



## Solano Local Agency Formation Commission

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### Staff Report

DATE: June 12, 2017

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Michelle McIntyre

SUBJECT: **Request from Cordelia and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts for Formation of a Reorganization Committee**

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Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission form a working group and direct staff to initiate a preliminary scoping meeting to do the following:

- Identify stakeholders, and convene a preliminary stakeholders meeting.
- Support development by the stakeholders group of a plan and overall goals.
- Support development by the stakeholders group of strategies for initiating and implementing the plan.

Staff and/or stakeholders will report back to the Commission on the status at subsequent meetings.

Attachment: Joint letter from the Cordelia and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts

#### Commissioners

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Cordelia Fire Protection District  
2155 Cordelia Road  
Fairfield, CA 94533



Vacaville Fire Protection District  
420 Vine Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688

May 15, 2017

Dear Chair Shopay;

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with advance notice of the actions of the Boards of Directors of both the Cordelia and Vacaville Fire Protection Districts taken last week to begin the process of making application to Solano LAFCO, under Cal. Government Code section 56825 et seq. for the consolidation, in whole or in part, of the two Districts.

As indicated in the municipal service review of the six fire protection districts in Solano County approved by Solano LAFCO on October 20, 2014, four out of the six Districts reported that current financing levels were inadequate to deliver fire protection services and five out of the six do not have sufficient funds for capital improvements. In the two and a half years since the MSR was approved, the financial situation of our two Districts has not improved nor is there any sign that change is coming. Therefore, in light of these dire financial constraints facing our respective Districts, our Boards have come to the realization that action must be taken, up to and including possible consolidation, to ensure that life and property in our respective jurisdictions are not placed in harm's way due to inadequate funding.

In advance of your next Board meeting, our respective Boards will be convening special meetings to adopt resolutions requesting action by Solano LAFCO to study a proposed reorganization and will forward copies of the approved resolution upon adoption. Due to the complexity of the issues that must be analyzed in advance of a consolidation of our Districts, we are requesting that Solano LAFCO establish a reorganization committee to prepare a proposed plan of reorganization and have been authorized, in our capacities as Chair, to work with cooperatively with Solano LAFCO to develop a roadmap to improve fire protection services in our respective jurisdictions.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and can make ourselves available for any questions at your June 12, 2017 meeting.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dittmer, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Cordelia Fire Protection District

Chris Calvert, Chair  
Board of Directors  
Vacaville Fire Protection District

Cc: LAFCO Commissioners  
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