PREFACE

Prepared for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCO), this report is a service review of providers of wastewater and various other services around the County. A service review is defined as a state-required comprehensive study of services within a designated geographic area—in this case, Santa Clara County. This service review focuses on nine local agencies that provide wastewater, open space and other services within Santa Clara County.

CONTEXT

LAFCO of Santa Clara County is required to prepare this service review by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code §56000, et seq.), which took effect on January 1, 2001. The service review examines services provided by public agencies whose boundaries and governance are subject to LAFCO.

CREDITS

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