

# SHASTA LAFCO

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## History

The Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission was established in 1963. Shasta LAFCO's first 5-member commission included:

- Two representatives from the Shasta County Board of Supervisors
- One representative from the City Council of the City of Redding
- One representative from the City Council of the City of Anderson
- One representative of the general public

With the 1993 incorporation of the City of Shasta Lake, the Mayor's Selection Committee agreed that the three cities in Shasta County would share the two city seats on LAFCO on a rotational basis.

In 1994 Shasta LAFCO was expanded to include two representatives from the independent special districts in Shasta County, thereby becoming a seven-member commission.

## Commissioners

Shasta LAFCO's first public member was Dr. C.J. Ferreira. Dr. Ferreira served continuously on LAFCO for over 26 years, thereby earning the distinction of being the longest-serving LAFCO Commissioner in California up to his retirement. In 1990, Dr. Ferreira's alternate, Mr. Larry Mack, became the regular public member. A roster of Shasta LAFCO's charter members could not be located. The following have served on the Commission over the past ten years, with current members shown in ***bold italics***:

Public: ***Dan Gover***; Larry Mack; ***John Mathena (Alternate)***

County: ***Les Baugh***; Mark Cibula; Patricia "Trish" Clarke; Irwin Fust; ***Linda Hartman (Alternate)***; Maurice Johannessen; ***David Kehoe***; Molly Wilson

Cities: Robert Anderson, Redding; John Beaudet, Shasta Lake; Dick Dickerson, Redding; ***Larry Farr, Shasta Lake***; George Faust, Anderson; ***Patrick Jones, (Alternate) Redding***, Rodney Stan Morgan, Anderson; Charlie Moss, Redding; Butch Schaefer, Anderson; Ray Siner, Shasta Lake; Pete Smolenski, Anderson; Mary Stegall, Redding; John Stevens, Anderson; Keith Webster, Anderson; ***James Yarbrough, Anderson***

Special Districts: Marvin Bennett, Anderson FPD/Shasta MAD; Walt Caldwell, Burney MAD; ***Irwin Fust Clear Creek CSD; Brenda Haynes, ACID***; Darren Langfield, Centerville CSD, Duane Miller, Anderson-Cottonwood ID; Lynn Miller, Burney FPD; ***Stephen Morgan, (Alternate) Shasta Lake Fire Protection District***; Larry Russell, Clear Creek CSD; John Walsh, Anderson FPD

## LAFCO Staff

Shasta LAFCO's first Executive Officer was County Executive Officer Bill G. Minton. Mr. Minton was the LAFCO Executive Officer from 1963 to 1980.

Responsibility for LAFCO administration was transferred to the County Office of Special Districts in 1980, and Larry G. Preston, the Special Districts Director, was appointed as the LAFCO Executive Officer. Julie

M. Howard, the Special Districts/LAFCO Analyst, was appointed LAFCO Executive Officer in 1982. She held that position until 1990 when LAFCO administration was transferred to the County Department of Public Works. With that transfer, Public Works Director Richard W. Curry became the LAFCO Executive Officer. Mrs. Howard returned to LAFCO in 1994, and served as LAFCO Executive Officer until the end of 2003.

In December of 2004, the Commission hired Amy Mickelson (nee Beauchane) as the Interim Executive Officer. In May of 2004, the Commission offered Ms. Mickelson the permanent position of Executive Officer. She has served in this position since that time.

Shasta County Counsel acted as LAFCO Legal Counsel from the establishment of Shasta LAFCO in 1963 up to mid-2000 when the Commission elected to contract for independent legal counsel services. Shasta LAFCO's current Legal Counsel is Elizabeth W. Johnson of the firm Law Offices of Wilkins, Underwood and Johnson.

LAFCO Clerk services have been provided over the years either by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or clerical staff from another County. Beginning in November 2002, Shasta LAFCO elected to contract with an independent professional for LAFCO Clerk services. In 2005, a fulltime Clerk was hired by the Executive Officer. In 2006, the position was altered to provide an increased need for analytical services and is currently classified as the Clerk/Analyst. As of March 2011, Marissa Jackson serves as the Clerk/Analyst.

#### **LAFCO Office**

From 1963 to mid-2000, the LAFCO office was located in a Shasta County department – first in the County Executive Office, then in the Office of Special Districts, then in the Community Services Department, then in the Public Works Department and finally, back to the County Administrative Office.

(For a period of time in the mid-1980's, LAFCO was provided separate quarters and additional staff in order to meet the newly-mandated requirement that spheres of influence be developed and adopted for local agencies. That project was essentially completed by 1988, and the LAFCO office was transferred back to a County department and staff time on LAFCO was reduced.)

With the 1999 passage of the revised LAFCO statute, effective January 1, 2000, Shasta LAFCO approved a FY 00/01 budget that provided for independent quarters and full-time staffing.

The Shasta LAFCO office is presently located at:

2516 Goodwater Avenue, Suite A  
Redding, CA 96002  
530.242.1112  
shasta.lafco.ca.gov

#### **LAFCO Independence**

Although Shasta LAFCO moved to an external office in 2000 and was for all intents and purposes an independent agency, they relied on the County of Shasta to provide a majority of services, including personnel provisions until 2006. In March of 2006, the Commission opted to not renew their contract with the County for the majority of these services as of July 1, 2006. As of that date forward, Shasta LAFCO has been the employer of record for staffing services. In 2007, all funds were moved from the

County Treasury to an outside bank and investment fund. The journey to independence was taken in stages, some of which were more difficult than others, but the rewards have been true.

### **Local Outreach**

Shasta LAFCO endeavors to educate local agencies and the community on the purpose and objectives of LAFCO, as well as the role of LAFCO in the planning and shaping of orderly development and extension of governmental services. Toward that end, Commissioners and staff have:

- Conducted local agency workshops to introduce the major requirements and procedures in the LAFCO statute;
- Participated in the annual “Grand Jury Orientation” program;
- Participated in the “Leadership Redding” program;
- Made presentations at Planning Commission meetings;
- Made presentations at meetings of special districts governing boards.

### **CALAFCO**

Over the years, Shasta LAFCO Commissioners have served on the Executive Board of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), the most recent being Commissioner Trish Clarke. Commissioner Clarke was elected to two terms on the CALAFCO Executive Board, and twice elected Chairman of the Executive Board.

Commissioner Clarke was also appointed to the legislatively established Commission on Local Governance for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (a.k.a. Hertzberg Commission). The Hertzberg Commission was tasked with reviewing current statutes and, where appropriate, recommending revisions to the laws that govern city, county and special districts boundary changes. The work of the Hertzberg Commission resulted in the landmark AB 2838 that was chaptered as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 – the new LAFCO statute.

LAFCO staff has also participated in CALAFCO events. Former Executive Officer Julie Howard was a member of the “Implementation Team” that was responsible to train LAFCO Executive Officers and staff on the provisions and requirements in the new LAFCO statute. Over the years, Mrs. Howard also served on the CALAFCO Annual Conference program committee, and she was a program speaker and panelist at Annual Conferences and Staff Workshops. Current Executive Officer Amy Mickelson has served on numerous CALAFCO committees and has spoken at several venues across the State.

### **LAFCO Actions**

From 1980 to the present, Shasta LAFCO has considered and taken action on a wide range of proposals and business, including:

- Special District Reorganizations .....173
- City of Redding Reorganizations.....100
- City of Anderson Reorganizations.....7
- Independent Special District Formations.....1
- Dependent (CSA) District Formations.....22
- Spheres of Influence (Cities and Districts).....40
- Municipal Services Reviews .....12
- Incorporation (City of Shasta Lake) .....1
- Establishment of Policies, Procedures, Fee Schedules, etc.....42