

**COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES**

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*And Affected State Agencies and Interested Parties (see attached mailing list)*

RE: **Adopted Statement of Decision**

*Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), 02-TC-23*  
Government Code Sections 56326.5, 56381, 56381.6, 56001, 56425, 56430 and 56426.5;  
Statutes 2000, Chapter 761 (AB 2838); and Statutes 2002, Chapter 493 (AB 1948);  
"LAFCO Municipal Service Review Guidelines" (October 2002); and "LAFCO  
Municipal Service Review Guidelines Appendices" (October 2002) of the Governor's  
Office of Planning and Research  
Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District, Claimant

Dear Mr. Burdick and Ms. Brummels:

The Commission on State Mandates adopted the attached Statement of Decision on September 27, 2007. State law provides that reimbursement, if any, is subject to Commission approval of parameters and guidelines for reimbursement of the mandated program; approval of a statewide cost estimate; a specific legislative appropriation for such purpose; a timely-filed claim for reimbursement; and subsequent review of the claim by the State Controller's Office.

Following is a description of the responsibilities of all parties and the Commission during the parameters and guidelines phase.

- **Claimant's Submission of Proposed Parameters and Guidelines.** Pursuant to Government Code section 17557 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 1183.1 et seq., the claimant is responsible for submitting proposed parameters and guidelines by **November 2, 2007**. See Government Code section 17557 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 1183.1 et seq. for guidance in preparing and filing a timely submission. Also, the claimant may propose a "reasonable reimbursement methodology," a formula for reimbursing local agency costs mandated by the state. (See Gov. Code, § 17518.5 and Cal. Code Regs., tit.2, 1183.13.)
- **Review of Proposed Parameters and Guidelines.** Within ten days of receipt of completed proposed parameters and guidelines, the Commission will send copies to the Department of Finance, Office of the State Controller, affected state agencies, and interested parties who are on the enclosed mailing list. Any recipient may propose a "reasonable reimbursement methodology" pursuant to Government Code section 17518.5. All recipients will be given an opportunity to provide written comments or

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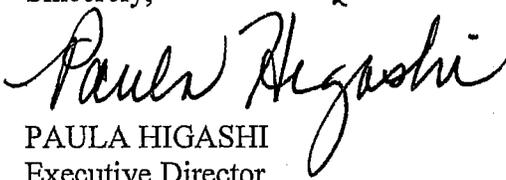
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recommendations to the Commission within 15 days of service. The claimant and other interested parties may submit written rebuttals. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1183.11.)

- **Adoption of Parameters and Guidelines.** After review of the proposed parameters and guidelines and all comments, Commission staff will recommend the adoption of the claimant's proposed parameters and guidelines or adoption of an amended, modified, or supplemented version of the claimant's original submission. (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 1183.12.)

Please contact Nancy Patton at (916) 323-3562 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Enclosures