

# LAFCO strong one year after financial disaster



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One year after discussions of a fiscal emergency within the Shasta LAFCO, the agency now projects to finish its fiscal year with money to spare.

On Tuesday the Shasta Local Area Formation Commission's fiscal committee reviewed financial documents showing the agency would be about \$10,000 under its projected fiscal year budget.

Executive Officer George Williamson said efforts made by the fiscal committee and staff are reflected in the year-end balance, leaving the agency in the black.

"It's something you can feel good about after years of struggle," said Williamson, who began working with the agency at the beginning of the year.

In 2014 the agency had to complete about 50 mandatory studies and reviews, a large order for staff, creating a financial crisis for the board.

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In 2015 it was determined that Shasta LAFCO had only performed one fiscal audit since 2008, according to Shasta County Auditor Brian Muir, who was asked to review the agency's financial books.

Services and hours were scaled back at the agency to avoid running out of money and the agency limped to the end of its fiscal year.

On Tuesday the fiscal committee reviewed the proposed fiscal year budget for 2016-17. Williamson was joined by public members Bob Richardson and Dick Fyten, Special District member Brenda Haynes and officer manager Kathy Bull.

Fyten and Haynes recommended a revised schedule for the various reports and studies the agency would have to conduct in the coming years, as the last crunch of reviews leaves a renewal period in the middle of 2018.

The fiscal committee will propose a spaced out schedule to the LAFCO board at its next meeting, one that would avoid having to provide 32 studies and reports in one year.

"We want to break up the reviews over a time frame to avoid the same issue that happened previously," Fyten said. "We are being cautious now. Taking baby steps in spacing these out and untangle the mess we were in."

Williamson was brought on as an independent consultant to fill the executive officer position after the position was left vacant and filled by the agency's attorney Jim Underwood.

Williamson has also worked as a consultant with the Humboldt and Del Norte LAFCO agencies.



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