

Local Agency Formation Commission  
of Santa Cruz County



## Countywide Fire Protection Service and Sphere Review:

Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District	Felton Fire Protection District
Ben Lomond Fire Protection District	Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District
Boulder Creek Fire Protection District	Santa Cruz City Fire Department
Branciforte Fire Protection District	Scotts Valley Fire Protection District
Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County	Watsonville City fire Department
County Service Area 4 (Pajaro Dunes)	Zayante Fire Protection District
County Service Area 48 (County Fire)	<b>Total: 13 Fire Agencies</b>

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# LAFCO Reviews Each Fire District

## Included:

1. Map of service area, land use (urban, agricultural, etc.)
2. Equipment
3. Station locations (mapped)
4. ISO (Insurance Service Office) Rating
5. Call Data
6. Population and Projected Growth
7. Finances
8. Summary and Recommendations for Each District

# CSA 48/County Fire Has Unique Situation

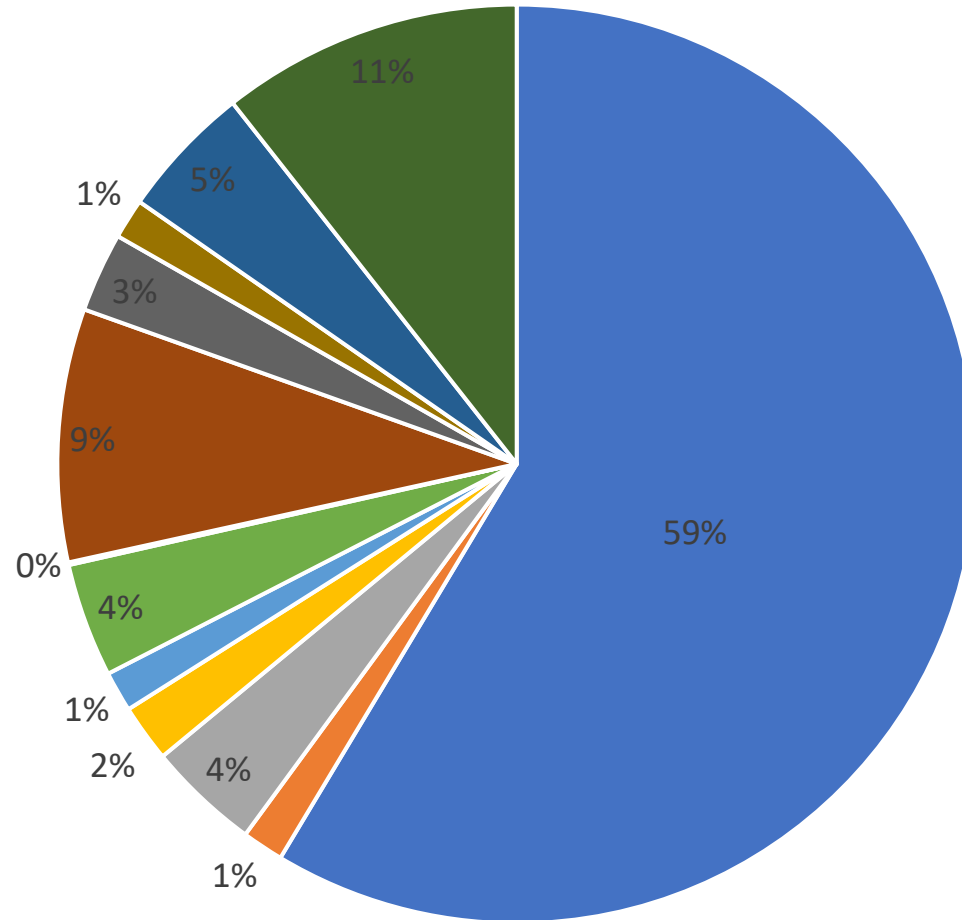
note: I did not include CSA 4 since it was treated separately by LAFCO (my graphs refer to CSA 4 as Pajaro Dunes)

- 9% of County's Population
- 59% of Land Coverage

# CSA 48 Covers 59% of County Land Area

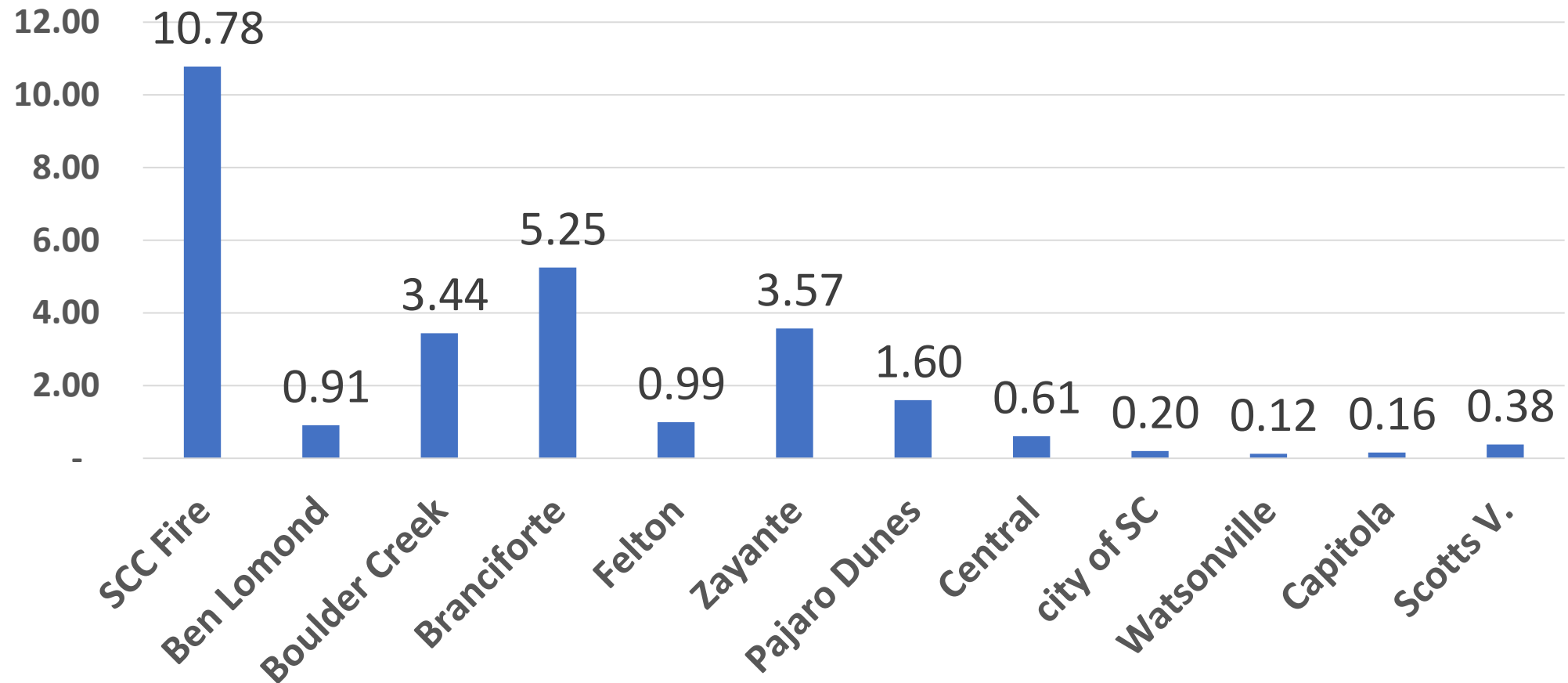
Percent of County Land Area Service By Agency

- SCC Fire
- Ben Lomond
- Boulder Creek
- Branciforte
- Felton
- Zayante
- Pajaro Dunes
- Central
- city of SC
- Watsonville
- Scotts V.
- Pajaro Valley FD

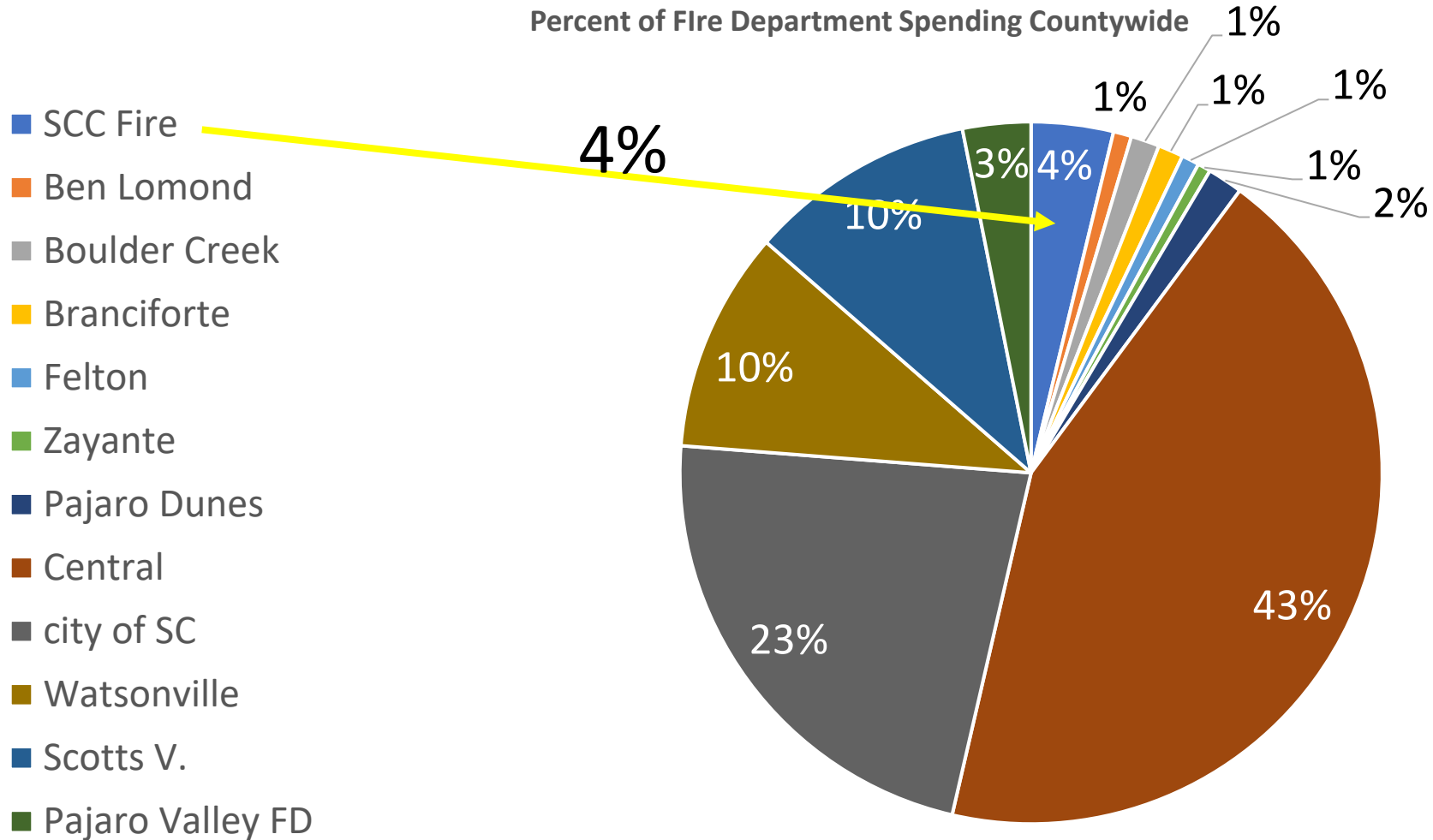


# Service Area Comparison

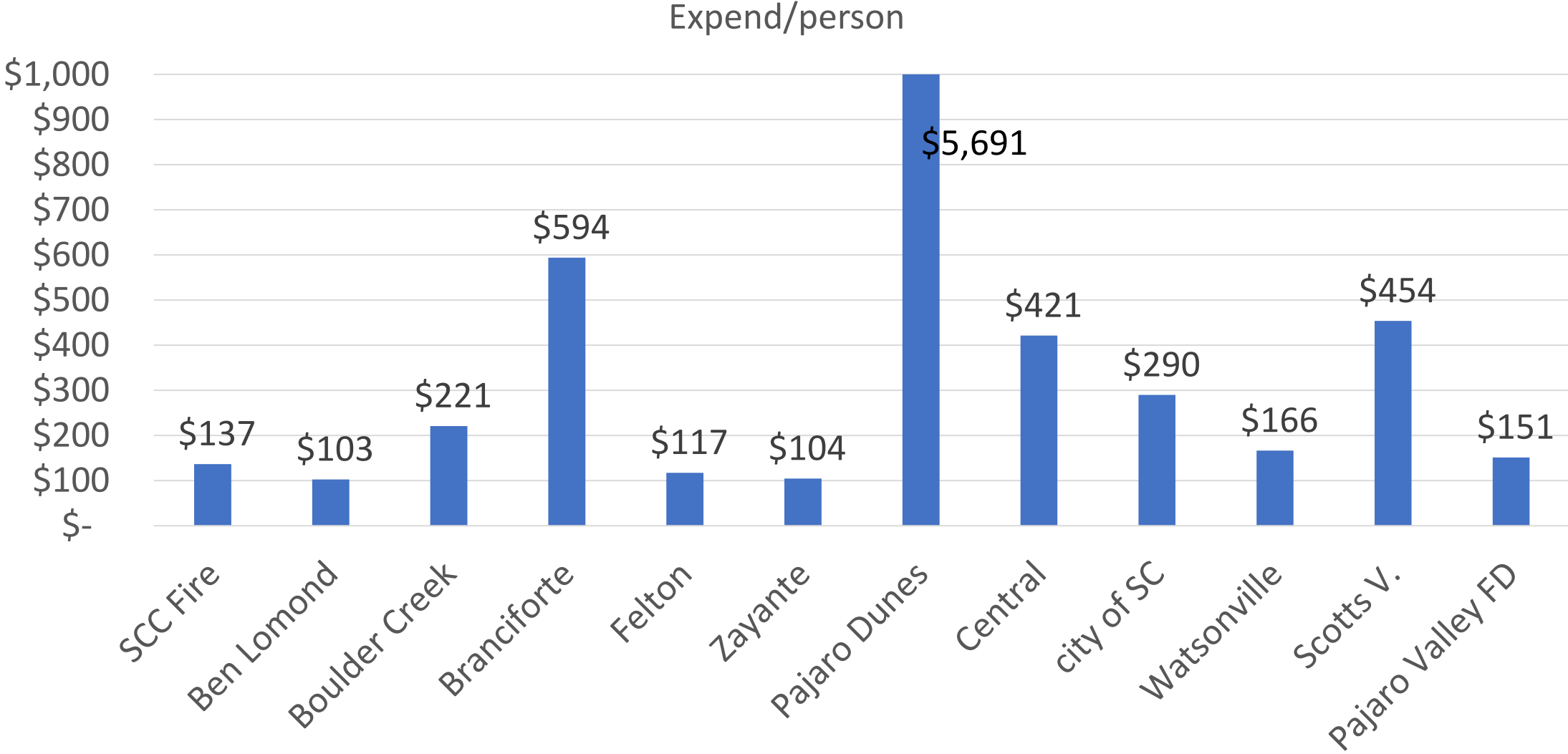
Sq.Mi (area)/population X1000



# 4% of Fire Department Spending Countywide

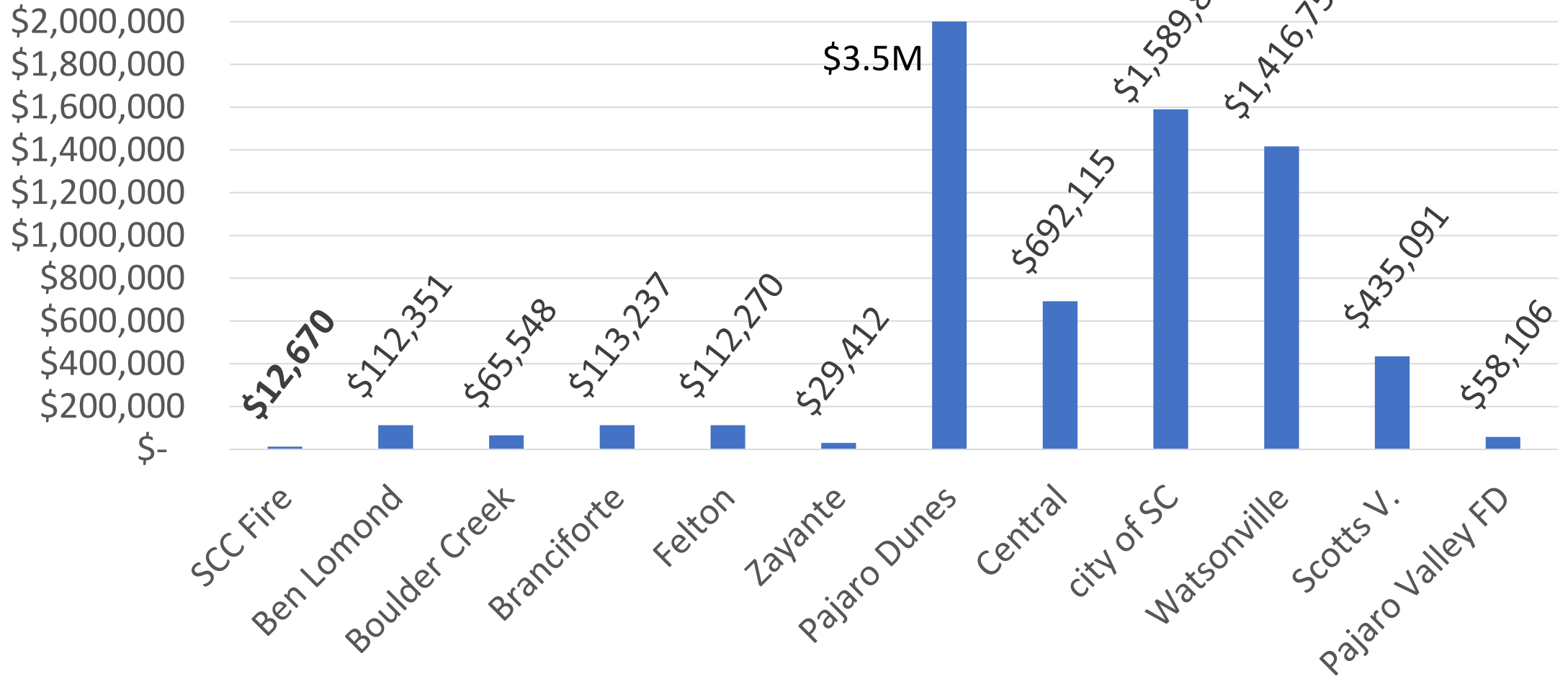


# Expenditure per Person



# Expenditure per Square Mile

Exped/sq.mile





# LAFCO Recommendations for CSA 48

1. Update Its Website
2. Annual Financial Audits
  - Note: Audits are satisfied by special status (see Michael Beaton)
3. Dissolve CSA 4 (Pajaro Dunes) and Annex Area
  - Note: LAFCO recommends southern portion of CSA 48 including CSA 4 be covered by Pajaro Valley Fire District
4. Form Resident Payment Zones Based on Level of Service
  - Residents pay differently depending on geographic location
5. Reduce Sphere of Influence
  - Cede coverage to Ben Lomond, Boulder Creek, Branciforte, Pajaro Valley, Scotts Valley, and Zayante