# NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

## LAFCO 3271 – Annexation to the Barstow Fire Protection District (Wastewater Treatment Facility Area)

# WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

You are a landowner within the area for LAFCO 3271 and by law, you have the opportunity to protest this proposal that the Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") approved on April 16, 2025. The proposed terms and conditions for the proposal are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3415.

## WHAT IS LAFCO 3271?

The proposed annexation to the Barstow Fire Protection District (District) encompasses approximately 187 acres generally located north of the I-40 Freeway and Main Street, and west of the northerly extension of Montara Road. The area includes Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 0424-101-16, 0424-081-16, 0424-081-17, 0424-081-74 (portion), 0424-081-75, 0424-191-01, 0424-191-02, 0424-191-03, 0424-191-04, 0424-191-05, 0424-152-02 & 0424-152-03. The annexation area is within the District's sphere of influence. This application has been submitted to address a correction related to the District's boundary.

This Notice and all related documents (staff report, resolution, maps, etc.) are available on the LAFCO website at: <u>https://sbclafco.org/lafco-3271/</u>

*If you have issues accessing information on the LAFCO website, please contact LAFCO at (909) 388-0480.* 

# WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE PROTEST HEARING AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

The Executive Officer of LAFCO will conduct the Protest Hearing for LAFCO 3271, which will take place:

#### Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at the Local Agency Formation Commission Office 1601 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 102 San Bernardino, CA

At the conclusion of the protest hearing, a determination will be made whether there is sufficient landowner or registered voter protest submitted to terminate the proposal.

# WHO CAN FILE A PROTEST:

Any landowner within the proposal area may file a written protest using the official LAFCO Protest Form. <u>Landowner</u> protest must include the name of landowner, signature and address of the land owned within the proposal area and/or the Assessor Parcel Number. <u>Agents</u> submitting protest on behalf of landowners must attach proper authorization. This may include written consent of the landowner, written consent from a trustee of property placed into a trust, signature authorization or majority shareholder consent of a corporation or LLC, or other suitable documentation. See Government Code Sections 56704, 56708 and 56710 for more information.

# WHERE TO GET A PROTEST FORM:

If you wish to protest LAFCO 3271, you first need to obtain a Protest Form by:

- Downloading the form from the LAFCO website homepage, under Announcements: www.sbclafco.org.
- Calling the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or emailing LAFCO at lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov to have a form mailed to you. You will need to provide your name and mailing address for delivery.
- Picking up a form in person at the LAFCO office located at 1601 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 102, San Bernardino, CA.
- Attending the Protest Hearing to be held at the LAFCO office located at 1601 E. 3rd Street, Suite 102, San Bernardino, CA, on June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

# **HOW TO SUBMIT PROTEST:**

All protest must be made by filling out a Protest Form and submitted:

- In person at the LAFCO Office, 1601 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 102, San Bernardino, CA prior to the conclusion of the Protest Hearing on June 11, 2025.
- By mail addressed to LAFCO, 1601 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 102, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490. If your mailed protest is postmarked by June 11, 2025, and received by LAFCO within seven (7) days of a June 11, 2025 postmark, we will process, verify, and count that protest.
- At the Protest Hearing to be held at the LAFCO office located at 1601 E. 3rd Street, Suite 102, San Bernardino, CA, on June 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

The written protest must have an original signature and dated during the official protest period, which begins on May 18, 2025, and ends on June 11, 2025. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to May 18, 2025, received in-person after the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, or postmarked after June 11, 2025 and not received by LAFCO within seven (7) days of a June 11, 2025 postmark, shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or email.

# **HOW PROTEST IS EVALUATED:**

Within 30 days following the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, the Executive Officer will make a determination on whether LAFCO 3271 is terminated or approved, as follows:

- **Terminate** LAFCO 3271 if written protest is received from 50% or more of the landowners—who own at least 50% of the total land value—submit written protest; or,
- **Approve** LAFCO 3271 if written protest is submitted from less than 50% of the landowners—who own less than 50% of the total land value—within the reorganization area.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or by email at: lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov

Dated: May 18, 2025

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Executive Officer BY: GAVIN CENTENO, Project Manager/Clerk to the Commission