# Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County Subdivision of the State of California

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**TO**: Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM**: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** CALAFCO Quarterly Report

The Commission will receive the most recent quarterly report prepared by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions. The

report is being presented to Commissioners for information only.

# A. Information

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) recently adopted a new strategic plan. The strategic plan includes a goal of maintaining enhanced communication with member agencies. This includes providing quarterly updates on Board actions and related activities within CALAFCO. The most recent quarterly report was issued at the end of July 2012 and is attached.

### **B.** Commission Review

The Commission is invited to review and discuss the attached report as needed.

Attachments: as stated

# News from the Board of Directors CALAFCO QUARTERLY

**July 2012** 



#### CALAFCO Board Selects New Executive Director

At its July 13th meeting the CALAFCO Board of Directors selected **Pamela Miller** as the new Executive Director. The Board, along with the CALAFCO executive officer and deputy executive officers interviewed two finalists before making the selection. The finalists were recommended by the Board's Selection Committee (Jerry Gladbach, Ted Novelli, Mary Jane Griego, John Leopold, Clark Alsop, Steve Lucas and Lou Ann Texeira) which reviewed 11 proposals and interviewed four candidates before making the recommendation. The executive director serves through a contract with the Association.

Pamela Miller comes to CALAFCO with a diverse background that includes local government, non-profit, and private sector experience. Most recently, as Vice President of the Consortium for Community Development, a 501(c)(3) community-based organization with 27 member agencies, she provides support to its board of directors and spearheads a number of critical community initiatives. She serves as executive-on-



loan to the City of Benton Harbor's (MI) state-appointed emergency manager as the City works its way out of financial crisis, and to the Benton Harbor Area School District on special projects such as the creation and implementation of the Benton Harbor Promise and College Access Network and Center. Previously Pamela served as Administrative Manager of the CEO Office and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for Napa County and Deputy City Clerk for the City of Vallejo. She has also consulted with a number of local agencies in California and Michigan in developing individual and system capacities.

Additionally, Pamela serves as Program Director and trainer for Continuing Education for Public Officials, Inc. (CEPO), a non-profit organization that provides leader development and training to current and emerging leaders in the public sector in California. The University of California Riverside Extension recently named her as the Professor of Record for CEPO.

Pamela earned a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Siena Heights University. She is certified in Total Quality Management and is a graduate of the National Community Development Institute's Community Builders Leadership Institute. A California native, Pamela will be moving to her home in Suisun City (Solano County). She is expected to begin in early September and looks forward to meeting LAFCo staff and commissioners at the Annual Conference in Monterey. Pamela may be reached at pmiller@calafco.org.

# **New Board Member Appointed**

The Board appointed Stanislaus LAFCo Alternate Commissioner **Matthew Beekman** to fill the vacancy created when Stephen Souza lost his re-election bid to the Davis City Council in June. Commissioner Beekman is Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Hughson. His CALAFCO Board seat is the city commissioner from the Central Region and is up for election at the annual conference this fall.

# **CALAFCO Annual Conference in Monterey**

The CALAFCO Annual Conference is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. The Program Committee,



under the leadership of John Leopold, Lou Cunningham Marjorie Blom and Kate McKenna, is fully engaged in creating a rich learning and networking opportunity. Featured speakers include:

- Karen Ross, Secretary of Food & Agriculture
- Sylvia M. Panetta, Director of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy
- Mark Nechodom, Director of the department of Conservation

Other conference highlights include a mobile workshop – *The Bounty of Monterey County*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CALAFCO Open golf adventure, and the 6<sup>th</sup> wine competition. The CALAFCO Annual membership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and includes the election of the Board of Directors.

Complete program details and registration information is available on the CALAFCO website www.calafco.org.

#### **Legislative Activities**

- \* AB 2238 (Perea) Has been significantly amended to remove all LAFCo mandates. Now would require Department of Public Health to consult with LAFCo prior to issuing grants or loans to agencies which may serve disadvantaged unincorporated communities. It is scheduled to be heard in Senate Appropriations on August 6.
- \* AB 2698 (Assembly Local Government Committee) This is the CALAFCO-sponsored annual C-K-H Omnibus bill. In addition to technical changes, AB 2698 also includes important clarifications to the protest provisions and waiver of notice provisions. It has passed the Legislature and on July 9 was signed into law.

#### **CALAFCO U – CEQA for LAFCo**

This workshop for LAFCo and local University agency staff focuses on the basics, practices and responsibilities for environmental documentation on LAFCo projects. The class is scheduled for Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. Visit <a href="www.calafco.org">www.calafco.org</a> for information and registration. AICP credits available.