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Agenda Item 6d (Consent/Information)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission
PREPARED BY: Stephanie Pratt, Staff Analyst *SP*
MEETING DATE: April 6, 2026
SUBJECT: CALAFCO Quarterly Report

SUMMARY

This is a consent item for information purposes only. Accordingly, if interested, the Commission is invited to pull this item for additional discussion with the concurrence of the Chair. No formal action will be taken as part of this item.

CALAFCO recently released a Quarterly Report dated March 6, 2026, included as Attachment One, summarizing organizational progress and upcoming initiatives. Notably, the update highlights governance changes approved at the February Special Business Meeting, which include allowing Executive Officers to serve as voting Board members and eliminating Board “seat type” categories effective with the 2026 election cycle. Additionally, Executive Director Michelle McIntyre reported that a CPA has been retained to reorganize the budget structure to ensure fiscal transparency and a realistic budget for FY 2026–27.

The report outlines several key focus areas and upcoming events for 2026:

- **Dues Structure Review:** A discussion regarding the current dues model and its reliance on county population will begin at the May Board Meeting.
- **Legislative Engagement:** Participation is increasing, with the goal of CALAFCO sponsoring legislation starting next year.
- **Educational Events:** The next CALAFCO-U session is scheduled for April, and the 2026 Staff Workshop will be held May 6–8 in Pismo Beach.
- **Operational Goals:** Efforts through May will focus on clearer financial reporting, delivering the Staff Workshop, and exploring website usability improvements.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) CALAFCO Quarterly Report (March 2026)

Beth Painter, Chair
Councilmember, City of Napa

Paul Dohring, Commissioner
Councilmember, City of St. Helena

David Oro, Alternate Commissioner
Councilmember, City of American Canyon

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Brendon Freeman
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QUARTERLY UPDATE

MARCH 6, 2026

Four months into this role, I want to share where we are and what you should expect next. Since November, the focus has been steady progress – getting our footing, tightening communication, and moving forward without disruption.

HERE'S WHERE THAT STANDS.

Board Structure Changes: At the February Special Business Meeting, members overwhelmingly approved two governance changes: allowing Executive Officers to serve as voting Board members and eliminating Board “seat type” categories. Those changes take effect with the 2026 election cycle. These proposals didn't come out of nowhere. They came from real conversations across the state. When the feedback was consistent, we moved forward.

Due Structure Review: Another theme I heard repeatedly is that the current dues model – partially based on county population – may no longer reflect today's realities. There are no changes underway, but we should approach the discussion thoughtfully, starting at the May Board Meeting.

Legislative Involvement Back in the Forefront: On the legislative side, engagement is growing. The January Legislative Committee meeting had 38 attendees. That level of participation tells me members want to stay informed and involved. The Legislative Committee has standing meetings scheduled, and member LAFCOs (staff and commissioners) are welcome to attend. I will begin providing more consistent updates on legislation affecting LAFCOs statewide. The goal is to have CALAFCO sponsor legislation that matters starting next year. We're building that foundation now.

More Fiscal Transparency: Financial reporting is another area we're tightening up. I recently retained a CPA to help reorganize and simplify our budget structure. Beginning in May, the Board will start receiving clearer budget-to-actual reports. The goal is simple: clean data and a realistic FY 2026-27 budget.

Educational Events are a Pillar for CALAFCO:

Education and engagement remain strong. CALAFCO-U continues to draw solid participation, and the next session is scheduled for April. The 2026 Staff Workshop will take place May 6-8 in Pismo Beach. We've built time into the program for substantive governance conversations and practical operational discussions – the kind most useful once everyone is back home.

LAFCO Outreach: I've also continued meeting with LAFCOs, both members and nonmembers, to listen and share updates. Those conversations matter. They help ensure that CALAFCO's direction reflects what's happening on the ground. If your Commission would like a visit or an update, I'm always happy to connect

SO, WHAT'S NEXT: Between now and May, our focus is straightforward:

- 1) Implement clearer financial reporting.
- 2) Deliver a strong Staff Workshop.
- 3) Explore *practical* website improvements that improve usability and organization.

CALAFCO is in a good place. Now it's about doing the work well and doing it consistently. As always, I welcome your thoughts.

Michelle McIntyre