

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

For the Meeting of November 12, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Dan Mahoney, Fire Chief

Subject: Presentation related to Special Districts and the role of the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board receive a presentation related to Special Districts and the role of the Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

BACKGROUND:

At the September 2025 Board meeting, a request was made for Marin Local Agency Formation Commission Executive Officer Jason Fried to provide the Board with a presentation related to a Special District (Fire).

DISCUSSION:

The Marin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is an independent regulatory agency established under state law (Cortese–Knox–Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, California Government Code §56000 et seq.). For fire agencies in Marin County, LAFCo has historically played a role in:

- Evaluating fire district consolidations and reorganizations.
- Reviewing jurisdictional boundaries in relation to service demands.
- Providing independent analysis of governance models and fiscal impacts.

Executive Officer Fried will provide the following information per the Board's request:

- Difference between a Dependent and Independent District
- What is a Joint Powers Authority
- Pros and Cons of a District versus. a Joint Powers Authority
- District governance and funding

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with receiving this presentation

ATTACHMENTS:

None