

**COMMENTS FROM LAFCO EXECUTIVE OFFICER, JOE SERRANO
FELTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2026**

These comments were made by the head of the commission that oversees our local fire district - to debunk misleading and inaccurate information on a postcard, which was mailed to many Felton residents from someone who has not publicly identified themselves. Here is the rebuttal he gave at the Felton Fire board meeting June 8:

*"The postcard does have some misinformation about the options for Felton Fire. It alludes that if this assessment doesn't pass, then Felton Fire can just partner with Zayante or merge with Santa Cruz County Fire, which is known as CSA 48...**I can't speak on behalf of Zayante or CSA 48. LAFCO does NOT have an application from either one of them regarding potential partnerships with Felton Fire. I have not heard from either of those two fire agencies that they're even willing or capable of taking over Felton Fire, should they be asked. In other words, there is no Plan B.**"*

*"If this assessment does not pass, then Felton Fire will need to look at its long-term sustainability, because **as we've been hearing, and as the residents are realizing, the status quo is not sustainable. You're operating with a temporary part-time chief, because that's what you can afford.**"*

(Note: applications are being reviewed right now for a full-time chief, an important part of the FFPD turnaround plan. The assessment funds are important to support that and many other aspects of the turnaround plan)

"Reorganization, whether it's with Zayante, or CSA 48, or with someone else, it's a multi-year process...The question is whether or not Felton Fire can be sustainable for the next couple years to even look at other options. That's what LAFCO's concerned about."

"I want Felton Fire to succeed. LAFCO wants the Felton community to get the best level of service possible. ..I want to make sure that we address any misconception or misinformation that's out there."