



Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County
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We Manage Local Government Boundaries, Evaluate Municipal Services, and Protect Agriculture

Agenda Item 7d (Discussion)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

PREPARED BY: Strategic Planning Committee (Kelly, Wagenknecht, and Freeman)

MEETING DATE: October 2, 2017

SUBJECT: Strategic Planning Committee Update

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission discuss the draft “Focus of LAFCO” and provide direction to the Strategic Planning Committee with respect to additional changes before the draft “Focus of LAFCO” is circulated for public review and comment.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

At its March 6, 2017 and May 1, 2017 strategic planning workshops, the Commission discussed, among other items, the agency’s purpose, goals, priorities, and opportunities. Following these discussions, the Commission established an ad hoc committee (“the Committee”) to develop a document that identifies the agency’s focus. Chair Wagenknecht and Vice Chair Kelly were appointed to serve on the Committee with the Executive Officer.

On August 23, 2017, the Committee met with Mr. Bill Chiat, Alta Mesa Group. The Committee and Mr. Chiat developed a draft document titled “Focus of LAFCO” (Attachment One). This document is intended to guide the Commission and staff in all agency actions and procedures. The Commission’s adopted Mission Statement is also included in this document.

The Commission is invited to discuss the draft “Focus of LAFCO” and provide direction to the Committee with respect to additional changes as requested by members of the Commission. No formal action will be taken by the Commission as part of this item.

Following discussion at today’s meeting, the Committee will make the draft “Focus of LAFCO” available for any local agency or member of the public to review and provide comments for a minimum of 30 days before returning with a recommendation for formal action at a future meeting. This includes posting the draft “Focus of LAFCO” to the Commission’s website along with a formal Notice of Public Review. The Notice of Public Review will be transmitted to the County of Napa, each local city and town, and each special district.

ATTACHMENT

- 1) Draft “Focus of LAFCO”

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Mission Statement

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County is committed to serving the citizens and government agencies of its jurisdiction by encouraging the preservation of agricultural lands and open-space and coordinating the efficient delivery of municipal services.

Focus of Napa LAFCO

The following Core Guiding Principles underlie Napa LAFCO's activities. Each of these principles is centered on Napa LAFCO having in-depth, active communication with respect to all relevant constituents.

- Forecasting issues relating to local services and boundaries, as well as State legislation
- Re-writing policies (on a schedule) to be comprehensive, effective, and transparent
- Municipal Service Reviews based on local agency, Napa County, & LAFCO needs
- Active involvement of agency constituents in problem-solving local agency sustainability
- Engagement with local city/town general plan updates
- Active with local agencies in managing housing growth and related issues