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## **SPECIAL DISTRICTS RESEARCH: KENSINGTON IS ONE**

We are unique in that we have a police department, other special districts typically manage recreation, refuse, sewage, easements etc.

Information gathered from :

<http://www.csga.net/special-districts/>

LAFCO , Municipal Service Review: Law Enforcement Services, Baracco & Assoc, Sept 2011, and city websites

### **What Do Other Special Districts Provide in Terms of Services?**

#### **1. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Using Diablo as an example

##### **-Diablo CSD (borders Blackhawk and Danville)**

Pop 1,158

Contracts with CC Cty Sheriff , governed by board members and a District Manager, (contracted, @ \$40k/yr) no employees

One resident deputy, who is based at the Valley Station in Alamo, works flex schedule based on needs, when off duty the sheriffs beat patrol from the Valley Station provides coverage. One officer per vehicle. Gets dispatch, investigative and forensic services and any other services from Sherriffs Office (SO). Pg 281-282. Same or similar set up to others listed below re services.

The Sheriff's Office provides services , i.e. resident deputies to the additional following special districts: (Report notes that SO is understaffed, that Sheriff Livingston is working on improving services, in a climate of reduced finances in communities)

**-Blackhawk**, P2, zone A, pop 9,354, 1 lieutenant, 2 resident deputies

**-Alamo**, P2, zone B, pop 12,736, 1 School resource officer

**-Round Hill**, P5, pop.1,764, 1 resident deputy, 1 sgt (dependent sp. District, county bd of supervisors is their board)

Unincorporated communities (info taken from figure 26-2, pg 301)

**-Crockett CSD** (includes Port Costa), pop 3,094,

1.5 resident deputy, General Manager oversees 2 dept mgrs, 5 member board of directors (info from Crockett website,CCSD formed in 2006)

**-Discovery Bay CSD**, pop 13,352  
2 resident deputies, 1 crime prevention specialist

**-Knightsen Town CSD**, pop, 1568, no services  
Census designated place (ranches, farms, horses!)

**-Kensington PP&CSD**, stand alone PD

## **2. ALAMEDA COUNTY**

**-Dublin San Ramon SD**

Has always contracted with the Sheriff's dept.

Mayor, Vice Mayor, 3 councilmembers, and a City Manager and asst city manager  
Contracts with Sheriff's Office, 4 FT city employees assist with admin functions for PD, police chief

Numerous contracted PD services: crime prevention, investigations, patrol, school resource officer, traffic, business administration

## **3. SAN MATEO COUNTY HAS SPECIAL DISTRICT (1)**

**-Broadmoor Police Protection District** , pop 4,176

**\*\*Currently being sued by a commissioner for harassment, major issues with this town.**

<http://lafco.smcgov.org/special-districts-san-mateo-county>

[http://lafco.smcgov.org/sites/lafco.smcgov.org/files/documents/files/North%20County%20MSR%20-%209-16-15\\_7.pdf](http://lafco.smcgov.org/sites/lafco.smcgov.org/files/documents/files/North%20County%20MSR%20-%209-16-15_7.pdf)

.55 sq mile, 3 member elected board of police commissioners,  
They formerly had the county sheriff's dept provide services, but it was too far away, in 1948, formed the police district.

COP is also the District Manager. The police commission sets policy, determines budget and hears appeals in certain personnel matters.

I attempted to review the meeting minutes on the website but only minutes with minimal information was posted, and only thru July 2015. No financial data was posted, no transparency.

I reviewed the newly released LAFCO MSR report. They have the following:  
11 officers, 1 non sworn, 25 volunteers

They have 2.37 sworn personnel for every 1000 people, their priority 1 response time is under 7 minutes. Like other cities, the crime rate has fallen from 2007-13. They have 1 officer and 1 reserve officer assigned per shift.

“The overall calls for service totaled 1,996 calls and with a budget of \$2,094,634, that equates to \$1,049.42 per call response. This cost per call for service is three times the Daly City police department cost per call and in the high range of costs for the five agencies analyzed for police services but is expected with BPPD’s higher rate of sworn officers per 1,000 residents.”

\*\*\*LAFCO mentions benefits of a potential merge with Daly City and Colma to reduce costs and duplication of services. Possibility of eliminating the property tax due to reduction of costs.

“Absent annexation to the City of Daly City, a full-service provider, it is recommended that a fiscal analysis study be considered of the benefits of formation of a County Service Area and contracting for services currently provide by single-purpose special districts.”

“A potential benefit of this government structure alternative could be a lower parcel tax for current BPPD taxpayers while maintaining a similar or higher level of service. Consolidating the three services in the form of a County Service Area would streamline contract management and provide for transparency and accountability for municipal services.”

#### **4. MARIN COUNTY**

<http://lafco.marin.org/index.php/community-service-districts/bel-marin-keys>

Marin County Sheriff Dept. provides services to:

##### **Bel Marin Keys, Marin City, Marinwood**

**Tamalpais, Tomales Village, Muir Beach** are CSD with NO stand alone police services.

(CSD services are typically for: fire protection, sewage, refuse, parks rec, streetlighting, open space, etc.)

##### Governance :

They all have 5 member district boards, with a District Manager or a General Manager and depending on size will have additional staff i.e. admin analyst, or a finance manager. Tamalpais, for example has pop. of 7,000, has a board, GM (\$150K) , clerk and finance mgr. No combined positions, no pd

<http://www.tcsd.us/index.aspx?page=101>