



## *LAFCO didn't propose what I claimed*

**W**hen fact and hearsay get mixed up its as bad as making assumptions without checking my facts - I walk away with egg on my face and owing someone an apology.

We reported a recent LAFCO meeting a few weeks ago correctly. However in the following days facts became involved with misunderstandings. I wrote a long (way too long) editorial explaining the history of personal interactions between fire districts and LAFCO staff. The history was correct. However afterwards I was getting, the story that the LAFCO executive officer, Jan Lopez, had proposed including the Cassel Fire Company in a joint Fall River, McArthur and Northwest Lassen Fire Department Sphere of Influence.

Now, after "rechecking" facts, I have learned that when joint SOI came up on the agenda, one of the commissioners had asked about including Cassel in that sphere, but it had not been proposed by staff. Additionally Cassel and Soldier Mountain which was also mentioned along with both County Fire/Cal Fire, which Cassel and Soldier Mountain fall under and the County CEO were among those who opposed such a move.

Anyway it is abundantly clear that I owe Jan Lopez an apology - I had indicated that the "fictional" inclusion wasn't too bright and she should have known better - obviously that was incorrect.

I apologize.