



**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

*******SPECIAL LOCATION*******

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

(hybrid meeting may be attended remotely or in-person)

Attend Meeting by Internet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84673049008>

(Password 408013)

Attend Meeting by Conference Call:

Dial 1-669-900-6833 or 1-253-215-8782

(Webinar ID: 846 7304 9008)

Attend Meeting In-Person:

Capitola City Chambers

(420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA 95010)

HYBRID MEETING PROCESS

LAFCO has established a hybrid meeting process in accordance with AB 2449:

- a) **Commission Quorum:** State law indicates that a quorum must consist of Commissioners in person pursuant to AB 2449.
- b) **Public Comments:** For those wishing to make public comments remotely, identified individuals will be given up to three (3) minutes to speak. Staff will inform the individual when one minute is left and when their time is up. For those attending the meeting remotely, please click on the "Raise Hand" button under the "Reactions Tab" to raise your hand. For those joining via conference call, pressing *9 will raise your hand. The three (3) minute limit also applies to virtual public comments.
- c) **Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities:** Santa Cruz 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 are a person with a disability and wish to attend the meeting, but require special assistance in order to participate, please contact the staff at (831) 454-2055 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements. Persons with disabilities may also request a copy of the agenda in an alternative format.

1. ROLL CALL

2. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE

The Executive Officer may make brief announcements in the form of a written report or verbal update, and may not require Commission action.

a. Hybrid Meeting Process

The Commission will receive an update on the hybrid meeting process.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

b. Welcome New Commissioners

The Commission will welcome the new representatives on LAFCO.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Commission will consider approving the minutes from the November 5, 2025 Regular LAFCO Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes as presented with any desired changes.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items not on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission and that no action may be taken on an off-agenda item(s) unless authorized by law.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing items require expanded public notification per provisions in State law, directives of the Commission, or are those voluntarily placed by the Executive Officer to facilitate broader discussion.

a. “San Andreas Mutual Water Company Extraterritorial Service Agreement”

The Commission will consider the extraterritorial service agreement request between a private water system and the Soquel Creek Water District under Government Code Section 56133. If approved, a Notice of Exemption will be recorded to fulfill the requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Recommended Action: Adopt the draft resolution (No. 2026-01) approving the extraterritorial service agreement involving the Soquel Creek Water District for an emergency intertie connection.

b. Comprehensive Sanitation Service and Sphere Review (Continued Item)

The Commission will consider the adoption of a service and sphere of influence review for 10 sanitation districts: Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System, County Service Area 2 (Place de Mer), County Service Area 5 (Sand Dollar/Canon del Sol), County Service Area 7 (Boulder Creek), County Service Area 10 (Rolling Woods/Graham Hill), County Service Area 20 (Trestle Beach), Davenport County Sanitation District, Freedom County Sanitation District, Salsipuedes Sanitary District, and Santa Cruz County Sanitation District.

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Find, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, that LAFCO determined that the service and sphere of influence review is not subject to the environmental impact evaluation process because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and the activity is not subject to CEQA;
- 2) Determine, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425, that LAFCO is required to develop and determine a sphere of influence for the 10 sanitation districts, and review and update, as necessary;
- 3) Determine, pursuant to Government Code Section 56430, that LAFCO is required to conduct a service review before, or in conjunction with an action to establish or update a sphere of influence; and
- 4) Adopt the draft resolution (LAFCO No. 2025-11) approving the 2026 Comprehensive Sanitation Service and Sphere Review, with the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Reaffirm sphere of influence boundary for the following: Bear Creek Estates Wastewater System, CSA 2, CSA 5, CSA 10, CSA 20, and Freedom County Sanitation District;
 - b. Amend the sphere of influence boundary to be coterminous with the jurisdictional boundary for the following: CSA 7, Salsipuedes Sanitary District, and Santa Cruz County Sanitation District;
 - c. Expand the sphere of influence boundary for the Davenport County Sanitation District to include the existing extraterritorial service agreement; and
 - d. Direct the Executive Officer to distribute a copy of the adopted service and sphere review to the 10 sanitation districts and any other interested or affected parties, including but not limited to the County Department of Community Development & Infrastructure (formally known as Public Works), the County Administrative Office, and the four cities (Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville).

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Other business items involve administrative, budgetary, legislative, or personnel matters and may or may not be subject to public hearings.

a. Appoint New Chair and Vice-Chair

The Commission will consider selecting its new Chair and Vice-Chair for LAFCO.

Recommended Action: Select Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2026 calendar year.

b. Appoint New Personnel Committee

The Commission will consider selecting members for the personnel committee.

Recommended Action: Assign at least two Commissioners to be part of LAFCO's Personnel Committee for a two-year term (ending in December 2027).

c. Shared Services Agreement – Placer LAFCO

The Commission will consider providing temporary recruitment support to Placer LAFCO to search for and select a new executive officer.

Recommended Action: Adopt the draft contract approving the temporary assistance to Placer LAFCO.

d. CALAFCO Update

The Commission will review an update on upcoming meetings and membership actions.

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Discuss the upcoming special meeting and the proposed amendments to CALAFCO's policies and bylaws;
- 2) Designate a voting delegate for the February 23rd Special Meeting; and
- 3) Provide direction to the voting delegate(s) and staff on how to vote on the upcoming election

e. Fire-Related Projects (Status Update)

The Commission will receive an update on the ongoing reorganization efforts involving CSA 48 and other fire agencies.

Recommended Actions:

- 1) Receive and file the status updates and supplemental documents;
- 2) Form an ad-hoc committee to assist in the ongoing fire-related projects; and
- 3) Direct staff to coordinate with the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District, CAL FIRE, and the County to begin conducting educational workshop and inform the Pajaro Valley community about the proposed reorganization, service delivery levels, and fiscal impacts.

f. Comprehensive Quarterly Report – Second Quarter (FY 2025-26)

The Commission will receive an update on active proposals, scheduled service reviews, budgetary performance, and other LAFCO activities.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

7. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

LAFCO staff receive written correspondence and other materials on occasion that may or may not be related to a specific agenda item. Any correspondence presented to the Commission will also be made available to the general public. Any written correspondence distributed to the Commission less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be made available for inspection at the hearing and posted on LAFCO's website.

8. PRESS ARTICLES

LAFCO staff monitors newspapers, publications, and other media outlets for any news affecting local cities, districts, and communities in Santa Cruz County. Articles are presented to the Commission on a periodic basis.

a. Press Articles during the Months of November 2025 to January 2026

The Commission will receive an update on recent LAFCO-related news occurring around the county and throughout California.

Recommended Action: No action required; Informational item only.

9. COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

This is an opportunity for Commissioners to comment briefly on issues not listed on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No discussion or action may occur or be taken, except to place the item on a future agenda if approved by a Commission majority. The public may address the Commission on these informational matters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

LAFCO's next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (Capitola City Chambers).

ADDITIONAL NOTICES:

Campaign Contributions

State law (Government Code Section 84308) requires that a LAFCO Commissioner disqualify themselves from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$500 or more in campaign contributions from an applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes an application, or an agency (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing an applicant or interested participant. The law also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCO proceeding to disclose the amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding. The Commission prefers that the disclosure be made on a standard form that is filed with LAFCO staff at least 24 hours before the LAFCO hearing begins. If this is not possible, a written or oral disclosure can be made at the beginning of the hearing. The law also prohibits an applicant or other participant from making a contribution of \$500 or more to a LAFCO Commissioner while a proceeding is pending or for 3 months afterward. Disclosure forms and further information can be obtained from the LAFCO office at Room #318-D, 701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (phone 831-454-2055).

Contributions and Expenditures Supporting and Opposing Proposals

Pursuant to Government Code Sections §56100.1, §56300(b), §56700.1, §59009, and §81000 et seq., and Santa Cruz LAFCO's Policies and Procedures for the Disclosures of Contributions and Expenditures in Support of and Opposition to proposals, any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly contributes a total of \$1,000 or more or expends a total of \$1,000 or more in support of or opposition to a LAFCO Proposal must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act (Section 84250). These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals. Additional information may be obtained at the Santa Cruz County Elections Department, 701 Ocean Street, Room 210, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (phone 831-454-2060). More information on the scope of the required disclosures is available at the web site of the Fair Political Practices Commission: www.fppc.ca.gov. Questions regarding FPPC material, including FPPC forms, should be directed to the FPPC's advice line at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

Accommodating People with Disabilities

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Late Agenda Materials

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5 public records that relate to open session agenda items that are distributed to a majority of the Commission less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available to the public at Santa Cruz LAFCO offices at 701 Ocean Street, #318-D, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 during regular business hours. These records, when possible, will also be made available on the LAFCO website at www.santacruzlafco.org. To review written materials submitted after the agenda packet is published, contact staff at the LAFCO office or in the meeting room before or after the meeting.