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July 14, 2010 (Agenda)

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 Agenda Item 10

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)  
 651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor  
 Martinez, CA 94553

**Second LAFCO Fire Workshop Report**

Dear Commissioners:

On May 21, Contra Costa LAFCO held its second Fire Workshop. The workshop was attended by County, city and special district officials and staff, fire commissioners, representatives from labor, and members of the public.

The workshop, facilitated by Bill Chiat, included local agency progress reports on solutions and key issues, small and large group discussions, a review of potential opportunities/recommendations to address key issues, and next steps (Attachment 1 - *Workshop Agenda*).

Included in the agency updates were comments from LAFCO member Schroder who recently attended a CALAFCO workshop on fire service cooperative and collaborative governance options; a progress report provided by Pinole City Manager Belinda Espinosa regarding the West County Fire Task Force and status of its short and long range goals; updates from local agencies including Contra Costa Fire Protection District, Crockett Carquinez FPD, East Contra Costa FPD, Moraga Orinda Fire District, Rodeo Hercules FPD, and the cities of El Cerrito (and Kensington Fire Protection District), Orinda, Pinole and Richmond. We also heard from labor representatives and members of the public. A representative of Local 1230 provided highlights of their educational presentation which will be presented to cities and communities in the coming months.

The small group discussions resulted in a list of key issues and recommendations, including the need for quality data by station (responses), fire station location, fiscal issues (i.e., inequities, redevelopment, pension costs), how to maximize resources, countywide ambulance service and other service models, and roles for implementing ideas and recommendations (Attachment 2 – *Workshop Notes*).

Finally, the group discussed next steps, including LAFCO’s continued involvement in serving as a catalyst, and forming a “blue ribbon” task force to continue the dialogue on short- and long-term issues.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss next steps ideas and provide direction as desired.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments



## FIRE SERVICES WORKSHOP II

Martinez City Hall

21 May 2010

### AGENDA

Times are  
approximate

- |       |  |                 |
|-------|--|-----------------|
| 8:30  | Welcome from Chair   |                 |
| 8:35  | Introduction, facilitator role, agenda and groundrules   | Bill Chiat      |
| 8:40  | Summary from the February Workshop   | Bill Chiat      |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Identified Problems</li> <li>◆ Potential Opportunities and Action</li> </ul>  |                 |
| 8:50  | Reports on Progress on Solutions from Regional Groups and Agencies   | Representatives |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Regional Groups</li> <li>◆ Agencies</li> <li>◆ Labor</li> </ul>   |                 |
| 9:30  | Assess Progress on Key Issues  | Small Groups    |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>What issues are being adequately addressed?</i></li> <li>◆ <i>What's being missed?</i></li> <li>◆ <i>How <b>could</b> this effort contribute towards solutions?</i></li> </ul> |                 |
| 10:20 | Recommendations  | Small Groups    |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>"If we could make three recommendations ..."</i></li> <li>◆ <i>Think 'possibilities'</i></li> </ul>  |                 |
| 11:10 | Roles to Implement Recommendations   | Bill Chiat      |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Local agencies</li> <li>◆ County, state agencies</li> <li>◆ Other stakeholders</li> <li>◆ Labor</li> <li>◆ Voters</li> </ul>  |                 |
| 11:30 | Closure to Workshop Discussions  | Bill Chiat      |
|       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>After Workshop Review: Document Recommendations</i></li> <li>◆ Work Group</li> <li>◆ Report Back</li> </ul>  |                 |
| Noon  | Public Comment   |                 |
|       | Adjourn  |                 |

**SECOND FIRE WORKSHOP  
MAY 21, 2010  
MARTINEZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
525 HENRIETTA STREET**

**CHART NOTES**

**West County Mayors Collaborative/Fire Task Force**

- Examine consolidation
- Battalion 7 concept
- Public education
- Need centralized info/statistics
- Evaluating costs
- Waiting on FY budgets
- Finance and governance

**Rodeo-Hercules FPD**

- Hire new fire chief
- Funding opportunities (RDA?)

**Crockett-Carquinez FPD**

- Financially okay

**El Cerrito and Kensington FPD**

- Doing okay
- Look at partnership

**Richmond Fire Department**

- Settlement with Chevron
- Formalize agreement with CCCFPD

**Contra Costa County FPD**

- New chief
- Working with Pinole

**Moraga-Orinda FD**

- Doing okay

**Orinda**

- Looking for partnership opportunities
- GASB 45
- Look at alternatives from citizens

### **East County**

- New board
- Revenues diving
- Service levels and models

### **Labor Groups**

- Education on services directed at decision makers and public as well as own members

### **Issues Addressed**

- Education effort: expand
- Relationships between agencies and labor groups
- Auto aid - formal and informal

### **Issues Missed**

- Quality data on responses by station (regional service)
- Look at where stations should be
- RDA impact on ConFire
- Prepare for end of agreement far in advance of termination
- Inequities of funding
- Analysis of 1% - TRA wheel
- Should public pay more?
- 10-year plan - keep our eye on long-term, not just short-term
- Countywide ambulance service rather than same being provided by FPDs
- Common service model countywide (How does current service compare?)
- More effective use of resources (engines, boats, etc.)
- Spread resources over county - impact on FD for coverage
- How do we address costs of service, including labor?