



We Manage Local Government Boundaries, Evaluate Municipal Services, and Protect Agriculture

Agenda Item 5d (Consent/Information)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission
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SUBJECT: CALAFCO Resources

SUMMARY

At the last Commission meeting there was a discussion regarding the statewide association for LAFCOs, California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO). This item provides information on CALAFCO resources. As a Commissioner, you are a member of CALAFCO and have access to all their resources.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

CALAFCO University courses:

The recent courses are webinars available on the website for on-demand viewing. These webinars are an excellent opportunity to view the full session, with panelist, slides and Q&A portion. Panelists include Commissioners, subject experts and experienced staff from around the State.

- 1. The New Era: State of the State in terms of extreme weather, water & fire issues and what it means for LAFCOs

Hear from the Chair of the State Water Resources Control Board on state-level policies and trends related to the drought and water issues, and the impacts to communities. CAL Fire shares short-term and long-term projections given the ongoing drought and climate conditions, along with their perspective how local governments providing fire services, can collaborate and partner with each other and CAL Fire to deal with what is sure to be a bleak short-term future. The Governor’s Office of Planning & Research (OPR) offers best practices for local governments in the areas of land use and resource planning given the current state of the State, and a perspective on how districts-cities-counties-LAFCOs can partner and collaborate to address these issues. LAFCO legal counsel, then explores what specific LAFCO actions and perspective shifts are needed to support the “now and future new normal”.

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2. Proactively Navigating Economic and Service Crisis Realities

This session offers several unique perspectives on the current and projected economic conditions of local governments, impacts to LAFCO operations and capacities, and how LAFCOs can begin to think about positive strategies to support local service providers to help lessen economic impacts or maintain service levels in spite of the myriad of economic crises we face. Specifically, we hear from Jim Simon of RSG, Inc. on the current and projected economic conditions facing local governments, including a recession outlook focus on implications for Counties, Cities and Special Districts, and a look at what governance shifts are we seeing or can expect to see given the host of economic disasters in 2020 (pandemic, historic wildfires, civil unrest). Through the lens of LAFCO Commissioner/County Supervisor Jane Parker, we explore the COVID-19 economic impact on tourism and agricultural sectors and added economic impacts from wildfires to Monterey, along with impacts on disadvantaged communities. We learn how that has impacted LAFCO operations and capacities and discuss how LAFCOs can adapt to the financial crisis to survive. Rounding out the panel, we hear from Executive Officer Carolyn Emery about the fiscal model Orange LAFCO is starting to use to help them better understand challenges facing cities and special districts. We explore other cooperative efforts that mutually benefit citizens/customers through cooperation among agencies as well as more traditional LAFCO approaches. This is followed by a robust Q&A session.

3. The Dirty Dozen: Things I wish I had known about the act

Veteran executive officers representing the four LAFCO regions (Central, Coastal, Northern and Southern) will each present three things about “the Act” that “LAFCO rookies” should know on Day One. Presenters will describe how these twelve hidden gems will help all LAFCO staff, new and old, apply provisions from the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to their daily routines to better serve the public.

4. Fire & EMS Service Basics, Challenges and LAFCOs’ Role & Responsibility (four-part series)

California wildfires burned 4.2 million acres in 2020 and 1.3 million acres 2017. In 1964, it took four days for a wildfire to travel from Calistoga in Napa County to Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. In 2017, it took only four hours for a wildfire to travel that same route. Local and state firefighting resources have been stretched beyond imagination. Wildland firefighting is only one of the many functions of an all-risk agency. So, what are LAFCOs’ role and responsibilities in terms of overseeing these complex services? How can we create Municipal Service Reviews with information and determinations that have meaning and create value both short-and-long-term? What should we be looking at and considering that we aren’t? This very special 4-part series will take a deep dive into Fire and EMS services and LAFCOs’ role and responsibility in understanding, studying, and making

determinations regarding these complex services. Each session builds on the prior one, concluding the series with a session that explores several case studies highlighting urban, suburban and rural fire service providers.

5. Two Agencies in Dispute: LAFCO's Role in Assisting in Resolving the Conflict

Two public agencies are in dispute over future boundaries, and past unmet conditions of approval. What can a LAFCO do to assist in resolving these types of conflicts? How can a LAFCO navigate the dispute minefields while keeping a neutral role? Join us as we consider two case studies and learn tools that can be used to assist in mediating disputes.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. Board of Directors and Committees
2. Conferences and Workshops
3. Legislation
4. LAFCO Law, Court Decisions and Legal Opinions
5. LAFCO Procedures
6. Studies, Surveys and Reports

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3. Click "Create a New Account" tab and provide your username and email address
6. Click "Create New Account" (green box)
7. CALAFCO staff will send an email with your temporary password, which you will be required to change upon your first login.

MAP OF CALAFCO REGIONS



ATTACHMENTS

None