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Agenda Item 7g (Consent/Information)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

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MEETING DATE: June 1, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 CALAFCO Staff Workshop Summary

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.

The Clerk/Jr. Analyst served as LAFCO of Napa County's representative at the 2026 CALAFCO Staff Workshop held May 5-8 in Pismo Beach. The session topics related to the needs of LAFCO staff. Workshop sessions included discussions related to climate change and LAFCO's role, effectively engaging the public, AI, clerking resources and connections, mentorship amongst staff and counties, and how to better understand CEQA documents.

Climate Change and LAFCO – This session featured speaker Michael Boswell, a Professor of City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly. Boswell discussed ongoing climate action planning within California and how LAFCO can incorporate these plans into MSRs, SOIs, and more.

Public Engagement – One session discussed how to achieve meaningful public engagement by planning ahead, cultivating community connections, partnering with trusted messengers, and focusing on quality and not the quantity of messaging.

CEQA Documents – The final session centered on understanding CEQA documents and when to use them. Executive Officer Rob Fitzroy of San Luis Obispo County used examples of recent cases and practical examples to demonstrate engagement with the CEQA process, writing comment letters, the NOP scoping process, and more.

Registration for the 2026 CALAFCO Conference (October 21-23) will begin July 1st. Commissioners and staff are encouraged to register as soon as it opens.

<https://calafco.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=6&ts=1771894850>

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