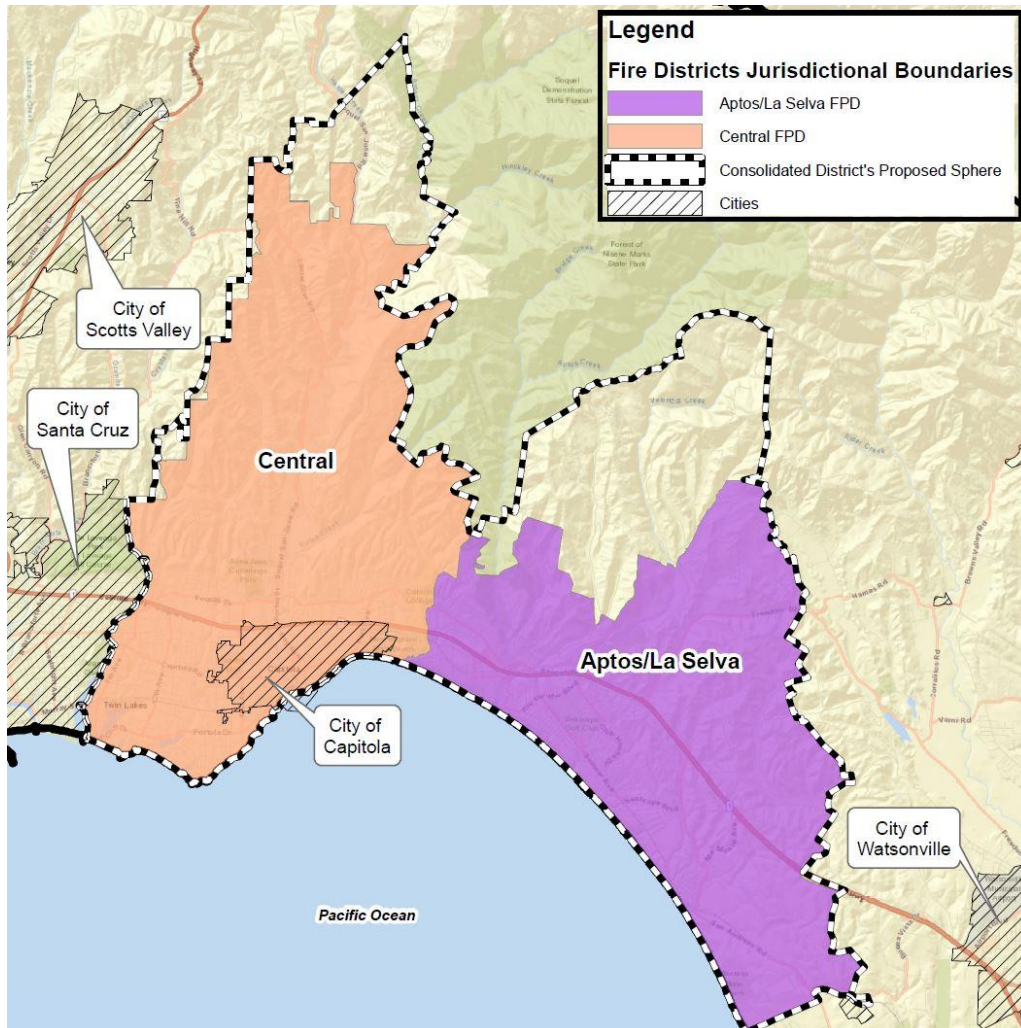




NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2020, the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Cruz County (LAFCO) will hold public hearings on the following:

- **San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) Service and Sphere of Influence Review:** Consideration of a service and sphere review for SLVWD. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LAFCO staff has prepared a Categorical Exemption for the service and sphere review.
- **Policy Updates** – Consideration of proposed modifications to LAFCO’s Sphere of Influence and Water Policies. The proposed changes may include several non-substantive changes, removal of outdated language, and further clarifications to reflect the Commission’s current practices.
- **“Central & Aptos/La Selva Fire Consolidation” (LAFCO Project No. DC 20-02):** Consideration of a proposed consolidation of two fire districts, totaling approximately 55 square miles, as shown in the map below. The proposal area is located east of the City of Santa Cruz, west of Watsonville’s city limits, and includes the City of Capitola. If approved, the consolidation will preserve the current levels of service, maintain local demand expectations, and continue existing funding sources. In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), LAFCO staff has prepared a Categorical Exemption for this proposal.



Frequently Asked Questions

- Will my property taxes go up when the consolidation is finalized? No. Residents will not incur any additional costs.
- Will levels of service decrease? No. Levels of service will remain the same and may improve over time following consolidation.
- Why consolidate? This strategic partnership will maximize economies of scale, eliminate operational redundancy, and combine best practices, which may all lead to possible cost-savings in the short and long run.

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted as a teleconference pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspend certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public are encouraged to observe the shelter-in-place order and participate remotely. Instructions to participate remotely are available in the November 4th Agenda and Agenda Packet.

During the meeting, the Commission will consider oral or written comments from any interested person. Maps, written reports, environmental review documents and further information can be obtained by contacting LAFCO's staff at (831) 454-2055 or from LAFCO's website at www.santacruzlafco.org. LAFCO does not discriminate on the basis of disability, and no person shall, by reason of a disability, be denied the benefits of its services, programs or activities. If you wish to attend this meeting and you will require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the LAFCO office at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.



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Date: October 14, 2020