



# LAFCO Reorganization Process

El Dorado County and Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection Districts  
Joint Special Meeting  
January 26, 2023

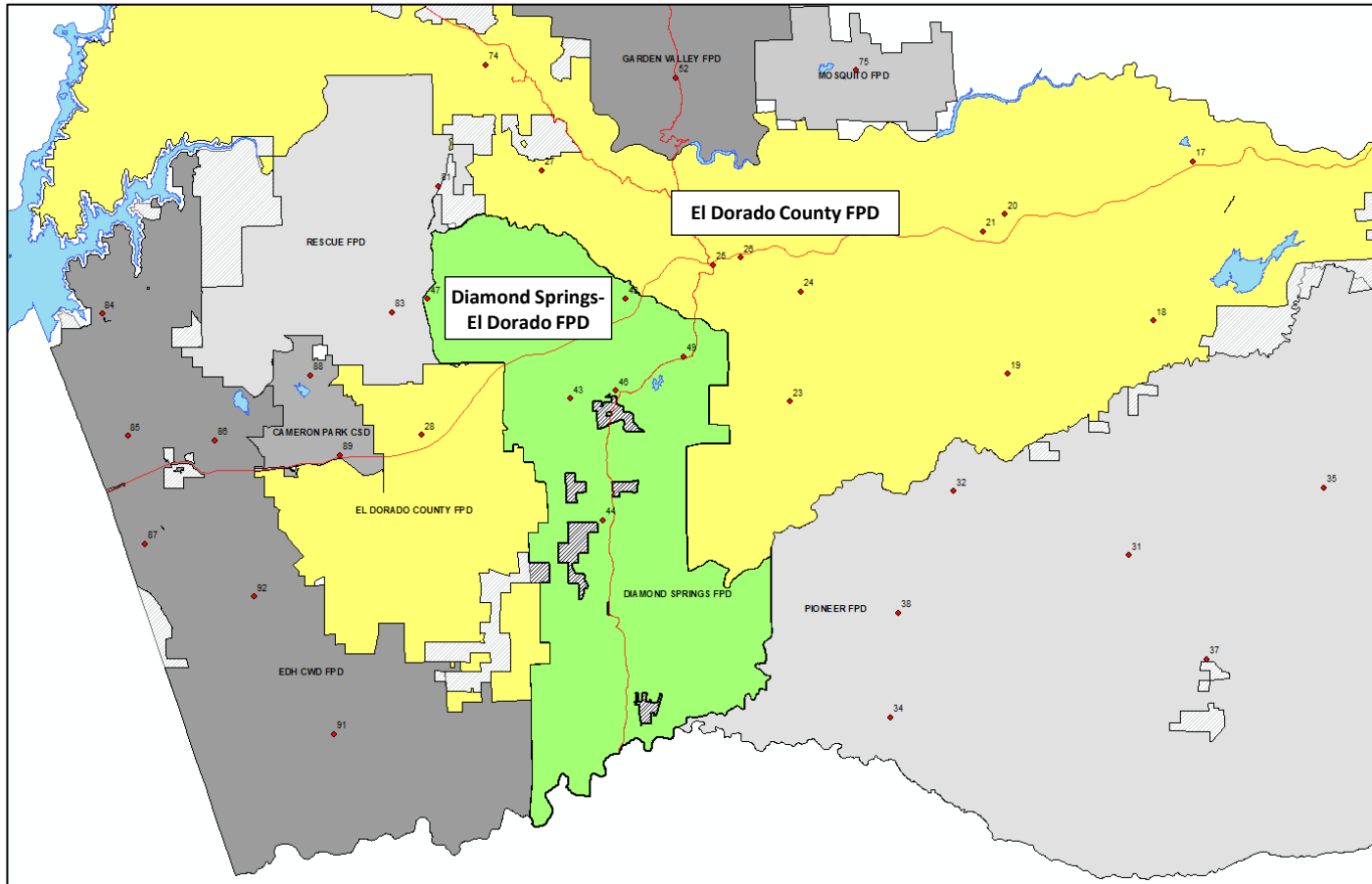
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What is the role of LAFCO?

El Dorado County Fire Protection  
District and Diamond Springs/El  
Dorado Fire Protection District  
Options (Annexation versus  
Consolidation)

## Reorganization of the Diamond Springs-El Dorado and El Dorado County Fire Protection Districts

- 1) Annexation of the Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD to the El Dorado County FPD
- 2) Dissolution of the Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD (*concurrent actions*)



# LAFCO Reorganization – Dissolution and Annexation

## Pre-LAFCO Application:

Pre-LAFCO Application: Resolutions of Intent to Proceed, Annexation Feasibility Study

LAFCO Application: Resolutions to Initiate Reorganization (both districts), Annexation Feasibility Study (Plan for Services, Targeted MSR-SOI Updates), Application Forms, Deposit

## Property Tax Negotiations:

Property Tax Negotiations (AB-8) [3-4 months]:

- 45 days Administrative
- 60 days for Negotiations
- AB-8 Resolutions Adopted by County/Districts

Final Application Requirements:  
Reorganization Maps, Other Information/Items as Required by EO

## Notice & LAFCO Hearing:

Notice of Public Hearing:

- Mailed notice to Landowners/Registered Voters in affected area or published in newspaper (1,000+)
- Posted on LAFCO/ District websites and at LAFCO/County/ District locations

LAFCO recommends the Districts hold informational public workshops before and after hearing notices are mailed

LAFCO Hearing

LAFCO Approval

LAFCO Disapproval

30-day Reconsideration Period

Proceedings Terminated  
(One year wait to reapply unless waived by LAFCO)

## Protest Proceedings:

Notice & Protest Form mailed to Landowners/Voters

Conducting Authority (Protest) Hearing

Less than 25% Protest - Order Reorganization Without Election

25-50% Protest - Order Reorganization Subject to an Election

More than 50% Protest - Terminate Proceedings

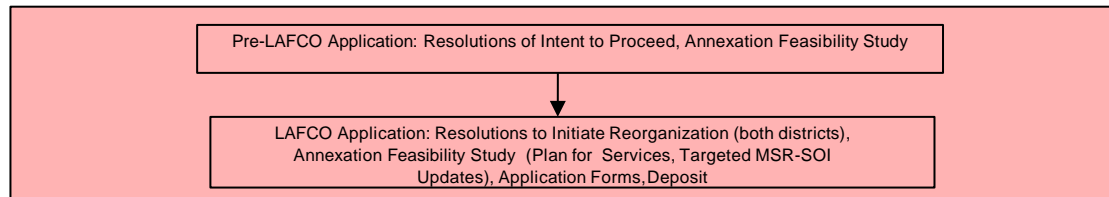
Majority Voter Approval - Order Reorganization

Less than Majority Voter Approval - Terminate Proceedings

Final Conditions of Approval (One Year to Complete)

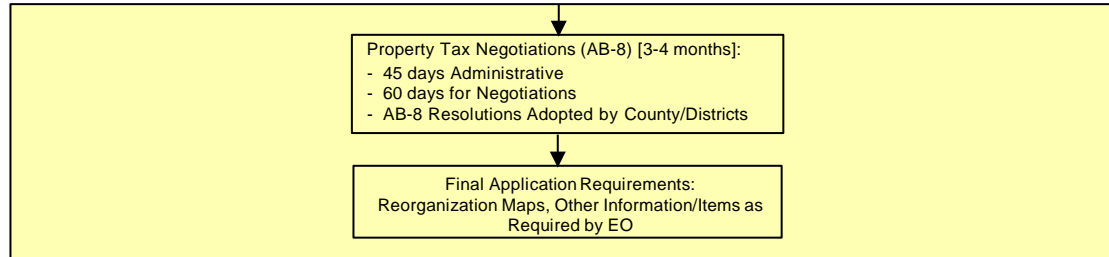
Certificate of Completion / State Board of Equalization Filing

# Pre-LAFCO Application



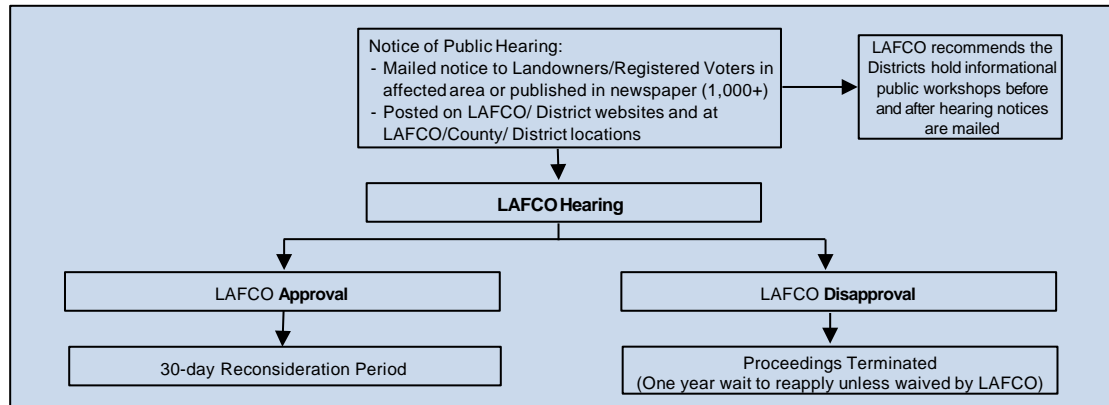
- **Annexation Feasibility Study**
  - Resolutions of Intent or other clear Board direction to proceed
  - Coordinate with LAFCO needs
    - Service Plan
    - Targeted MSR-SOI Updates
  - Contract & Study
  - Joint decision to move forward?
- **Initial Application Requirements**
  - Resolutions of Application to Initiate Reorganization (both districts)
  - Service Plan (Feasibility Study)
  - Sphere Updates for both Districts (Feasibility Study)
  - Application Forms (*Chiefs as Designated Agents*)
  - Deposit

# Property Tax Negotiations



- Property Tax (AB-8) negotiations
  - Negotiated for affected territory only (Diamond Springs-El Dorado FPD & SOI)
  - County CAO recommends future property tax increment change
  - AB-8 Resolutions required from County BOS and both districts; BOS resolution is the final
- Final Application Requirements
  - Annexation and Dissolution maps
  - CEQA (Categorical Exemption likely)
  - Other information as deemed necessary by EO

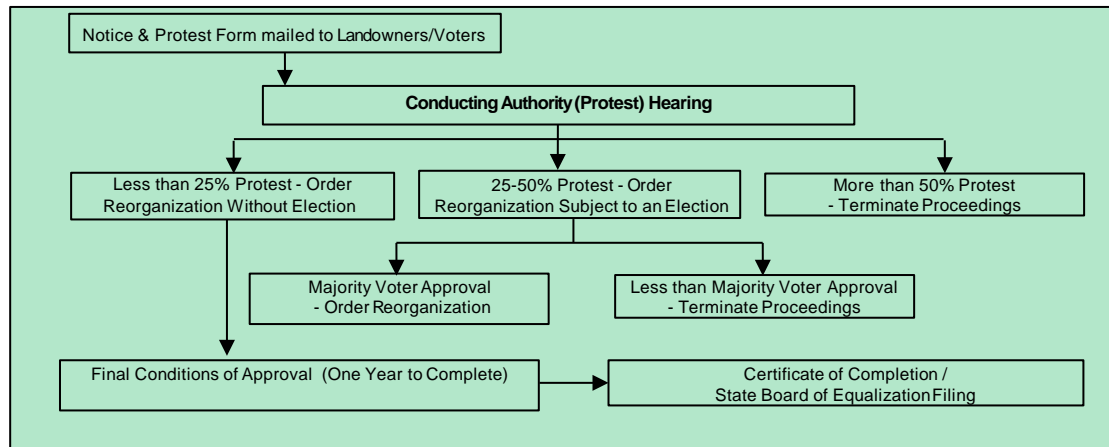
# Notice and LAFCO Hearing



- Notice of LAFCO Hearing – 21 days in advance
  - Mailed to all Landowners and Registered Voters within and within 500 ft of the affected territory (Diamond Springs-El Dorado), OR
  - If 1,000+ notices to be mailed, 1/8 page add can instead be published in a general circulation newspaper
- LAFCO Hearing
  - Commission can Approve, Conditionally Approve, or Disapprove
  - Standard 30-day Reconsideration period after approval



# Protest Proceedings



- Notice of Conducting Authority Hearing – 21 days in advance
  - Notice and Protest Form mailed to all Landowners and Registered Voters within the affected territory (Diamond Springs-El Dorado), Protest Forms also available on LAFCO website and at hearing
- Protest Thresholds
  - Less than 25% protest received, reorganization is upheld
  - 25-50% protest received, goes to an election
  - More than 50% protest received, reorganization is terminated

# Questions?