



# 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.**



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## **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.**



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# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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# 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?



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