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

Fire Service Update – East Contra Costa Fire Protection District

Dear Commissioners:

In October 2011, the Commission received a comprehensive update on countywide fire service issues. At that time, the Commission requested that fire service agencies provide periodic updates in the event of any significant activity (e.g., success/failure of any ballot measures, any revenue enhancement successes/failures at the local level, pursuit of any alternative service configurations, etc.).

Since that time, the East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD) has continued to keep LAFCO apprised of its activities. As previously reported, on February 27, 2012, the ECCFPD Board unanimously voted to place a \$197 parcel tax on the June 5th ballot. The decision was made after spending two years exploring how to solve a structural deficit, which worsened during the latest recession, with the significant drop in the assessed values of homes and properties in East County.

In anticipation of the ballot measure, the District conducted community outreach to solicit public input. The District reports that the measure (Measure S) reflects comments and suggestions provided by the public during the public process, including a sunset date on the tax measure.

Measure S requires a two-thirds vote to pass. As of this writing, preliminary election results show that the measure failed (43.56% YES, 56.44% NO). At the LAFCO meeting on June 13th, the District will provide additional information.

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER