

## **LAFCO Commission Meeting 3/2/26**

### **Agenda Item 6a - Supplemental Correspondence**

[*Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District*] LSFPD's revenue is fixed by law. Under Revenue and Taxation Code 96.1, the District receives a set share of the 1 percent property tax and cannot raise rates or generate new revenue. LAFCO's funding under Government Code 56381 comes from that same fixed tax base. The proposed 18.7 percent apportionment increase, attributed to eliminating reserves as offsetting revenues, creates volatility that districts cannot absorb. LSFPD must operate within its statutory allocation, and LAFCO should do the same by adopting a budget that fits within the existing apportionment formula.

- Kurt Worden