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**Via Email (amontescardenas@smcgov.org)**

San Mateo LAFCo  
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Re: Public Comment Re: Item no. 6 re Broadmoor Police Protection District Update

Dear Commissioners:

It has been a year since LAFCo first highlighted the waste and mismanagement of the Broadmoor Police Protection District (“BPPD.”) But nothing at all has changed. The BPPD still publishes no reliable statistics about the services it provides. Its figures for the number of residents vary according to its whims. It remains unclear how much the district spent in prior fiscal years.

Initially, the BPPD told LAFCO it spent \$3,448,670 for the fiscal year ending June 2022, which its Chief vigorously disputed. Then its audit for the fiscal year ending June 2022 claimed it spent \$3,352,394. Just last week, however, the Chief showed the Commission a presentation stating it had, in fact, spent \$3,565,630. This is a difference of more than six percent in a district whose service area includes roughly 1400 parcels over just half a square mile. The discrepancy is \$152 per parcel.

In response to its manifest financial chaos, the BPPD’s commissioners have done nothing. At last week’s meeting, the commissioners signed off on the Chief’s request for over \$300,000 in a single month without asking to examine even one of the underlying invoices. They rubberstamped the Chief’s decision to spend \$63,000 on attorneys in one month, all while simultaneously reducing its force to just a single officer without posing a question about the levels of service residents receive.

Even as they allow the department to hemorrhage taxpayer money, they refuse to vote to pay that money themselves. They have now declined at least three proposals to hire a consultant to draft a ballot measure to raise the parcel tax. Instead, they asked the County’s other residents to fund their profligacy with \$750,000 in Measure K funds and dithered about whether to declare bankruptcy.

If neither the district nor its Commission will act to rein in its spending on virtually anything besides providing services to its residents, then LAFCo must. The Reorganization Act, which mandated the creation of county LAFCOs “ was designed to halt the proliferation of special districts, contain urban sprawl, deal with annexations, and ‘guard against wasteful’ duplication of services.” *Southcott v. Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Prot. Dist.*, 32 Cal. App. 5th 1020, 1026 (2019).

The BPPD’s waste has been clear for decades. Its former police chief will stand trial on four counts of felony aggravated theft this May. Its most recent financial statement shows it already contracts with the Sheriff’s Office (and spends nearly \$70,000) for crime lab, dispatch, and warrant services. LAFCo must act now to force the district to consolidate with the County and ensure the residents are receiving the service for which they are paying. At the very least LAFCo should attempt to inform the residents of the extremely precarious situation in which they now find themselves, both from a financial

and public safety perspective. The district cannot be trusted to communicate accurate facts regarding their spending and the services provided, for it appears it does not even know.

I understand that LAFCo has dozens of other special districts requiring its focus and attention. Still, I implore you to continue to pressure the BPPD to dissolve or consolidate with another police department.

Sincerely,

*Andrea M Hall*



## Warrants Report January 2024



Account	Date	Name	Description	Account	Amount
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	AXON ENTERPRISE	PAYMENT DUE 10/31/23 INV 973609 \$9237.50 975900 \$1982.50 978039 \$1855.00 980375 \$455.00	5838-Training & Equipment	-\$ 6,698.23
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	BEST BEST AND KRIEGER	983121 \$ 630.00 TOTAL \$14160.00	5341-LEGAL NOTICES	-\$ 14,160.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY	DUE DATE 01/01/24	6731-INSURANCE	-\$ 3,134.49
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	DBA FINANCIAL, INC	DEFERRED PAYMENT APPROVED WITH NO LATE FEE	6731-INSURANCE	-\$ 47,874.37
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Flyers Energy, LLC	INV 3634368 INV 3614855	5416-FUEL AND LUBRICATION	-\$ 2,622.79
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	County of San Mateo Forensic Lab	PS INV104391 AND INV104398	5858-OUTSIDE PROF CONTRACT SERV	-\$ 1,917.42
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan	DUE 12/25/23	4413 KAISER HEALTH INSURANCE	-\$ 11,216.03
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Lexipol, LLC	INVLEX17670	5300 WELLNESS GRANT FUND	-\$ 11,951.31
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	NevTec	INVOICES 37252 37832 38086 37667 37368	5858-OUTSIDE PROF CONTRACT SERV	-\$ 18,904.90
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Davis Law Firm	LEGAL FEES AUGUST, SEPT, OCTOBER	5341-LEGAL NOTICES	-\$ 16,500.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Porter Scott	INV 162142 AND 161642	5341-LEGAL NOTICES	-\$ 8,020.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Power Maintenance	INV 34068 2ND HALF OF 1 YEAR RENEWAL	5478-Other Contract Maintenance	-\$ 1,050.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	County of San Mateo, PSC	FY 23-24 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER DISPATCHING SERVICES	5858-OUTSIDE PROF CONTRACT SERV	-\$ 53,182.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	County of San Mateo Sheriff's Office	FY 23-24 WARRANT SERVICE AGREEMENT	5858-OUTSIDE PROF CONTRACT SERV	-\$ 13,973.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND	INV 1001629192 DECEMBER PREMIUM	6731-INSURANCE	-\$ 5,322.08
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/18/2023	Sunridge Systems	INV 7696 RIMS WARRANTY AND SUPPORT	5858-OUTSIDE PROF CONTRACT SERV	-\$ 6,123.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/27/2023	PG&E	DUE BY 12/26/2023	5638-Other Utility Expense	-\$ 1,469.18
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/27/2023	Central Self Storage	CAM CHARGES JANUARY	5638-Other Utility Expense	-\$ 427.59
SMCO - General Fund Cash	12/27/2023	Central Self Storage	RENT JANUARY	5638-Other Utility Expense	-\$ 524.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	01/03/2024	Robyn Rose	Accounting Work	5876-OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	-\$ 3,030.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	01/04/2024	KELLEY SHEPARD	REIMBURSEMENT RESULT OF ADMIN HEARING CITATION BM044288	5611-CITE FEE REIMBURSE	-\$ 55.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	01/04/2024	BEST BEST AND KRIEGER	INVOICES 970980 AND 975901	5341-LEGAL NOTICES	-\$ 24,508.86
SMCO - General Fund Cash	01/04/2024	California Special Districts Association	2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES	5331-PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	-\$ 8,187.00
SMCO - General Fund Cash	01/04/2024	AXON ENTERPRISE	INVOICE INUS207912 DUE 01/03/24	5838-Training & Equipment	-\$ 6,698.23
SMCO - General Fund Cash	01/04/2024	All City Management Services	INVOICES: 87006, 87307, 87807, 88147, 88451, 88804, 89269, 89602	5200-SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD EXP	-\$ 32,678.11
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