

June 1, 2026

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**, at a meeting starting at 6:00 P.M. in the Joint Chambers, Basement Level, Tenth Street Place, 1010 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, California, to consider the following:

**LAFCO APPLICATION NO. 2026-04 – CERES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REORGANIZATION TO THE STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:** Request to annex the Ceres Fire Protection District territory, which is comprised of approximately 2,444 acres, and simultaneously dissolve the Ceres Fire Protection District. The reorganization will also include a Sphere of Influence amendment for the Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District. The Ceres Fire Protection District area is located south of the City of Ceres between the Union Pacific Railroad and Faith Home Road (See attached map for further details.)

**This notice is intended to inform you of the proposal and the ability to provide your comments at or prior to Stanislaus LAFCO’s public hearing.** Please be further advised that there is potential for the extension or continuation of a previously authorized charge, fee, assessment, or tax in the annexation area.

The proposal is considered exempt for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to §15320 and §15061(b)(3). Section 15320 categorically exempts changes of organization or reorganization of local governmental agencies where the proposal does not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised. Section 15061(b)(3) exempts the project though the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It has been determined with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment; the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Additional information related to this project is available for your review on our website ([www.stanislauslafco.org](http://www.stanislauslafco.org) under the “Current Projects & Notices” link) or at the LAFCO Office, 1010 10<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Modesto, CA. Copies of the agenda and staff report will be available five days prior to the Hearing Date. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact our office at (209) 525-7660.

**NOTE: Comments may be provided at the public hearing, or delivered in advance of the hearing date by U.S. Mail or by email to: [lafco@stancounty.com](mailto:lafco@stancounty.com). If you challenge the above item in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at or prior to the public hearing. No correspondence addressed to the Commission, individual Commissioners or staff will be accepted and/or considered unless it has been signed by the author, or sufficiently identifies the person or persons responsible for its creation and submittal. Materials submitted to the Commission for consideration (i.e., photos, slides, petitions, letters, etc.) will be retained by LAFCO and cannot be returned.**

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CERES FPD REORGANIZATION TO THE  
STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FPD  
PROJECT MAP

**STANISLAUS  
CONSOLIDATED  
FPD**

**CERES  
FPD**

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FPD**

Proposed Annexation  
(Ceres FPD)

Stanislaus Consolidated  
FPD Boundary

