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PROTEST HEARING

Friday, February 21, 2025, 4:00 PM

This meeting will be open to in-person and virtual attendance.

To attend in person:

**Loomis Depot, Council Chambers
5775 Horseshoe Bar Rd.
Loomis, CA 95650**

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Online: <https://placer-ca.gov.zoom.us/j/96247157735>

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Webinar ID: 962 4715 7735

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
2. PROTEST HEARING

LAFCO Project No. 2024 South Placer Fire Protection District (SPFPD) Extension of Power- Ambulance Services – At the hearing the Executive Officer (the designated Protest Hearing Officer) will summarize the Commission’s actions taken on December 11, 2024, open the protest hearing for public comments, and invite affected landowners and registered voters to file a written protest, or withdraw a previously filed protest. The Executive Officer will preliminarily announce the outcome of the protest hearing.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The next LAFCO meeting will be held on March 12, 2025, at 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS INSTRUCTIONS

Materials related to an item on this agenda are available for public inspection at the LAFCO office, 110 Maple Street, Auburn, CA, during regular business hours and on LAFCO's website at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/lafco>

LAFCO meetings are held in person and virtually. Meeting recordings are posted online within a week following the LAFCO meeting.

Members of the public may submit their comments in written form to the Commission via U.S. mail to Placer LAFCO's office or via email to lafco@placer.ca.gov. Please indicate the agenda item number, if any. If you want your comments read into the record, please indicate so in the subject line and limit the comments to no more than 500 words. For public hearings, the Chair will announce the opening and closing of the public hearing. The Chair will call for oral public comments. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.

AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT COMPLIANCE

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting fully, please contact Amy Engle, Commission Clerk, at (530) 889-4602 or aengle@placer.ca.gov. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least two business days before the start of the meeting.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE

If you wish to participate in any proceeding involving a change of organization, reorganization, or other entitlement, you are prohibited from making a campaign contribution of more than \$250 to any Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner as described in Government Code section 84308. This prohibition begins on the date you begin to actively support or oppose an application pending before LAFCO and continues for 12 months after LAFCO renders a final decision. No Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner may solicit or accept a campaign contribution of more than \$250 from you or your agent during this period if the Commission or Alternate Commissioner knows or has reason to know that you will participate in the proceeding. If you or your agent have contributed more than \$250 to any Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner during the 12 months preceding the decision, that Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner must disqualify himself or herself from the proceeding. However, disqualification is not required if the Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner returns the campaign contribution within 30 days from when the Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner knows, or should have known, about the contribution and that you are a participant in the proceeding.



COMMISSIONERS STAFF REPORT

Cindy Gustafson
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DATE: February 21, 2025

Joshua Alpine
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TO: Chair Gustafson and members of the Commission

Whitney Eklund
(City)

FROM: Michelle McIntyre, LAFCO Executive Officer

Shanti Landon
(County)

SUBJECT: **LAFCO Project No. 2024-05: South Placer Fire Protection District – Extension of Power to Provide Ambulance Services Within Part of Boundaries** – Division 1 (Loomis and surrounding unincorporated areas)

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BACKGROUND

The subject proposal was initiated via a resolution of the Board of Directors of the South Placer Fire Protection District (South Placer FPD). The purpose of the proposal is to extend South Placer FPD's power to provide ambulance services to an area within part of the District's jurisdictional boundaries referred to as Division 1, which encompasses most of the incorporated Town of Loomis, as depicted in Attachment B. The South Placer FPD already provides ambulance services to Division 2, which encompasses the unincorporated community of Granite Bay.

On December 11, 2024, the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) conditionally approved the change in organization via LAFCO Resolution No. 24-11, subject to a protest hearing. As part of its approval, the Commission delegated to its Executive Officer the performance of all protest hearing requirements under California Government Code (GC) section 57000 *et seq.* The protest hearing scheduled for today, February 21, 2025, is to comply with these requirements and the LAFCO Commission's direction.

EFFECTS OF THE CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

Upon the effective date of the proposed change of organization, the South Placer FPD's power to provide ambulance services will be activated to include Division 1 within the District's jurisdictional boundaries. The action by LAFCO would not by itself authorize South Placer FPD to provide ambulance services within Division 1 under the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act (Health & Safety Code, § 1797 et seq.; EMS Act) governing local emergency medical services.

PROTEST HEARING

Notice of the protest hearing was published in the Loomis News on January 31, 2025. On the same date, notices and protest forms were posted on the Commission's website. The protest ballots are available on LAFCO's website and are attached to this staff report.

- Protest ballots will be collected by LAFCO staff until the conclusion of the protest hearing meeting.
- At the protest hearing, the Executive Officer will announce any previously received ballots before the start of the protest hearing.
- The Executive Officer will open the item for public comments at the protest hearing.
- Any affected landowners and/or registered voters who have submitted protest ballots may withdraw their previously filed ballots before the conclusion of the protest hearing.
- If feasible, the Executive Officer will announce the preliminary outcome of the protest hearing before the close of the hearing.

After the protest hearing, the Executive Officer shall cause the protests filed and not withdrawn to be reviewed under the requirements of GC section 57052. Below is a summary of the possible outcomes of the protest hearing:

- If 50 percent or more of the voters residing in the territory have filed written protests at the close of the protest hearing, the change of organization shall be terminated. (GC § 57078(b).)
- If at the close of the protest hearing, either (i) at least 25 percent, but less than 50 percent, of the registered voters within the affected territory or (ii) at least 25 percent of the owners of land who also own at least 25 percent of the assessed value of land within the affected territory have filed written protests, the change of organization shall be subject to confirmation by a

vote of the registered voters residing within the affected territory. (GC § 57091(a)(1)(B).)

- If less than 25 percent of each of those two categories of voters have filed written protests at the close of the protest hearing, the change of organization shall be ordered. (GC § 57091(a)(1)(C).)

Next Steps (Based on the Outcome of the Protest Hearing)

- 1) If the value of the protests filed and not withdrawn does not require an election or termination, the Executive Officer will prepare a resolution ordering the change of organization and present it to the Commission for consideration at the next regularly scheduled LAFCO meeting.
- 2) If the value of the protests filed and not withdrawn requires an election or termination, the Executive Officer will prepare a report for the Commission and recommend the Commission adopt a resolution in conformity with the outcome of the protest hearing. The Executive Officer will present the resolution to the Commission for consideration at the next regularly scheduled LAFCO meeting.

The next regularly scheduled LAFCO meeting is on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. LAFCO Resolution No. 24-11 (without exhibits and signed) conditionally approving LAFCO Project No. 24-05 South Placer Fire Protection District – Extension of Power to Provide Ambulance Services Within Part of Boundaries.
- B. Map Exhibit of the Project Area
- C. Protest Hearing Instructions and Ballots – Registered Voters
- D. Protest Hearing Instructions and Ballots – Landowners
- E. Withdrawal Protest Form

PLACER LAFCO RESOLUTION NO. 24-11

RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF PLACER COUNTY MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING A CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION

“THE SOUTH PLACER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EXTENSION OF LATENT POWER”

EXTENSION OF POWER TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES

(LAFCO Project No. 2024-05)

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2024, the Board of Directors of the South Placer Fire Protection District (South Placer FPD or District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings before the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO or Commission) for the extension of its power to provide ambulance services within its jurisdictional boundaries pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, the District filed its application with LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, the application seeks approval for the extension of the District’s power to provide ambulance services to include the District’s Division 1 area, which encompasses most of the incorporated Town of Loomis along with surrounding unincorporated areas as depicted in Exhibit A hereto (the affected territory); and

WHEREAS, LAFCO has the authority to review and approve with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or disapprove proposals for changes of organization as set forth in Government Code (GC) section 56375(a)(1); and

WHEREAS, a change of organization as defined in GC section 56021(m) includes the activation of the power of a special district to exercise a new or different function or service within all or part of its jurisdictional boundaries as provided in GC sections 56824.10 through 56824.14; and

WHEREAS, the District provided a Plan for Providing Services pursuant to GC section 56653, including the information specified in GC section 56824.12; and

WHEREAS, the District currently provides ambulance services in all areas within its jurisdictional boundaries, excluding Division 1, under an exclusive operating area (EOA) contract with the Sierra-Sacramento Valley Emergency Medical Services Agency (S-SV EMSA); and

WHEREAS, ambulance services within Division 1 are currently provided by American Medical Response West (AMR) under an EOA contract with S-SV EMSA that will expire on November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the evidence in the record establishes that South Placer FPD has adequate capacity to provide ambulance services within Division 1 with the District’s existing ambulance and staff at minimal to no additional cost to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and prepared a report with recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer’s report and recommendations on the proposal have been presented to the Commission in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, staff published an advertisement notice of the public hearing regarding this proposal in Loomis News and Roseville Press Tribune on November 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard and fully considered all the evidence presented at a noticed public meeting on the proposal on December 11, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Commission has the authority to review and approve, with or without amendments, wholly, partially, or conditionally, or disapprove proposals for the establishment of new or different functions or services within all or part of the jurisdictional boundaries of a special district, after a public hearing called and held for that purpose.
2. The hearing on the proposal was held on the date set; therefore, due notice of said hearing was given in the manner required by law.
3. At the hearing, the Commission called for, heard, and considered all public comments by interested parties and read and considered the Executive Officer's report and recommendations.
4. As required by GC section 56824.14(a), the Commission determines that South Placer FPD will have sufficient revenues to carry out the provision of ambulance services within Division 1.
5. The Commission makes the following finding under the California Environmental Quality Act:
 - a) The Commission serves as the lead agency under CEQA for the proposal. The Commission finds that the proposal is a "project" under CEQA but is exempt from further environmental review under State CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) in that ambulance services are already being provided within the affected territory.
6. Pursuant to GC section 56824.14, the Commission orders the extension of the power of South Placer FPD to provide ambulance services to include Division 1 within the District's jurisdictional boundaries.
7. The proposal is assigned the following distinctive short-term designation:

"The South Placer Fire Protection District Extension of Latent Power –
Ambulance Services"
8. The affected territory as designated by the Commission, Division 1, is inhabited as defined in GC section 56046. The Commission delegates to the Executive Officer the performance of all conducting authority proceeding requirements under GC section 57000 for purposes of the subject change of organization.
9. As allowed under GC section 56107, the Commission authorizes the Executive Officer to make non-substantive corrections to this resolution to address any technical defect, error, irregularity, or omission.
10. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in GC sections 56880 through 56882.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Placer County at a regular meeting thereof, held on December 11, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Alpine, Eklund, Friedman, Gustafson, Landon, Rohan, and Youngblood

NOES: None

ABSENT: Burruss

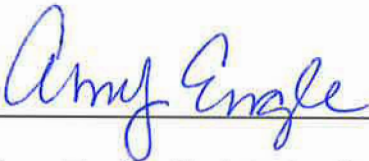
ABSTAIN: None



Cindy Gustafson, Chair

Local Agency Formation Commission
County of Placer, State of California

Attest:



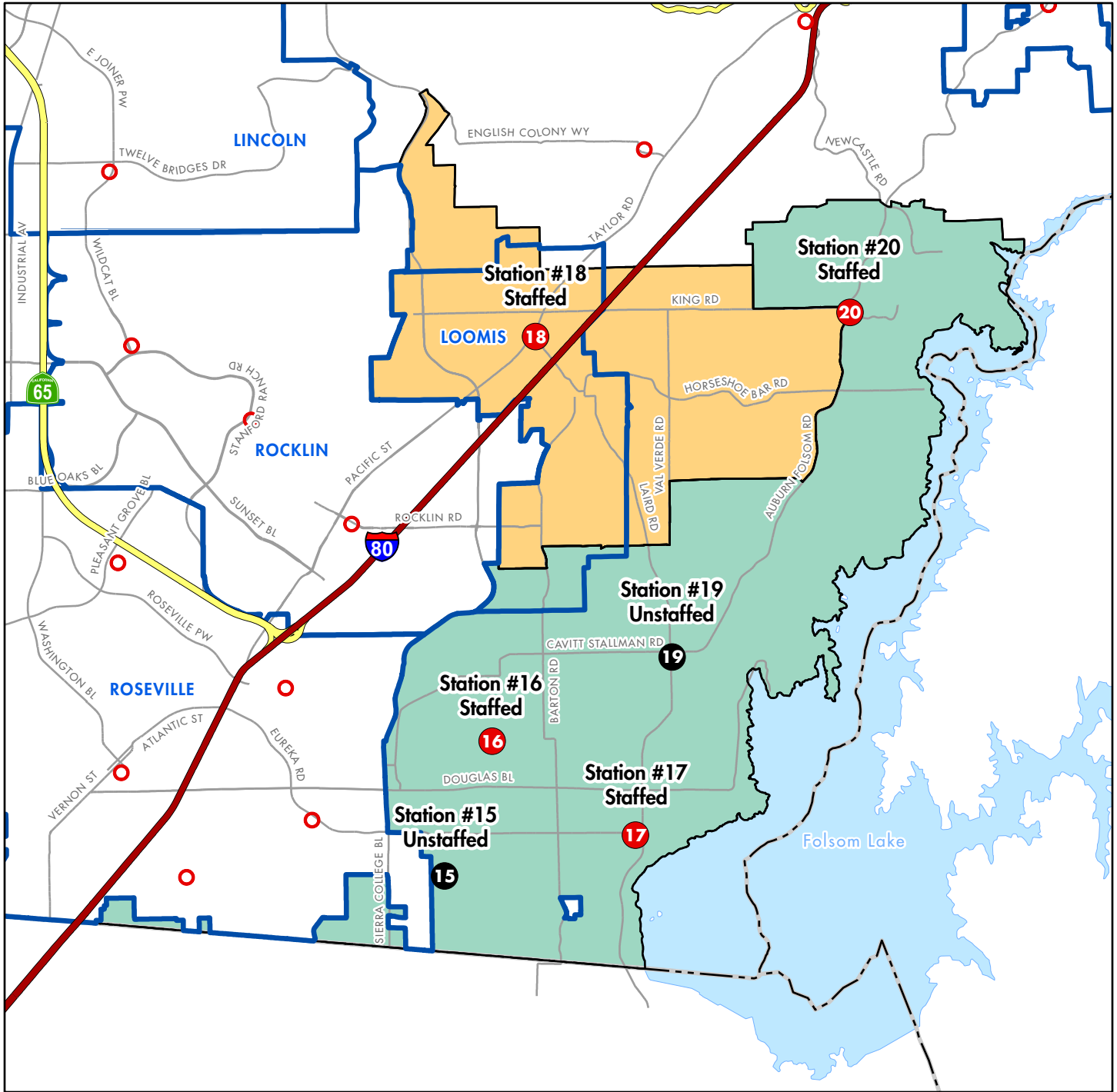
Amy Engle, Clerk to the Commission

Exhibit A – Map

APPROVED

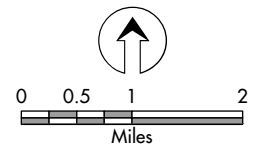
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| South Placer Fire Division 1 | Fire Stations |
| South Placer Fire Division 2 | ● Staffed |
| County Boundaries | ● Unstaffed |
| City Limits | Outside SPFPD |

DATA DISCLAIMER:
 Fire hydrant data may not be complete or current.
 The features on this map were prepared for geographic purposes only and are not intended to illustrate legal boundaries or supersede local ordinances. Official information concerning the features depicted on this map should be obtained from recorded documents and local governing agencies.





Landowner Protest Hearing Instructions

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LAFCO Project No. 2024-05 South Placer Fire Protection District (SPFPD) Extension of Power to Provide Ambulance Services within Part of the District's Boundary – Division 1, Including the Town of Loomis

Eligibility

- Landowners of parcels located within Division 1 of the South Placer Fire Protection District are eligible to submit a written protest.

How to Submit a Written Protest

- You can submit a written protest using the form available on our website at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/LAFCO> or by submitting a written document containing the same information.

- The written protest must include:
 - Your printed name as a landowner
 - The site address and/or Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of your land within the proposed area.
 - Your signature or the signature of your authorized agent
 - The date of signature
 - If someone else is submitting the protest on your behalf (authorized agent), you must include written evidence of their authorization with the protest.
 - If you own multiple parcels within the territory, you must submit a separate written protest for each parcel.

If you are a registered voter and a landowner of land located within the territory to be reorganized, you may submit a written protest as a registered voter and landowner (please submit a separate written protest for each category).

Important Dates

- Written protests must be submitted between the date of the publication of the Notice of Protest Hearing (January 31, 2025) and the conclusion of the protest hearing (February 21, 2025) to be considered valid.
- You can withdraw your protest at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

To be considered valid, written protests must be signed, dated, and filed with LAFCO between the date of the publication of the Notice of Protest Hearing (January 31, 2025) and the conclusion of the protest hearing (February 21, 2025). Any person who has filed a written protest may withdraw that protest at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

Before the day of the hearing, written protests may be emailed to lafco@placer.ca.gov, mailed or hand-delivered to the LAFCO administrative office at 110 Maple Street, Auburn, CA, 95603. If you mail a written protest, please be aware that it must be actually received by LAFCO before the conclusion of the protest hearing to be considered timely filed. On the day of the protest hearing, written protests must be hand-delivered to the LAFCO Executive Officer at the protest hearing location.

After the conclusion of the protest hearing, the LAFCO Executive Officer will determine the value of all written protests and the next step for the project, which may be to (1) terminate proceedings, (2) order the reorganization subject to an election, or (3) order the reorganization.

Please contact LAFCO staff at lafco@placer.ca.gov or at (530) 889-4014 if you have any questions.



LANDOWNER PROTEST FORM

Placer LAFCO Project No. 2024-05 South Placer Fire Protection District Extension of Power to Provide Ambulance Services to Division 1, Including the Town of Loomis

Please complete this form if you **OPPOSE** the above-referenced project.

Only protest forms signed, dated, and filed with LAFCO between the date of the publication of the Notice of Protest Hearing and before the conclusion of the protest hearing will be considered in ascertaining the value of the written protests received.

- Please print your name and the site address and/or Assessor Parcel Number (APN) of the parcel you own within the territory. (Please provide your mailing address only if it differs from the site address.)
- If you own more than one parcel within the territory, please complete and submit a protest form for each parcel.

Printed Name	:	
Site Address	:	
Assessor Parcel Number (APN)	:	
Mailing Address (if different from above)	:	

By signing this form, the undersigned states:

- I am a **landowner** of the above parcel within the territory in the above-referenced project **OR**
- I am an **agent** authorized to protest on behalf of the landowner who owns the above parcel within the territory in the above-referenced project. Written evidence of the agent's authority must be attached to this form.
- I personally signed and dated this protest form.

Signature

Date



Registered Voter Protest Hearing Instructions

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LAFCO Project No. 2024-05 South Placer Fire Protection District (SPFPD) Extension of Power to Provide Ambulance Services within Part of the District's Boundary – Division 1, Including the Town of Loomis

Eligibility

- Registered voters residing within Division 1 of the South Placer Fire Protection District are eligible to submit a written protest.

How to Submit a Written Protest

- You can submit a written protest using the form available on our website at <https://www.placer.ca.gov/LAFCO> or by submitting a written document containing the same information.

- The written protest must include the information as it appears in the voter records of the Placer County Elections Office:

- Your printed name
- Residence Address
- Your signature
- The date of signature

If you are a registered voter and a landowner of land located within the territory to be reorganized, you may submit a written protest as a registered voter and landowner (please submit a separate written protest for each category).

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REGISTERED VOTER PROTEST FORM

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Please complete this form if you **OPPOSE** the above-referenced project.

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- Please print your name and residence address below exactly as they appear in the voter records of the Placer County Elections Office.
- A post office box is NOT acceptable. Please use the physical (site) address where you reside.

Printed Name	:	
Site Address	:	

By signing this form, the undersigned states:

- I am registered to vote in Placer County at an address within the proposed area in the above-referenced project.
- I personally signed this protest form as a **registered voter**.
- I personally dated this protest form.

Signature

Date



WITHDRAWAL Protest Form

I **withdraw** my opposition to the proposed LAFCO change of organization known as:

**Placer LAFCO Project No. 2024-05 South Placer Fire Protection District –
Extension of Power to Provide Ambulance Services Within Part of Boundaries –
Division 1**

You may use this form if you are a registered voter, landowner, or both. Please check all boxes that apply and complete the information below:

- I am a **REGISTERED VOTER** residing at the following address (*exactly as it appears on voter records to allow for verification*) within the boundary of the proposed change of organization/reorganization:
- I am a **LANDOWNER** of the following property(ies) within the boundary of the proposed change of organization/reorganization (attach additional pages if needed):
- I am an **AGENT** authorized to protest on behalf of the landowner, with respect to the property(ies) within the boundary of the proposed change of organization/reorganization (**attach required authorization**):

PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOU ARE A LANDOWNER AND/OR VOTERS

Printed Name	:	
Address	:	

LANDOWNERS ONLY

Assessor's Parcel Number	:	
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Situs Address	:	

Signature

Date