

**SUPPLEMENT
SPECIAL DISTRICT SERVICES
ACTIVATION OR DIVESTITURE OF FUNCTION/SERVICE**

INTRODUCTION: The questions on this form are designed to obtain data about the specific service(s) requested to be authorized for the district. The purpose is to allow the Commission, staff and others to adequately assess the proposal. You may also include any additional information which you believe is pertinent, using additional sheets, where necessary, and including any relevant documents.

1. Please identify the function(s)/service(s) proposed for activation or divestiture:

Example: (Function) *Water* (Service) *Retail, wholesale, domestic, industrial, irrigation, fire protection, sanitation*

Yermo Community Services District (divest)

FUNCTION <u>Fire Protection and EMS</u>	SERVICE <u>Structural, watershed, suppression, prevention</u>
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2. Provide a statement of the reason(s) for the proposal which shall include, but not be limited to, a description of any existing service deficiency, general plan determinations (existing or anticipated change necessitating service), anticipated growth rate (please identify source of data), topography, etc.

The proposed reorganization of the Community of Yermo into the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD) has been requested by the Yermo Community Services District (Yermo CSD) governing board to establish a sustainable, reliable, and financially viable model for the delivery of fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services (EMS) excluding ambulance transport, and all-hazard emergency response within the community.

The Yermo Community Services District (Yermo CSD) currently relies on a volunteer fire department that has experienced significant operational challenges, including limited volunteer staffing availability, difficulty recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, aging infrastructure, non-operational fire apparatus, limited availability of compliant personal protective equipment, and insufficient financial resources to sustain modern fire and EMS operations. As a result, the community does not maintain consistent emergency response capability or a continuously staffed fire engine available for emergency response.

3. What service(s) was the District authorized to provide at the time of its formation? (Would be identified in final resolution approving formation or included in election decision – a copy of this document may be attached to fulfill this requirement.)

Fire protection, parks and recreation, streetlighting

4. Provide an identification of any multiple purpose districts within the area authorized to provide the identified function/service activation. Include a description as to why the preferred choice has been made.

Annexation into the SBCFPD will transfer responsibility for fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical services (EMS) excluding ambulance transport, and all-hazard emergency response to an established regional fire protection agency with the personnel, equipment,

training, and financial resources necessary to provide dependable emergency services. The proposal will integrate Yermo CSD into SBCFPD's regional services delivery model, improving operational reliability, enhancing firefighter and public safety, strengthening automatic and mutual aid capabilities, and providing greater resilience during major emergencies.

This proposal also supports San Bernardino County's Countywide Vision to enhance public safety objectives by improving emergency response coverage along the Interstate 15 and Interstate 40 transportation corridors, which experience ever-increasing commercial, recreational, and hazardous materials traffic. Additionally, annexation will better position the community to accommodate future residential, commercial, and industrial growth by ensuring that fire protection infrastructure and emergency response capabilities are provided through a sustainable regional service delivery model.

Overall, the reorganization is intended to improve public safety, enhance service delivery and reliability in the region, increase operational efficiency, and provide long-term fiscal and organizational stability for emergency response in the Community of Yermo.

5. PLAN FOR SERVICES:

The requirements for the Plan for Service are outlined in Government Code Section 56824.12 and are summarized below:

1. The total estimated cost to provide the new or different function or class of service within the District's boundaries. This projection shall be, at a minimum, for a five-year period.
2. The estimated cost of the new or different function or service to existing customers within the district's jurisdictional boundaries. (The cost can be identified by customer class).
3. An identification of existing providers, if any, of the function(s)/service(s) and the potential fiscal impact of this activation to the customers of those providers.
4. A plan for financing the establishment of the new or different function/service within the district's jurisdictional boundaries. A five-year projection of revenues (at a minimum) with discussion about the sufficiency of revenues to fund the anticipated ongoing maintenance and operation of the service is required. This plan should include:
 - a. An indication of whether territory is or will be proposed for inclusion within a proposed improvement zone/district, assessment district, or community facilities district to fund the service.
 - b. If retail water service is proposed to be activated through this action, provide a description of the timely availability of water for projected needs within the area. (The response should be patterned after the factors identified in Government Code Section 65352.5 related to an Urban Water Management Plan.)
5. A discussion of the alternatives to the establishment of the new or different service within the District's boundaries/service area.

This plan shall, at a minimum, respond to each of the items identified above and shall be signed and certified as to its completeness and accuracy by an official of the requesting agency.

CERTIFICATION

As a part of this application, the Yermo CSD District/Agency agrees to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, proceeding brought against any of them, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it.

This indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, damages, penalties, fines and other costs imposed upon or incurred by San Bernardino LAFCO should San Bernardino LAFCO be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application.

The district signing this application will be considered the proponent for the proposed action(s) and will receive all related notices and other communications. I understand that if this application is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the proponent to indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in any attachments and exhibits hereto present the data and information required to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

DATE 10/17/2026

Lucette Becknall

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Lucette Becknall

PRINTED NAME

Yermo CSD Board Director

TITLE

CO-APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

The San Bernardino County Fire Protection District ("SBCFPD") and the Yermo Community Services District ("Yermo CSD") are jointly submitting the proposed reorganization described in this application and are collectively referred to as the "Co-Applicants." Each Co-Applicant executes this certification separately and solely on its own behalf.

The proposed reorganization includes, among other related actions, the annexation of the subject territory to SBCFPD and the divestiture of specified fire protection and emergency service functions from Yermo CSD. Consistent with Government Code sections 56654 and 56824.12, Yermo CSD is the initiating special district with respect to the proposed divestiture of Yermo CSD's authority to provide the functions and classes of service identified in the Divestiture of Function/Service Supplement.

As part of this application, each Co-Applicant, acting separately on its own behalf, agrees to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, or

proceeding brought against any of them for the purpose of attacking, setting aside, voiding, or annulling approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document accompanying it.

This indemnification obligation includes, but is not limited to, damages, penalties, fines, attorney fees, and other reasonable costs imposed upon or incurred by San Bernardino LAFCO if San Bernardino LAFCO is named as a party in litigation or an administrative proceeding arising out of or relating to this application.

Each undersigned representative, on behalf of the public agency identified below, further certifies that:

1. The undersigned is authorized by the governing body of the identified agency to execute and submit this application and certification on the agency's behalf.
2. The statements, information, and supporting materials furnished by, or attributable to, that agency are true and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief.
3. The identified agency acknowledges San Bernardino LAFCO's indemnification requirements applicable to this application and understands that LAFCO may impose an indemnification requirement as a condition of approval.
4. Nothing in this certification authorizes either Co-Applicant or its representative to bind the other Co-Applicant or to certify facts, commitments, or information solely within the responsibility or control of the other Co-Applicant.

The Co-Applicants may designate a single primary administrative contact for purposes of coordinating LAFCO notices and communications. Such designation is for administrative convenience only and does not alter the respective legal status, responsibilities, or authority of either Co-Applicant with respect to any component of the proposed reorganization.

Date:

Signature:

Daniel R. Munsey, Fire Chief/Fire Warden

San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

Date:

10/26/2026
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Signature:

Lucette Becknall

Lucette Becknall, Yermo CSD Board Director