



Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County
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Agenda Item 7e (Action)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

PREPARED BY: Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2017

SUBJECT: CALAFCO Annual Conference Items

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission appoint a voting delegate and alternate delegate for the 2017 California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Annual Conference. It is also recommended the Commission – if interested – nominate a City or Public member for the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

SUMMARY

The Commission will consider appointing voting delegates to represent the agency at CALAFCO's Annual Conference scheduled for October 25th through October 27th at the Bahia Resort in San Diego. The Commission will also consider making CALAFCO Board of Directors nominations. In addition, the Commission will receive a CALAFCO Quarterly Report (Attachment Two). A summary of voting delegate appointments and possible Board nominations follows.

Voting Delegates

CALAFCO Board elections occur annually during regional caucuses and require that one voting delegate and one alternate from each LAFCO be appointed by their respective Commissions. The alternate will vote if the voting delegate is unavoidably unable to attend the caucus meeting. Voting delegates may be either Commissioners or staff. Staff recommends the Commission appoint the Chair and Vice Chair to the respective appointments, assuming both members expect to attend. However, if either the Chair or Vice Chair will not attend the Conference, it would be appropriate to appoint another Commissioner or the Executive Officer as the voting delegate or alternate delegate.

Juliana Inman, Commissioner
Councilmember, City of Napa

Margie Mohler, Commissioner
Councilmember, Town of Yountville

Kenneth Leary, Alternate Commissioner
Councilmember, City of American Canyon

Brad Wagenknecht, Chair
County of Napa Supervisor, 1st District

Diane Dillon, Commissioner
County of Napa Supervisor, 3rd District

Ryan Gregory, Alternate Commissioner
County of Napa Supervisor, 2nd District

Brian J. Kelly, Vice Chair
Representative of the General Public

Gregory Rodeno, Alternate Commissioner
Representative of the General Public

Brendon Freeman
Executive Officer

Board Nominations

This year's Conference will involve CALAFCO Board of Directors elections for the Coastal Region City and Public member seats. Board members serve two-year terms. Nominations for these seats must be signed by the respective LAFCO Chair and include a completed resume form for the candidate. Although not advised, candidates may also be nominated from the floor with the regional caucuses scheduled for the morning of Thursday, October 26th.

The Commission's potential Board candidates for the CALAFCO Coastal Region City member seat are Commissioners Inman, Leary, and Mohler. The Commission's potential Board candidates for the CALAFCO Coastal Region Public member seat are Commissioners Kelly and Rodeno.

The incumbent CALAFCO Coastal Region City member is John Marchand from Alameda County, who intends to seek another term. The incumbent CALAFCO Coastal Region Public member is Sblend Sblendorio from Alameda County, who also intends to seek another term.

If the Commission would like to nominate a candidate, the deadline to submit a complete nomination packet to CALAFCO is September 25th. A nomination packet is included as Attachment One. If a Commissioner indicates interest in serving on the Board, the Commission should consider formally approving a nomination of that member.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) CALAFCO Invitation for Board Nominations
- 2) CALAFCO Quarterly Report



July 6, 2017

To: Local Agency Formation Commission
Members and Alternate Members

From: John Leopold, Committee Chair
CALAFCO Board Election Committee
CALAFCO Board of Directors



RE: Nominations for 2017/2018 CALAFCO Board of Directors

Nominations are now open for the fall elections of the CALAFCO Board of Directors. Serving on the CALAFCO Board is a unique opportunity to work with other commissioners throughout the state on legislative, fiscal and operational issues that affect us all. The Board meets four to five times each year at alternate sites around the state. Any LAFCo commissioner or alternate commissioner is eligible to run for a Board seat.

CALAFCO's Election Committee is accepting nominations for the following seats on the CALAFCO Board of Directors:

Northern Region

County Member
District Member

Central Region

City Member
Public Member

Coastal Region

City Member
Public Member

Southern Region

County Member
District Member

The election will be conducted during Regional Caucuses at the CALAFCO Annual Conference prior to the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at the Bahia Hotel Mission Bay in San Diego, CA.

Please inform your Commission that the CALAFCO Election Committee is accepting nominations for the above-cited seats until *Monday, September 25, 2017*.

Incumbents are eligible to run for another term. Nominations received by September 25 will be included in the Election Committee's Report and will be on the ballot. The Report will be distributed to LAFCo members no later than October 11 and ballots made available to Voting Delegates at the Annual Conference. Nominations received after this date will be returned; however, nominations will be permitted from the floor during the Regional Caucuses or during at-large elections, if required, at the Annual Membership Meeting.

For those member LAFCos who cannot send a representative to the Annual Meeting an electronic ballot will be made available if requested in advance. The ballot request must be made no later than Monday, September 25, 2017. Completed absentee ballots must be returned by October 23, 2017.

Should your Commission nominate a candidate, the Chair of your Commission must complete the attached Nomination Form and the Candidate's Resume Form, or provide the specified information in another format other than a resume. Commissions may also include a letter of recommendation or resolution in support of their nominee.

The nomination forms and materials must be received by the CALAFCO Executive Director no later than *Monday, September 25, 2017*.

Here is a summary of the deadlines for this year's nomination process:

- **July 6** – Nomination Announcement and packet sent to LAFCo membership and posted on the CALAFCO website.
- **September 25** – Completed Nomination packet due
- **September 25** – Request for an absentee/electronic ballot due
- **September 25** – Voting delegate name due to CALAFCO
- **October 11** – Distribution of the Election Committee Report (includes all completed/submitted nomination papers)
- **October 11** – Distribution of requested absentee/electronic ballots.
- **October 23** – Absentee ballots due to CALAFCO
- **October 26** - Elections

Returning the nomination form prior to the deadline ensures your nominee is placed on the ballot. Names will be listed in the order nominations were received should there be multiple candidates. Electronic filing of nomination forms and materials is encouraged to facilitate the recruitment process. Please send e-mails with forms and materials to info@calafco.org. Alternatively, nomination forms and materials can be mailed or faxed to the address or fax number below. Please forward nominations to:

CALAFCO Election Committee c/o Executive Director
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, California 95814
FAX: 916-442-6535
EMAIL: info@calafco.org

Questions about the election process can be sent to the Chair of the Committee, John Leopold, at jleopold@calafco.org or by calling him at 831-454-2055. You may also contact CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller at pmiller@calafco.org or by calling 916-442-6536.

Members of the 2017/2018 CALAFCO Election Committee are:

John Leopold, Chair jleopold@calafco.org	Santa Cruz LAFCo (Coastal Region) 831-454-2200
Cheryl Brothers cbrothers@calafco.org	Orange LAFCo (Southern Region) 714-640-5100
Shiva Frentzen sfrentzen@calafco.org	El Dorado LAFCo (Central Region) 530-295-2707
Josh Susman jsusman@calafco.org	Nevada LAFCo (Northern Region) 530-265-7180

Attached please find a copy of the CALAFCO Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures as well as the current listing of Board Members and corresponding terms of office.

Please consider joining us!

Enclosures



Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures and Forms

The procedures for nominations and election of the CALAFCO Board of Directors [Board] are designed to assure full, fair and open consideration of all candidates, provide confidential balloting for contested positions and avoid excessive demands on the time of those participating in the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The Board nomination and election procedures shall be:

1. APPOINTMENT OF A RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- a. Following the Annual Membership Meeting the Board shall appoint a Committee of four members of the Board. The Recruitment Committee shall consist of one member from each region whose term is not ending.
- b. The Board shall appoint one of the members of the Recruitment Committee to serve as Chairman. The CALAFCO Executive Officer shall appoint a CALAFCO staff member to serve as staff for the Recruitment Committee in cooperation with the CALAFCO Executive Director.
- c. Each region shall designate a regional representative to serve as staff liaison to the Recruitment Committee.
- d. Goals of the Committee are to encourage and solicit candidates by region who represent member LAFcos across the spectrum of geography, size, and urban-suburban-rural population, and to provide oversight of the elections process.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBER LAFcos

- a. No later than three months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall send an announcement to each LAFco for distribution to each commissioner and alternate. The announcement shall include the following:
 - i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. A regional map including LAFcos listed by region.
 - iii. The dates by which all nominations must be received by the Recruitment Committee. The deadline shall be no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. Nominations received after the closing date shall be returned to the proposing LAFco marked "Received too late for Nominations Committee action."
 - iv. The names of the Recruitment Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFco address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.
 - v. The address to send the nominations forms.
 - vi. A form for a Commission to use to nominate a candidate and a candidate resume form of no more than one page each to be completed for each nominee.
- b. No later than four months before the annual membership meeting, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall send an announcement to the Executive Director for distribution to each member LAFco and for publication in the newsletter and on the website. The announcement shall include the following:

Key Timeframes for Nominations Process	
<u>Days*</u>	
90	Nomination announcement
30	Nomination deadline
14	Committee report released
<small>*Days prior to annual membership meeting</small>	

- i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. The specific date by which all nominations must be received by the Recruitment Committee. Nominations received after the closing dates shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Recruitment Committee action."
 - iii. The names of the Recruitment Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.
 - iv. Requirement that nominated individual must be a commissioner or alternate commissioner from a member in good standing within the region.
- c. A copy of these procedures shall be posted on the web site.

3. THE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The Recruitment Committee and the regional representatives have the responsibility to monitor nominations and help assure that there are adequate nominations from each region for each seat up for election. No later than two weeks prior to the Annual Conference, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall distribute to the members the Committee Report organized by regions, including copies of all nominations and resumes, which are received prior to the end of the nomination period.
- b. At the close of the nominations the Recruitment Committee shall prepare regional ballots. Each region will receive a ballot specific to that region. Each region shall conduct a caucus at the Annual Conference for the purpose of electing their designated seats. Caucus elections must be held prior to the annual membership meeting at the conference. The Executive Director or assigned staff along with a member of the Recruitment committee shall tally ballots at each caucus and provide the Recruitment Committee the names of the elected Board members and any open seats. In the event of a tie, the staff and Recruitment Committee member shall immediately conduct a run-off ballot of the tied candidates.
- c. Make available sufficient copies of the Committee Report for each Voting Member by the beginning of the Annual Conference.
- d. Make available blank copies of the nomination forms and resume forms to accommodate nominations from the floor at either the caucuses or the annual meeting (if an at-large election is required).
- e. Advise the Annual Conference Planning Committee to provide "CANDIDATE" ribbons to all candidates attending the Annual Conference.
- f. Post the candidate statements/resumes organized by region on a bulletin board near the registration desk.
- g. Regional elections shall be conducted as described in Section 4 below. The representative from the Recruitment Committee shall serve as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of the caucus election.
- h. Following the regional elections, in the event that there are open seats for any offices subject to the election, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall notify the Chair of the Board of Directors that an at-large election will be required at the annual membership meeting and to provide a list of the number and category of seats requiring an at-large election.

4. ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR LAFCO IN GOOD STANDING NOT ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING

Limited to the elections of the Board of Directors

- a. Any LAFCo in good standing shall have the option to request an electronic ballot if there will be no representative attending the annual meeting.
- b. LAFCos requesting an electronic ballot shall do so in writing no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- c. The Executive Director shall distribute the electronic ballot no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- d. LAFCo must return the ballot electronically to the executive director no later than three days prior to the annual meeting.
- e. LAFCos voting under this provision may discard their electronic ballot if a representative is able to attend the annual meeting.
- f. LAFCos voting under this provision may only vote for the candidates nominated by the Recruitment Committee.

5. AT THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS DURING THE REGIONAL CAUCUSES OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- a. The Recruitment Committee Chairman, another member of the Recruitment Committee, or the Chair's designee (hereafter called the Presiding Officer) shall:
 - i. Review the election procedure with the membership.
 - ii. Present the Recruitment Committee Report (previously distributed).
 - iii. Call for nominations from the floor by category for those seats subject to this election:
 1. For city member.
 2. For county member.
 3. For public member.
 4. For special district member.
- b. To make a nomination from the floor, a LAFCo, which is in good standing, shall identify itself and then name the category of vacancy and individual being nominated. The nominator may make a presentation not to exceed two minutes in support of the nomination.
- c. When there are no further nominations for a category, the Presiding Officer shall close the nominations for that category.
- d. The Presiding Officer shall conduct a "Candidates Forum". Each candidate shall be given time to make a brief statement for their candidacy.
- e. The Presiding Officer shall then conduct the election:
 - i. For categories where there are the same number of candidates as vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
 1. Name the nominees and offices for which they are nominated.
 2. Call for a voice vote on all nominees and thereafter declare those unopposed candidates duly elected.

- ii. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
 - 1. Poll the LAFCoS in good standing by written ballot.
 - 2. Each LAFCo in good standing may cast its vote for as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. The vote shall be recorded on a tally sheet.
 - 3. With assistance from CALAFCO staff, tally the votes cast and announce the results.
- iii. Election to the Board shall occur as follows:
 - 1. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast is elected.
 - 2. In the case of no majority, the two nominees receiving the two highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - 3. In case of tie votes:
 - a. A second run-off election shall be held with the same two nominees.
 - b. If there remains a tie after the second run-off, the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.
 - 4. In the case of two vacancies, any candidate receiving a majority of votes cast is elected.
 - a. In the case of no majority for either vacancy, the three nominees receiving the three highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - b. In the case of no majority for one vacancy, the two nominees receiving the second and third highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - c. In the event of a tie, a second run-off election shall be held with the tied nominees. If there remains a tie after the second run-off election the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.

6. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

- a. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, names will be listed in the order nominated.
- b. The Recruitment Committee Chair shall announce and introduce all Board Members elected at the Regional Caucuses at the annual business meeting.
- c. In the event that Board seats remain unfilled after a Regional Caucus, an election will be held immediately at the annual business meeting to fill the position at-large. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the election process will follow the procedures described in Section 4 above. Any commissioner or alternate from a member LAFCo may be nominated for at-large seats.
- d. Seats elected at-large become subject to regional election at the expiration of the term. Only representatives from the region may be nominated for the seat.
- e. As required by the Bylaws, the members of the Board shall meet as soon as possible after election of new board members for the purpose of electing officers, determining meeting places and times for the coming year, and conducting any other necessary business.

7. LOSS OF ELECTION IN HOME LAFCO

Board Members and candidates who lose elections in their home office shall notify the Executive Director within 15 days of the certification of the election.

8. FILLING BOARD VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Appointees must be from the same category as the vacancy, and should be from the same region.

These policies and procedures were adopted by the CALAFCO Board of Directors on 12 January 2007 and amended on 9 November 2007, 8 February 2008, 13 February 2009, 12 February 2010, 18 February 2011, and 29 April 2011. They supersede all previous versions of the policies.

CALAFCO Regions

FOUR REGIONS



The counties in each of the four regions consist of the following:

Northern Region

Butte
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Humboldt
Lake
Lassen
Mendocino
Modoc
Nevada
Plumas
Shasta
Sierra
Siskiyou
Sutter
Tehama
Trinity
Yuba

CONTACT: Steve Lucas
Butte LAFCo
slucas@buttecounty.net

Southern Region

Orange
Los Angeles
Imperial
Riverside
San Bernardino
San Diego

CONTACT: Carolyn Emery
Orange LAFCo
cemery@oclafco.org

Coastal Region

Alameda
Contra Costa
Marin
Monterey
Napa
San Benito
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Solano
Sonoma
Ventura

CONTACT: David Church
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
dchurch@slolafco.com

Central Region

Alpine
Amador
Calaveras
El Dorado
Fresno
Inyo
Kern
Kings
Madera
Mariposa
Merced
Mono
Placer
Sacramento
San Joaquin
Stanislaus
Tulare
Tuolumne
Yolo

CONTACT: Kris Berry, Placer LAFCo
kberry@placer.ca.gov

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSIONS



Board of Directors 2017/2018 Nominations Form

Nomination to the CALAFCO Board of Directors

In accordance with the Nominations and Election Procedures of CALAFCO,

_____ LAFCo of the _____ Region

Nominates _____

for the (check one) City County Special District Public

Position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors to be filled by election at the next Annual Membership Meeting of the Association.

LAFCo Chair

Date

NOTICE OF DEADLINE

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CALAFCO Recruitment Committee
CALAFCO
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Date Received _____

Board of Directors 2017/2018 Candidate Resume Form

Nominated By: _____ LAFCo Date: _____

Region (please check one): Northern Coastal Central Southern

Category (please check one): City County Special District Public

Candidate Name _____

Address _____

Phone Office _____ Mobile _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Personal and Professional Background:

LAFCo Experience:

CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

Availability:

Other Related Activities and Comments:

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CALAFCO Board Members 2016-17 (as of July 5, 2017)		
Board Member Name	LAFCo - Region	Type (Term Expires)
Cheryl Brothers	Orange - <i>Southern</i>	City (2018)
Bill Connelly	Butte - <i>Northern</i>	County (2017)
James Curatalo – Chair	San Bernardino - <i>Southern</i>	District (2017)
Shiva Frentzen	El Dorado - <i>Central</i>	County (2018)
Gay Jones – Vice Chair	Sacramento - <i>Central</i>	District (2018)
Michael Kelley	Imperial - <i>Southern</i>	County (2017)
Dr. William Kirby	Placer - <i>Central</i>	City (2017)
John Leopold	Santa Cruz - <i>Coastal</i>	County (2018)
Gerard McCallum	Los Angeles - <i>Southern</i>	Public (2018)
Michael McGill - Treasurer	Contra Costa - <i>Coastal</i>	District (2018)
John Marchand	Alameda - <i>Coastal</i>	City (2017)
Anita Paque	Calaveras - <i>Central</i>	Public (2017)
Ricky Samayoa	Yuba - <i>Northern</i>	City (2018)
Sblend Sblendorio	Alameda - <i>Coastal</i>	Public (2017)
Josh Susman - Secretary	Nevada - <i>Northern</i>	Public (2018)
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Northern</i>	District (2017)



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CALAFCO Board Adopts Association's 2017-18 Strategic Plan

During their May 5 meeting, the CALAFCO Board of Directors considered the Association's two-year strategic plan for 2017-18. The draft strategic plan was presented to the Board for consideration as a follow up to their day-long strategic planning retreat session in January. The discussion, both in January and in May focused on current and emerging LAFCo and CALAFCO issues, what puts our members and the Association at risk and current CALAFCO commitments. The Board also carefully considered available resources to fulfill objectives and deliver the highest quality support to our members.



Ultimately the Board approved three strategic areas: (1) Serve as an educational resource to member LAFCo Commissioners, LAFCo staff, Associate members and stakeholders; (2) Focus efforts on Association member development and communication; and (3) Serve as an information resource to all Association members, work as a legislative and policy advocate for LAFCo issues and provide information to the Legislature and other stakeholders. Within those three areas are objectives that address the identified needs of creating value-added educational and networking opportunities, building stronger member LAFCos and a resilient Association, generating ourselves in new ways as an information resource, and continuing our work as a legislative resource.

The 2017-18 Strategic Plan was unanimously adopted by the CALAFCO Board during their May 5 meeting. The adopted plan has been distributed to the membership and can be found on the CALAFCO website.

Additional CALAFCO Board Actions

During the May 5 meeting the Board addressed several administrative issues and took a number of other actions:

- ◆ Reviewed and adopted the Association's FY 2017-18 annual budget.
- ◆ Received and filed the quarterly financial reports. The budget is on track for the year with no changes anticipated.
- ◆ Received a full legislative update.
- ◆ Received other status updates from CALAFCO staff.
- ◆ Directed staff to plan for an in-depth discussion at their August Board meeting on the long-term financial state of the Association.



Conferences and Workshops Update

2017 STAFF WORKSHOP

The 2017 Staff Workshop was held *April 5-7* at the Doubletree by Hilton in downtown Fresno. Our host for this workshop was *Fresno LAFCo*. The Program Planning Committee did a great job in planning a diverse program of topics and interesting speaker line up. The Workshop received a rating of 5.3 out of 6.0 and was a financial success with all revenues and expenses meeting budget expectations. CALAFCO wishes to thank our host, *Fresno LAFCo*, and in particular Executive Officer *David Fey*. Thanks also to the Program Planning Committee Chair, *Kris Berry*, and all who worked to plan another great Workshop.

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Annual Conference on *October 25-27*. We will be in Mission Bay, San Diego at the Bahia Hotel. Registration is open so make your hotel reservations early and be sure to send in your Conference registration and payment before August 31 to receive the early bird registration rate. A very special mobile workshop is being planned that will include a tour of the Claude "Bud" Lewis desalination plant, the largest in the nation. We will also be touring the adjacent Encina Power Station. The Program Planning Committee, under the leadership of *Carolyn Emery* (Orange), is busy putting together a fabulous program. For details, visit the CALAFCO website.

CALAFCO White Papers and Other Publications

In partnership with the American Farmland Trust (AFT), we are currently working on a White Paper on *Ag Policies*. Work on this project is anticipated to be completed by the end of summer. A huge thank you to Serena Unger of the AFT, and to Executive Officers *Christine Crawford* (Yolo), *Neelima Palacherla* (Santa Clara), *David Fey* (Fresno), and Associate Member *Elliot Mulberg* for their work on the paper.



CALAFCO Legislative Update

A busy legislative year to be sure. CALAFCO is sponsoring three bills, tracking 20 bills and has formal positions on 13 bills. A full legislative update including the bills CALAFCO is tracking can be found on the CALAFCO website. The report is updated daily via Capitol Track.



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Sponsored bills this year include:

- ◆ **AB 464** (Gallagher) which makes changes addressing the issue of annexations of areas receiving services via an out of area service agreement. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 10.
- ◆ **AB 979** (Lackey) (co-sponsored with CSDA) which streamlines the process of seating special districts on LAFCo. The bill passed Assembly and is now on the Senate floor for passage.
- ◆ **AB 1725** (Omnibus) contains several technical, non-substantive changes to CKH. The bill is on the Senate floor awaiting passage.

Other bills of notice include:

- ◆ **AB 1361** (E. Garcia) CALAFCO Oppose – This bill was recently gut and amended. As amended, it allows water districts to provide service to an Indian tribe's lands that are not within the district boundaries without going through the current statutory process of approval by LAFCo. Amendments were taken by the author during the SG&FC hearing July 19 that include LAFCo's ability to apply certain terms and conditions to the application by the water agency and limits the land to be served to lands in trust. However, CALAFCO still has a number of concerns and will continue to work with the author and sponsor.
- ◆ **SB 448 (Wieckowski)** – CALAFCO Support - The bill requires the State Controller to: (1) identify independent special districts separately on their website (from the other thousands of districts); (2) notify LAFCo when a special district becomes inactive (based on the new criteria in statute); and (3) remove the district from the inactive list if it is deemed active or upon dissolution. The bill requires LAFCo to: (1) initiate dissolution within 90 days of notification by the Controller; (2) hold a noticed public hearing for dissolution within 90 days of initiating the process; and (3) determine if the district meets the inactive criteria (and if so then order the dissolution) and if not, notify the Controller. The dissolution process requires only one noticed public hearing and no protest process, special study or MSR. Finally the bill requires a special district to file their audits with the LAFCo at the same time they file with the Controller. CALAFCO has been working extensively with the author and other stakeholders over many months on obtaining a host of amendments.

Little Hoover Commission Update

The LHC held their final roundtable discussion on LAFCos and special districts on June 22. A host of draft recommendations were discussed in detail by the Commission and stakeholders. The next hearing on this

topic, at which they are scheduled to adopt the final recommendations, is set for August 24.



Around the State

San Diego LAFCo

Submitted by Escondido Mayor Sam Abed, Chairman of the San Diego LAFCo

On May 1, 2017, long time San Diego LAFCo Executive Officer Mike Ott announced his retirement, effective August 31, 2017. Some of Mike's good friends and co-workers have also announced their retirement from the San Diego LAFCo. Joining him in retirement this summer will be Chief Local Governmental Analyst Ingrid Hansen, who has been working part-time as a retired worker for the past ten years. She originally started with the San Diego LAFCo in 1981. And Harry Ehrlich, who serves as Legislative Director, also announced that he will be retiring to spend more time with his wife and family. Harry was recently elected to the Borrego Water District and will be able to devote more of his time to this desert water agency in north eastern San Diego County, plus his consulting firm.

Over the past 25 years, Mike was at the helm of the San Diego LAFCo during a time of tremendous change. Among the more difficult projects he oversaw were seven different incorporations – not all of which were successful; one failed special reorganization proposal (La Jolla Secession); one unsuccessful disincorporation attempt (Imperial Beach); and an effort that he discouraged that would have resulted in the formation of a municipal utility district to replace the San Diego Gas and Electric Company. Perhaps, most important were his government streamlining efforts. He was responsible for streamlining government services in a diverse county of over 3.2 million people occupying 4,500 square miles through consolidating 90 special districts. Of particular note is the agency's work with fire agencies. Over one million acres of unincorporated San Diego County are now within a structural fire protection and emergency medical service provider. This has improved life safety for San Diego County residents and millions of tourists that visit the County each year.

The San Diego LAFCo has been honored with sixteen statewide awards for its professional excellence and innovation during the past 25 years that Mike Ott led LAFCo. The agency was recognized by CALAFCO in 1998, 2002 and 2004 as the "Most Effective Commission" in the

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State. Mike previously served as the first Deputy Executive Officer of CALAFCO and wrote the groundbreaking 1989 report that resulted in the reorganization of CALAFCO. During his time with the San Diego LAFCo, Mike also completed the first ever LAFCo-initiated district consolidation in California. He served on the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's Incorporation Task Force and Municipal Service Review Working Group between 1999 and 2001. Mike, Ingrid, and Harry Ehrlich are all previous recipients of CALAFCO's Outstanding LAFCo Professional award.

In 2018, the San Diego LAFCo will begin a major update to its Spheres of Influence, Municipal Service Reviews, Disadvantaged Community Program, and launching an Unincorporated Island Program. These programs will affect 18 municipalities and 80 special districts. The San Diego LAFCo is accordingly seeking a talented and experienced leader to manage these programs after Mike Ott retires. The Commission will also be recruiting for several new analysts in the upcoming months.

According to Mike, "Having headed the San Diego LAFCo for twenty-five years, I can say unequivocally it is an excellent organization and this is an exceptional career opportunity for an experienced and creative leader interested in helping to shape the future of San Diego County. San Diego LAFCo is fortunate that it will continue to be staffed by brilliant LAFCo attorney, Mike Colantuono and a talented workforce consisting of Robert Barry, Joe Serrano, Tammy Luckett, Ruth Arellano, Erica Blom, and Dieu Ngu, plus an incredible group of experienced consultants."

Los Angeles LAFCo

LA LAFCo is pleased to announce the hiring of Adriana Romo as Deputy Executive Officer, who recently assumed the office. Adriana recently served as Local Government Analyst III with Riverside LAFCo, where she worked since 2002.

Vector Control Services in LA County:

Given the public health challenges associated with preventing the spread of diseases (chikungunya, dengue, encephalitis, West Nile virus, yellow fever, and Zika), LA LAFCo continues its proactive efforts to annex a handful of unincorporated areas and cities into existing vector control districts. The Commission annexed unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose and the City of La Cañada Flintridge into the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District (GLAVCD) in 2015. Tentatively scheduled for the Commission's July 12th meeting is the proposed annexation of the cities of Baldwin Park and Pasadena into the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. Within the next few months, the GLAVCD intends to file an out-of-agency service extension request to serve the City of

Vernon on an interim basis (ideally leading to a future annexation). With the exception of the City of Long Beach (which has its own robust in-house vector control program), the City of Vernon is the sole remaining city in Los Angeles County not served by a vector control district. In the face of increasing health risks, the proactive collaboration amongst several parties (LA LAFCo, vector control districts, the County of Los Angeles, and the involved cities) are yielding positive results for the benefit of the public.

Sonoma LAFCo

Sonoma LAFCo is pleased to report the receipt of an application from the City of Santa Rosa for annexation of five unincorporated islands, including the community of Roseland in south west Santa Rosa. The Commission will adjudicate the proposal at its August meeting. Assuming approval and eventual ratification of the application, the annexation will resolve a decades-long exclusion of a large community of approximately 6,500 residents from the City.

Solano LAFCo

Solano LAFCo announces the hiring of a new Executive Officer, Richard J. Seithel, who will begin on August 9, 2017. Richard is a resident of Antioch and currently serves as the Chief of Annexations and Economic Stimulus Programs for Contra Costa County. He has served Contra Costa County in the County Administrator's Office for the past nineteen years as a deputy county administrator. Richard will be a permanent full-time employee of the commission. Since 2013, the Solano LAFCo Executive Officer position has been filled by contractors working only part time. The move to a permanent full-time executive officer will ensure greater availability and service to the county, cities, districts and the public.



The CALAFCO Board of Directors and Staff wish all of you a wonderful summer!

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CALAFCO Associate Members' Corner

This section highlights our Associate Members. The information below is provided to CALAFCO by the Associate member upon joining the Association. All Associate member information can be found in the CALAFCO Member Directory.



CALAFCO is pleased to welcome our newest Silver Associate Member, **Peckham & McKenney**. **Peckham & McKenney, Inc.** provides executive search services to local government agencies throughout the Western United States and is headquartered in Roseville, California. The firm was established as a partnership in 2004 by Bobbi Peckham and Phil McKenney, who serve as the firm's Recruiters and bring over 50 years' combined experience in local government and executive search. To learn more about them, visit them at www.peckhamandmckenney.com, or call them at 866-912-1919.



Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming CALAFCO Events

- ◆ CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting, August 18, San Diego
- ◆ CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting, August 25, conference call

Upcoming CALAFCO Conferences and Workshops

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 25 – 27
Bahia Mission Bay
San Diego, CA
Hosted by CALAFCO

2018 STAFF WORKSHOP

April 11 – 13
Four Points Sheraton
San Rafael, CA
Hosted by Marin LAFCo

2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 3-5
Tenaya Lodge
Yosemite, CA
Hosted by CALAFCO