

16. Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), including any supplemental materials, and take related actions, as outlined in the referenced budget documents, and as recommended by the County Executive Officer ()



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: County Executive Office

Subject: Proposed 2025-26 Budget for Local Agency Formation Commission

Meeting Date: June 4, 2025

Formal Title: Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), including any supplemental materials, and take related actions, as outlined in the referenced budget documents, and as recommended by the County Executive Officer

Recommended Action

Approve the Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Local Agency Formation Commission, including any supplemental materials, as provided in the referenced budget documents:

- [Proposed Budget](#)

Executive Summary

The Proposed 2025-26 Budget for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) supports boundary regulation for the County's four cities and 75 special districts, including incorporations of new cities and formations of new districts on behalf of the County, local cities, and special districts.

Discussion

LAFCO is an independent commission established in each county by State law to regulate the boundaries of cities and special districts. The objectives of LAFCO are to encourage efficient service areas for services provided by cities, counties, and special districts; to guide urban development away from prime agricultural lands and open space resources; to promote orderly growth; and to discourage urban sprawl.

Budgeted funding will continue to support LAFCO work on behalf of the County, local cities, and special districts. The department Proposed 2025-26 Budget document is available online at: www.SCCVision.us

Financial Impact

The LAFCO Proposed Budget includes \$139,755 in expenditures, funded entirely by a General Fund contribution, reflecting no change from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Adopted Budget.

The LAFCO Board of Directors considered and approved the FY 2025-26 Budget on April 2, 2025. As a result, the June 10, 2025, last day of concluding budget actions will include an additional \$25,245 for the County's share of LAFCO costs, bringing the total budget to \$165,000, and reduce General Fund Contingencies by an equal amount.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Sustainable Environment, Operational Excellence

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Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Executive Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.