

REGULATORY POWERS AND DUTIES . . .

LAFCO is a *regulatory agency* charged by the State legislature with “discouraging urban sprawl and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies” based on “local circumstances and conditions.” To meet its responsibilities, LAFCO reviews and approves or denies proposals to:

- Annex land to cities or special districts,
- Detach land from cities or special districts,
- Consolidate two or more cities or two or more special districts,
- Form new special districts and incorporate new cities,
- Dissolve special districts and disincorporate cities,
- Merge cities and special districts,
- Allow cities or special districts to provide services outside of their boundaries.