ANNEXATION OF PRIVATE PARCELS TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Santa Barbara County Fire Department Fire Chief Michael W. Dyer



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Acting as the Board of Directors, adopt a resolution of application initiating annexation of mainland private parcels not served by a city fire department or fire district into the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District.
- Acting as the Board of Directors, determine that the annexation is categorically exempt from CEQA per Section 15378(b)(4),(5) of the California Administrative Code.

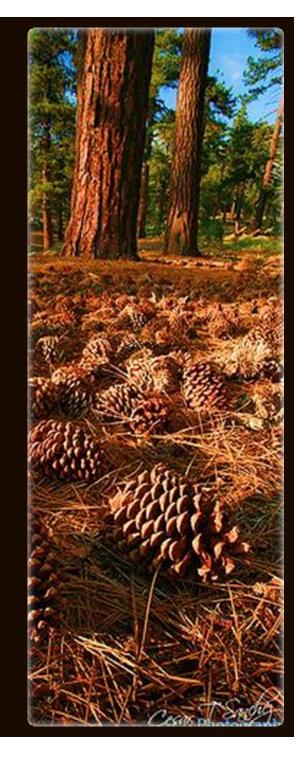
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 Authorize the Fire Chief to forward an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to annex these private parcels into the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District.



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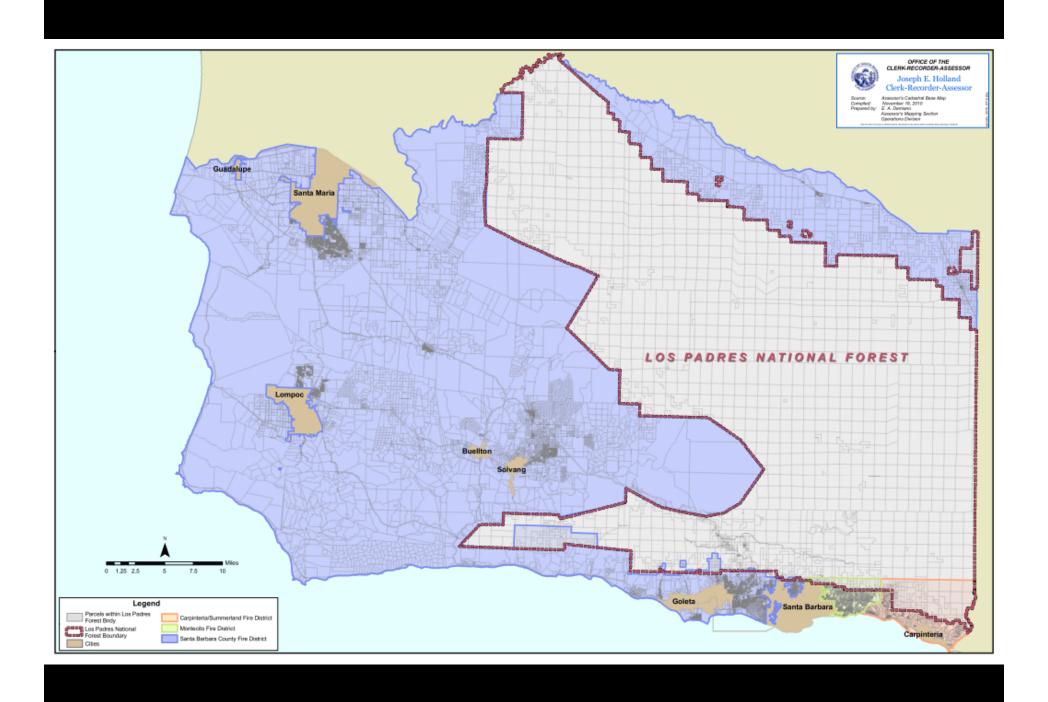
 Currently, there are approximately 1925 parcels located within the county that are not paying a portion of their property taxes to the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District. The majority of these parcels are located within the Los Padres National Forest.

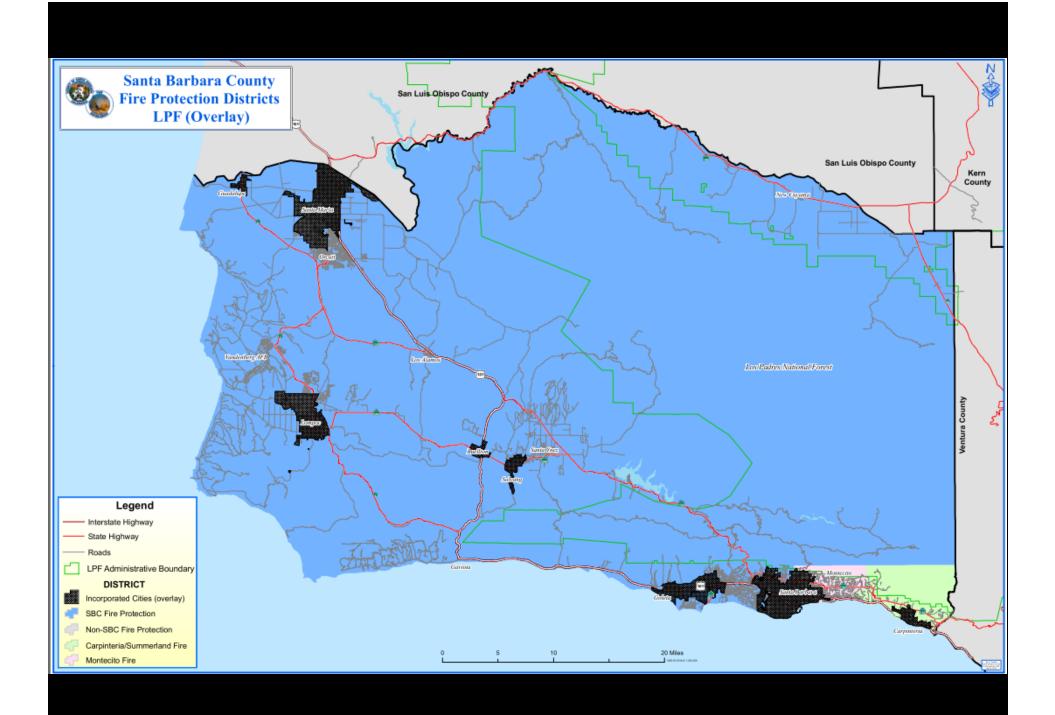




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 When the Santa Barbara **County Fire Protection District** was created in 1957, these parcels were never annexed into the Fire District. The Fire District has been serving these properties for over 50 years but not receiving any property tax revenues.



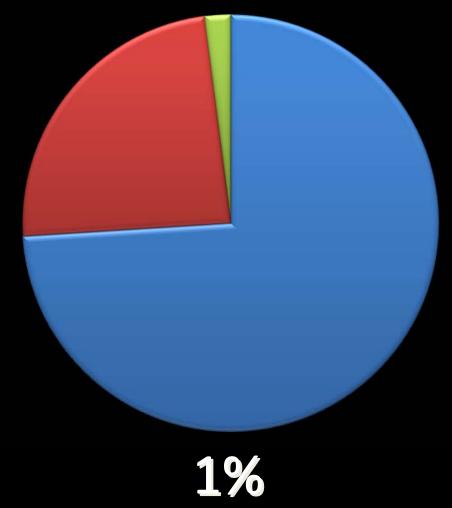




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 An annexation of parcels requires a negotiated exchange of property taxes per Section
99 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

PROPERTY TAXES



- Schools 74%
- County GF 24%
- Others 2%

This recommendation would not increase property taxes. It would transfer a portion of existing property tax revenue from the Santa Barbara County General Fund to the Fire District.

If the Fire District were to receive its district wide property tax percentage for these parcels, it would total over \$300,000 annually.



NEXT STEPS

- 1. Fire Chief to file annexation application with LAFCO.
- 2. Property tax exchange agreement to be negotiated with CEO and Board of Supervisors.
- 3. Board approval of property tax exchange agreement.
- 4. LAFCO approval of annexation application.