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## PREFACE

This inventory of local agencies has been prepared as a public service by the **Inyo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)**. The California State Legislature created LAFCOs in each county in 1963 to discourage urban sprawl, preserve open space and prime agricultural lands, promote efficient public services and encourage the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies based on local conditions and circumstances.

This inventory is in keeping with LAFCO's enabling act, specifically Government Code §56301, which states that:

One of the objects of the commission is to make studies and to obtain and furnish information which will contribute to the logical and reasonable development of local agencies in each county and to shape the development of local agencies so as to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of each county and its communities.

Government Code §56378 specifically directs LAFCO to prepare inventories of existing governmental agencies:

In addition to its other powers, the commission shall initiate and make studies of existing governmental agencies. Those studies shall include, but not be limited to, inventorying those agencies and determining their maximum service area and service capabilities.

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## INTRODUCTION

This inventory provides information about the each local agency, the types of services they provide, how they are governed and their elected and appointed officials. It includes maps of their boundaries and spheres of influence.

The inventory is designed to be kept in a three-ring binder for ease of access and to facilitate periodic updates.

### County of Inyo

Inyo County is located on the eastern side of California, extending from the ridgeline of the Sierra Nevada mountains on the west to the State of Nevada on the east, and from Kern County on the south to Mono County on the north.

### Incorporated Cities

There is one incorporated city, the City of Bishop. The 1,850 registered voters residing within the City represent 17.6 % of the 10,529 registered voters in the County. The remaining 8,679 voters, or 82.4% of the County total, reside in unincorporated areas.

### Special Districts

There are 30 special districts in Inyo County which provide a variety of local services. The great majority of these are “independent special districts,” meaning they are governed by locally elected boards or boards appointed for fixed terms of office.

Report Format – This inventory describes:

- City and special district locations and boundaries
- Special district functions and services
- Governing boards and primary staff
- City and special district “spheres of influence”

A sphere of influence is “. . . a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the commission.” and LAFCO is required to determine the sphere of influence of each city and special district.