

# Yolo LAFCo Website Transparency Scorecards

## Frequently Asked Questions

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1	<p><u>Agency Question:</u>  <b>What is this? The district has regular meetings, noticed to the public, comprehensive minutes, etc. We do not have and cannot afford a website. What does all this mean?</b></p> <p><u>LAFCo Response:</u>  <i>LAFCo is trying to help promote public awareness of special districts and having better access to information online. There is also legislation in the works that would require special districts to maintain websites beginning in 2020, and we are trying help special districts get “in front of” new requirements. A letter was sent to all agencies on January 10, 2018 that addresses many of your “where is this coming from?” questions, which have been posted <a href="#">HERE</a>. In terms of affordability, see below.</i></p>																																										
2.	<p><u>Agency Question:</u>  <b>Can you please let me know if this is mandatory? Our board opted out of having a website.</b></p> <p><u>LAFCo Response:</u>  <i>LAFCo’s website transparency initiative is not mandatory, but we’d like to help clear any potential issues that may be keeping districts from getting on board. There is state legislation in the works (SB 929 McGuire) that would require all special districts to have websites by January 1, 2020, and we are trying help special districts get “in front of” new requirements.</i></p> <p><i>There is a website product (Streamline <a href="http://www.getstreamline.com/web">www.getstreamline.com/web</a>) specifically tailored for special districts that is fully hosted and supported, and is automatically compliant with all legal requirements. It is a “turnkey” product that can be up and running in only 30 minutes. Please see below for pricing information and note that this is based on <u>operating revenue only</u> (i.e. not fees for services). A website may save a lot of staff time with answering public questions, sending forms, etc. Yolo LAFCo is using this website product now and you can check it out at <a href="http://www.yololafco.org">www.yololafco.org</a>. Please contact LAFCo if you would like more information or a demo.</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="358 1268 1346 1835"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="358 1268 703 1318">Features</th> <th data-bbox="703 1268 1040 1318">For Members</th> <th data-bbox="1040 1268 1346 1318">For Non-Members</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1318 703 1356">Streamline™ Web</td> <td data-bbox="703 1318 1040 1356">Included</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1318 1346 1356">Included</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1356 703 1394">State Transparency Dashboard</td> <td data-bbox="703 1356 1040 1394">Included</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1356 1346 1394">Included</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1394 703 1432">Technical Support and Hosting</td> <td data-bbox="703 1394 1040 1432">Unlimited, tickets and phone</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1394 1346 1432">Unlimited, tickets only</td> </tr> <tr> <th data-bbox="358 1432 703 1470">Annual Operating Revenue</th> <th data-bbox="703 1432 1040 1470">Monthly Member Pricing</th> <th data-bbox="1040 1432 1346 1470">Monthly Nonmember Pricing</th> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1470 703 1507">0 - \$15K</td> <td data-bbox="703 1470 1040 1507">\$10</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1470 1346 1507">\$20</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1507 703 1545">\$15K - \$50K</td> <td data-bbox="703 1507 1040 1545">\$25</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1507 1346 1545">\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1545 703 1583">\$50K - \$250K</td> <td data-bbox="703 1545 1040 1583">\$50</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1545 1346 1583">\$75</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1583 703 1621">\$250K - \$500K</td> <td data-bbox="703 1583 1040 1621">\$75</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1583 1346 1621">\$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1621 703 1659">\$500K - \$1M</td> <td data-bbox="703 1621 1040 1659">\$100</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1621 1346 1659">\$150</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1659 703 1696">\$1M - \$5M</td> <td data-bbox="703 1659 1040 1696">\$200</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1659 1346 1696">\$300</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1696 703 1734">\$5M - \$10M</td> <td data-bbox="703 1696 1040 1734">\$300</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1696 1346 1734">\$450</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1734 703 1772">\$10M - \$20M</td> <td data-bbox="703 1734 1040 1772">\$400</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1734 1346 1772">\$600</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="358 1772 703 1835">\$20M +</td> <td data-bbox="703 1772 1040 1835">\$550</td> <td data-bbox="1040 1772 1346 1835">\$825</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>Note: In the table above, “members” is referencing being a member of the California Special Districts Association.</i></p>	Features	For Members	For Non-Members	Streamline™ Web	Included	Included	State Transparency Dashboard	Included	Included	Technical Support and Hosting	Unlimited, tickets and phone	Unlimited, tickets only	Annual Operating Revenue	Monthly Member Pricing	Monthly Nonmember Pricing	0 - \$15K	\$10	\$20	\$15K - \$50K	\$25	\$50	\$50K - \$250K	\$50	\$75	\$250K - \$500K	\$75	\$100	\$500K - \$1M	\$100	\$150	\$1M - \$5M	\$200	\$300	\$5M - \$10M	\$300	\$450	\$10M - \$20M	\$400	\$600	\$20M +	\$550	\$825
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<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Agency Question:</u>  <b>The City’s public financing authority JPA is a subset of the City and serves simply as the combined source for debt issuance for the City. There is no website because it is part of the City. These JPAs should be taken off the list.</b></p> <p><u>LAFCo Response:</u>  <i>LAFCo agrees that it is not necessary to have a stand-alone website for some of the JPAs that are not fully independent, but transparency for this agency is still expected. We envision this as a page on the City’s website, not a stand-alone website.</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Agency Question</u>  <b>Thanks for this review! I would like to ask for a re-review, it looks like you missed a lot of things on our web site. Pretty disappointing that you didn’t ask us before sending us a scorecard!</b></p> <p><u>LAFCo Response:</u>  <i>LAFCo is reviewing 71 agencies (5 city/county, 49 special district, and 17 local JPAs) so it’s not practical for us to give everyone a personal phone call, and we did provide outreach to all the agencies by sending this <a href="#">letter</a> on January 10, 2018. Information should be easily found by the public within 2-3 clicks, so if we missed it this might mean that site navigation may need to be improved. Or if we simply missed it, just return the scorecard form with the link to where the information can be found. Please keep in mind the checklist is a “one size fits all” list, so if something doesn’t fit your agency very well, feel free to make a suggestion on a better approach to achieve the goal.</i></p> <p><i>Think of this preliminary scorecard as an administrative draft for us to work through together. And we have lots of time - the more “real” scoring will not occur until October-December 2018.</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Agency Question:</u>  <b>Back in January the Board was under the impression that developing a website was optional because all of the District’s and other special districts information is shown on the Board of Supervisors website. They unanimously decided to continue will that instead of developing their own.</b></p> <p><u>LAFCo Response:</u>  <i>The Special District Directory on the Board of Supervisors webpage and the LAFCo website, is just that, a directory of special districts meant to help the public connect with their district by providing staff contact information, board meeting dates, and names of board members and their terms. It is not intended to take the place of an agency website. The Directory does not cover most of the essential information requested on the Agency Web Transparency Checklist.</i></p>