

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 54956 of the Government Code of the State of California, a Special meeting of the **Tracy City Council** is hereby called for:

**Date/Time:** **Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**  
(or as soon thereafter as possible)

**Location:** **Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy**

Government Code Section 54954.3 states that every public meeting shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the Tracy City Council on any item, before or during consideration of the item, however no action shall be taken on any item not on the agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Items from the Audience - *In accordance with Procedures for Preparation, Posting and Distribution of Agendas and the Conduct of Public Meetings, adopted by Resolution 2015-052 any item not on the agenda brought up by the public at a meeting, shall be automatically referred to staff. If staff is not able to resolve the matter satisfactorily, the member of the public may request a Council Member to sponsor the item for discussion at a future meeting.*
4. RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION TITLED "GOVERNANCE REVIEW - A REVIEW OF OPTIONS AND A GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SOUTH COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY" AND PROVIDE STAFF WITH FEEDBACK CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF THE PRESENTATION
5. Adjournment



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Mayor

**Posted: July 14, 2016**

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Any materials distributed to the majority of the Tracy City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office located at 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, during normal business hours.

AGENDA ITEM 4

REQUEST

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A presentation was developed to provide a review of governance, governance options and a governance recommendation for the South County Fire Authority. After staff receives feedback from the City Council concerning the presentation, a comprehensive report will be published.

DISCUSSION

Due to concerns of lost fire protection revenues through property annexations, in 1999 the City of Tracy and the Tracy Rural Fire District entered into a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA). The JPA combined the two agencies into the South County Fire Authority (SCFA) and contracted with the City of Tracy to provide fire protection services to SCFA. All employees either remained or became employees of the City of Tracy. The agreement included a provision that allowed the annexed property to remain in the Fire District and for the Fire District to continue to collect a higher property tax allocation that would be reduced through required county tax sharing agreement if detachment occurred.

In 2011 San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) conducted a Fire Service Municipal Service Review (MSR) of the District and expressed concerns about the City not detaching from the District when annexations occur. Their concerns were focused on two primary areas:

- 1) A loss of revenue to the County due to their inability to impose a tax sharing agreement (taking part of the ad valorem tax generated by TRFD) when detachment does not occur.
- 2) A concern that the City is not providing full municipal services to its residents. At the same time, the Tracy Rural Board of Directors did not have the desired authority over fire protection policies and did not participate in financial, administrative and operational policy development, approval and implementation for fire protection programs within their District boundaries.

In 2015 a long term contract was cancelled with the Mountain House Community Services District that was partially based on a governance model that was not conducive

to expansion and lacked the formalized roles and responsibility required to negotiate and maintain the contract.

Utilizing information from a Fire Service Governance Oversight Committee report, a Management Partners Report and a study conducted by Goodwin Consulting Group, the presentation provides a recommendation for the South County Fire Authority to transition to a governance model that would address LAFCO concerns, Tracy Rural Fire District concerns, expansion concerns, and maintain fire protection tax dollars within the City and District.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

This item is not related to the Council's Strategic Plans.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council receive the report titled "Governance Review - A Review of Options and a Governance Recommendation for the South County Fire Authority" and provide staff with feedback concerning the contents of the presentation

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