



**NOTICE OF AND AGENDA FOR
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TOWN OF COLMA**

**Colma Community Center
1520 Hillside Boulevard
Colma, CA 94014**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the Town of Colma will hold a Special Meeting at the above time and place for transacting the following business:

1. NEW BUSINESS: LAFCO Municipal Service Review

Consider: Motion to Accept Response Letter to 2015 LAFCO Municipal Services Review.

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Posted: 6/15/15

Sean Rabé, City Clerk





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Director of Recreation
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Lori Burns
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Dear Ms. Poyatos,

The Town of Colma is in receipt of the Draft North County Cities and Special Districts portion of the 2015 LAFCO Municipal Services Review (MSR). This letter is intended to provide the City Council's comments on the Draft MSR.

While Colma has the smallest population of all incorporated cities within San Mateo County, the Town has been incorporated for more than 90 years and continues to provide quality services to its residents. As noted in the Draft MSR, the Town is more than financially viable with significant reserves to offset any economic decline – in fact, the Town's recently-approved Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget includes more than 128 percent of General Fund expenditures in reserve. Thus, any notion of consolidation with any neighboring city is out of the question.

In reviewing the Draft MSR's section on the Town of Colma, the City Council agrees that there may be merit to a potential merger of the Town and the Colma Highway Lighting District. Such a merger would require significant further study, however. Staff will be investigating this during the upcoming fiscal year.

While the City Council is in general agreement regarding the Colma section of the Draft MSR, the Council is very troubled and concerned about the recommendations regarding the Colma Fire Protection District (District). The Council also finds it very dismaying that the consultant preparing the Draft MSR did not discuss the recommendation to dissolve the District with Staff, despite Staff's availability.

Any dissolution of the District would have a negative impact on the Town's residents and businesses, whether or not fire protection services would be provided by another entity (be it Daly City or the County). The District was formed during the same period of time that the Town incorporated and has provided continually high levels of service since that time. The Draft MSR itself notes the District meets national averages for calls for service and exceeds the national average for on-time building and facility inspections (page 157). The Draft MSR also states that, "Based upon an evaluation of current budget resources and available performance statistics, no significant deficiencies have been identified for the Colma Fire Protection District," (page 158). Further, the Draft MSR notes that the District's cost per call is much lower than any of the comparable agencies (page 160).

Considering the above, why would the Draft MSR recommend dissolution of the District? In light of the above and absent any contrary information, the City Council strongly objects to any proposed dissolution of the Colma Fire Protection District and urges LAFCO to reject any proposed dissolution effort. The City Council strongly supports the status quo alternative in the Draft MSR.

The City Council has also reviewed the portion of the Draft MSR regarding the dissolution of the Broadmoor Police Protection District (Broadmoor). Again, the City Council is concerned that the consultant preparing the Draft MSR failed to discuss any potential dissolution with Town of Colma Staff. Dissolution of Broadmoor could have a potentially negative effect on the Town as it is unlikely Daly City or the County would be in a position to provide the same level of police protection as Broadmoor Police currently do, which would have a spillover effect on the Town of Colma. Thus, the City Council strongly objects to any proposed dissolution of Broadmoor and encourages LAFCO to support the status quo alternative in the Draft MSR.

Thank you for your consideration of the Town's comments. Please do not hesitate to contact City Manager Sean Rabé at the phone number listed above should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joanne F. del Rosario

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