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SANDAG considered spheres of influence that have been adopted by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) throughout our region during the development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). A sphere of influence is defined as a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local government agency, as determined by LAFCO. All territory proposed for annexation to an incorporated city is required to be included in the city's sphere of influence and be located within the city's general plan.

LAFCO is responsible in our region for assisting the state legislature with promoting orderly development and growth while fulfilling many regional priorities. These include: accommodating growth within or through expansion of local agency boundaries, extending necessary government services, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, and promoting the provision of housing for residents of all incomes.

LAFCO also is a member of the SANDAG Regional Planning Technical Working Group, which provides coordination on regional planning issues among member agencies. Members of the working group include the planning or community development director from each of the 18 cities and the County of San Diego, as well as representatives from other single-purpose regional agencies.

In the development of the Regional Growth Forecast for San Diego Forward, LAFCO and SANDAG consulted regarding sphere of influence determinations, impacts of proposed jurisdictional changes, and factors considered in the review of proposals. The 18 incorporated cities, and the County of San Diego were asked about sphere of influence issues during development of the Regional Growth Forecast land use inputs process.

LAFCO participated on the Series 13 expert review panel on September 20, 2012. The input gathered from this meeting focused on assumptions of the regionwide projections including fertility, migration, and survival rates in addition to home prices, labor force participation, and other socioeconomic indicators. SANDAG revised the forecast based on feedback from the review panel. There was no specific feedback from LAFCO that led to any alterations of the forecast.