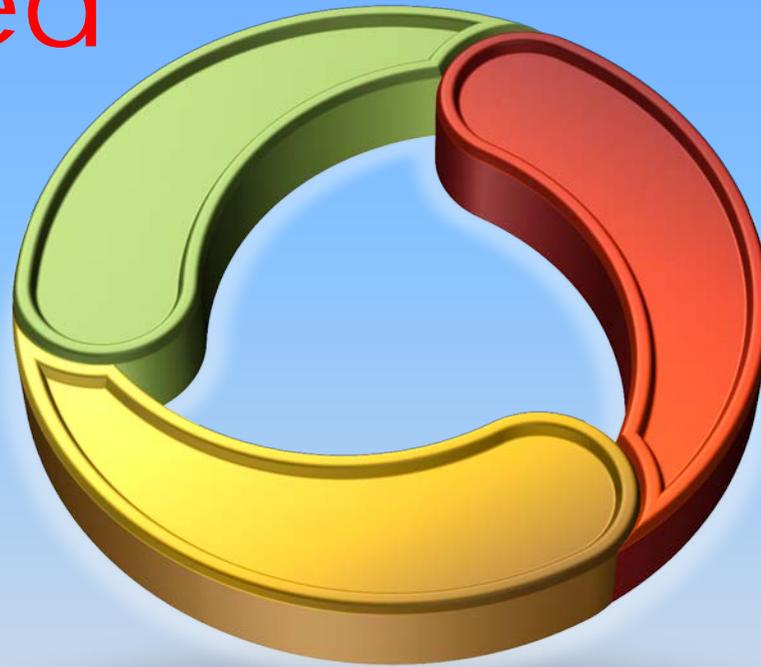




Shared



Services

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Local agencies, be they the cities/county or the special districts, all have an opportunity to balance rising costs and dwindling resources to continue maintaining levels of services and efficiencies by considering shared resources.

Sharing of resources can be accomplished in many ways: partnering with other agencies; establishing centralized services by two or more entities; providing services to each other; contracting with each other.

Among the mostly costly services that cities/county have in common are fire protection and law enforcement. While some contracts for both currently exist, there are other opportunities.

Services such as fleet management are common to both the cities/county and a number of special districts, not to mention school districts.

Collaboration in these areas would help contain costs, improve efficiency, eliminate duplicative activities and provide a better return on investment for the ratepayers.





GOAL:

LAFCO's role is to facilitate and encourage discussion and interest between the agencies.

To that end, LAFCO is willing to take a leadership role to further the dialogue and encourage the various entities to come together in an effort to explore all possibilities.

LAFCO is willing to sponsor workshops; meetings; bring other experienced parties to the county to explain how "they" did it; and hire consultants if necessary.





PROPOSED PROCESS:

- 1) Conduct a survey of all agencies to determine what services they provide; what services they may already be sharing/contracting; what services they would be interested in sharing.**
- 2) Include all local agencies, cities, county, special districts and the school districts.**
- 3) Analyze the results of the survey and prepare a synopsis of the results to be shared with all participants.**
- 4) Develop a schedule of workshops to discuss the results and possible opportunities.**



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DRAFT QUESTIONS:

- 1) Does your agency currently provide a service or share a service with another agency? If YES, please provide a list of the service(s). _____
- 2) Is your agency interested in sharing services?
- 3) Is your agency interested in contracting for a service?
- 4) Is your agency interested in providing a service?
If YES, what type? _____
- 5) Prioritize the service(s) you would be most interested in sharing/contracting. (1-10)
 - a) Fire
 - b) Police
 - c) Public works
 - d) Animal control
 - e) Planning/permitting/building inspection
 - f) Parks & recreation
 - g) Library
 - h) Administrative
 - i) Accounting
 - j) Legal
 - k) Other: _____





DRAFT QUESTIONS CONTINUED:

- 7) If your agency currently does not provide or receive a service please select all that apply:
- a) Not yet considered.
 - b) Currently considering (if so what?): _____
 - c) Previously tried but not successful.
 - d) Not willing to share or contract any service.
 - e) Willing to consider.
- 8) Do you have a service that you would like to offer to another agency?
- 9) What do you see as the most difficult reason to share services?
- 10) Are you willing to participate in LAFCO moderated working groups?

