

Sutter Local Agency Formation Commission

September 9, 2021

Honorable Susan F. Green, Grand Jury Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, Sutter County
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Yuba City, CA 95993

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SUTTER
CLERK OF THE COURT
By JACKIE LASWELL Deputy

FROM: John Benoit, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Sutter LAFCo's invited response to the 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury Report

Honorable Judge Green,

The Sutter Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) has reviewed the 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report and would like to offer the following:

LAFCo is in the process of reviewing Fire and EMS (Emergency Medical) services included in its Municipal Service Review program. LAFCo will be examining fire and EMS service agencies and will make determinations pursuant to Government Code 56430. The determinations LAFCo will make regard the following:

- Growth and Population Projections within Sutter County
- Disadvantaged communities
- Present and planned capacity of fire and EMS agencies
- Financial ability of agencies to provide services including a detailed review of expenditure and revenue streams
- Status and Opportunities for Shared Facilities

In addition to the above, this Service Review will be looking at the use volunteers

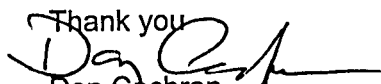
Of note, this Service Review will be exploring voter initiatives in Sutter County since these districts are no longer able to control funding levels through property tax policy but rather dependent upon registered voter opinion since the passage of Propositions 13 and 218.

The MSR will review local fire/EMS funding levels compared with service providers in comparable counties in the region and will clarify financing constraints faced by service providers in the County.

Lastly, Sutter County's registered voters and districts will be able to use this Service Review to assist in making decisions regarding future and sustainable funding of fire and EMS services.

LAFCo anticipates the Service Review will be completed by December 2021.

Thank you


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Chair, Sutter LAFCo

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