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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Juliana Inman, Commissioner and 2011 CALAFCO Conference Chair
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SUBJECT: Report on the 2011 CALAFCO Annual Conference

The Commission will receive a report summarizing the activities associated with the CALAFCO Annual Conference held at the Silverado Resort and Spa between August 31 and September 2, 2011. The report includes survey results from attendees. The report also notes Commissioner Inman won reelection to the CALAFCO Board.

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) was established in 1971 to assist members in fulfilling their duties to coordinate the orderly formation and development of governmental agencies and services. Key services include facilitating information sharing among members by organizing annual conferences and workshops as well as providing technical assistance through training classes. CALAFCO's membership currently includes 57 of the 58 LAFCOs.

A. Background/Discussion

LAFCO of Napa County ("Commission") served as host for the 2011 CALAFCO Annual Conference held at the Silverado Resort and Spa between August 31st and September 2nd. The Conference was well attended with approximately 330 registered members, associates, and guests; the highest attendance total in several years with representation from 49 of the 57 LAFCOs that are part of CALAFCO. The Conference also benefited from higher-than-normal sponsorships with generous contributions provided locally by the Jack Davies Agricultural Fund and Chaudhary and Associates.

The Conference's theme was aptly titled "Exploring New Boundaries," and reflective of LAFCOs' evolving role in overseeing regional growth management. In all, 26 general and breakout sessions were scheduled with several focusing on "big picture" growth management factors, such as exploring demographic changes, municipal service funding, and balancing smart urban growth with agricultural preservation. Notable speakers included Bill Fulton, President of Solimar Research Group and City of Ventura Mayor, Fred Silva, Senior Policy Analyst with California Forward, and John H. Knox, municipal finance attorney and son of LAFCO patriarch and former Assemblymember John Knox.

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The Conference also proved successful showing attendees the unique qualities and virtues underlying Napa’s approach to sustainable growth and development. This included organizing two concurrent mobile workshops for 110 guests on the morning of the first day and appropriately assigned the touring names of “Cabernet” and “Chardonnay.” The two groups were led by Commissioners Inman and Wagenknecht, respectively, and were warmly hosted for private tours at the following local venues:

Cabernet Group	Chardonnay Group
<p>Far Niente Winery, Oakville Received tour from winemaker Greg Allen and discussed Far Niente’s gravity-flow winery system and visited its floating solar panel site.</p>	<p>River Ranch Farmworker Center, St. Helena Received tour from CSA No. 4 Manager Nancy Johnson and discussed the cross-governance planning for the farmworker housing center.</p>
<p>Frog’s Leap Winery, Rutherford Received tour from owner/winemaker John Williams and discussed the ideals and practices underlying organic farming at Frog’s Leap.</p>	<p>UC Cooperative Vineyard Site, Oakville Received a tour from UC Cooperative Farm Advisor John Roncoroni and discussed trends and challenges in local agricultural practices.</p>
<p>River Ranch Farmworker Center, St. Helena Received tour from CSA No. 4 Manager Nancy Johnson and discussed the cross-governance planning for the farmworker housing center.</p>	<p>Honig Winery, Rutherford Received tour from owner Michael Honig and discussed Honig’s sustainability practices as well as emerging trends in the wine business.</p>
<p>Beringer Vineyards, St. Helena Received tour from VP of Government Relations Debra Dommen discussing Beringer’s history and business practices. Lunch included.</p>	<p>Grgich Hills Estates, St. Helena Received tour from owner Mike Grgich and discussed his background and thoughts on the evolution of Napa Valley wines. Lunch included.</p>

In addition to the mobile workshop hosts, several other local groups and individuals also contributed to making the Conference a successful Napa showing. This included the Napa Valley Destination Council providing 300 complimentary copies of its visitor guidebooks as well as musician Tommy Hill and sommelier Peter Marks entertaining attendees at the Wednesday night wine reception. Further, and with special thanks to Chair Dodd for making the arrangements, Margrit Mondavi and Andy Beckstoffer served as the special speakers at the Thursday luncheon.

The results of the Conference survey prepared by CALAFCO are attached for Commission review. The survey summarizes received responses from close to one-fifth of all attendees and notes the Conference was well-received with an overall rating of 5.3 based on a scale of 1 (poor) to six (outstanding). Attendee comments on the Conference are also included in the survey.

Finally, as part of the Conference activities, Commissioner Inman won reelection to the 16-member CALAFCO Board. Commissioner Inman will begin a new two-year term on January 1, 2012 and serves as the lone “city” member on CALAFCO’s coastal region. A full listing of the CALAFCO Board for 2012 is attached.

B. Commission Review

The Commission is invited to discuss this report as well as provide any comments or direction to staff with respect to related activities or actions.

- Attachments:
 1) Conference Survey Results
 2) 2012 CALAFCO Board Rosters

CALAFCO 2011 Conference EVALUATION



Exploring New Boundaries
August 31, 2011 – September 2, 2011
Silverado Resort/Napa
Longitude: 38.3° / Latitude: -122.3°

Thank you for attending the 2011 CALAFCO Conference. The planning committee, staff and the Board appreciate your feedback on this conference. It will help us continue to improve!

Please check the appropriate box to describe yourself:

40 Commissioner **21** LAFCo Staff **2** Associate Member/Sponsor **2** Other Agency staff **9** Guest

Please use a scale of 1-6, with **1 = Poor** and **6 = Outstanding**, to respond to the following:

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| 1. Meeting Facilities | 5.5 | 4. Pre-conference Information | 5.0 |
| 2. Location (Napa) | 5.7 | 5. Networking Opportunities | 5.2 |
| 3. Food Quality | 4.9 | 6. Conference Materials | 5.0 |

Please tell us about the quality and content of the sessions you attended, using the same 1-6 scale.

		QUALITY	CONTENT
7. <i>Pre Session:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Workshop	5.8	5.8
	<input type="checkbox"/> LAFCo 101 (if attended)	4.9	4.6
8. <i>General Session: The Big Picture: Exploring California's Growth Trends (Wed.)</i>		5.4	5.4
9. <i>Roundtable Discussion (please indicate the session you attended on Wednesday)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner	4.9	4.8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff	4.9	4.8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Counsel	4.9	4.8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Associates	n/a	n/a
10. CALAFCO Regional Caucuses and Annual Meeting (Thurs.)		4.9	4.9
11. <i>Concurrent Session (please indicate the session you attended on Thursday morning)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Urban Interface	5.1	5.0
	<input type="checkbox"/> Stanislaus Experience: Fire Agencies	5.4	5.4
	<input type="checkbox"/> Next Generation of MSRs	5.2	4.9
	<input type="checkbox"/> LAFCo 201: Ethics and LAFCo	5.6	5.6
12. <i>General Session: Disincorporation/Consolidation of Cities (Thurs.)</i>		4.8	4.8
13. <i>Concurrent Session (please indicate the session you attended on Thursday afternoon)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution/Consolidation/Insolvency Issues	4.9	4.9
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled Water	5.1	5.1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Making California Work Again	3.9	3.7
	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice Issues/Case Studies	4.8	4.5
14. Achievement Awards Reception and Banquet (Thurs.)		5.1	5.1
15. <i>General Session: Terms and Conditions: How Far Can/Should We Go? (Fri.)</i>		5.4	5.3
16. <i>General Session: Legislative Update (Fri.)</i>		5.4	5.4

Overall Rating of the Conference: **5.3** Was this time well-spent for you? **YES**



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Two things you really liked:

Commissioner:

Networking and great presentations with no media failure; Great information and outstanding networking opportunities; The quality of the speakers and the location; The location and the facilities; MSR review and terms and conditions sessions; Focus of breakout sessions and the location; Awesome location and more session content than previous conference; Great information and discussions. The information on Creative Pollutions from Other LAFCo's and Communities; The locations and the new topics; The Napa location and the quality of the speakers; The location and the staff; The mobile workshop; The general session group discussions about LACFo issues and it was a well ran conference!; The presenters and the topics; The presenters and the quality of information; The location, hospitality and staff; The locations and diversity of sessions; The mobile workshop and both concurrent sessions; The location, wine and programs; The condo type rooms at the location. The special guest, Mrs. Mondavi and Andy Berkstoffer; Andy Berkstoffer! Met great people due to networking; Mobile Workshop and the Next Generation of MSR's; The location in the wine country and the outside functions; The MSR on Thursday by Ben and Joe very well done; Well organized packets and presentations; Water related topics; The quality of speakers and topics; I liked the condition assessment and dissolution discussion;

LAFCo Staff:

The mobile workshop and dinner; The food and networking; Mobile workshop, the Silverado location and accommodations; It had a good mix of speakers, solid conference with excellent and timely sessions. There was a great turnout with a lot of new faces; The location, facility and Juliana's Tour; The locations and sessions; The breaks were adequate and walking opportunities between sessions; The Next Generation MSR was a great show (it put the laugh in LAFCo); The networking; The staff at Silverado were fabulous and the host was great!; The cost was kept to a minimum with no increase in registration cost; The topical discussion of current issues like insolvency, dissolution and consolidation. Appreciated John Knox, Michael Colantuono, and Bill Fulton; Varsity of topics and interactive activities in terms and conditions; The conference venue, the keynote speakers, in particular, Bill Fulton and the lunch speakers; Banquet dinner and the growth trend session; The location was great;

Associate Member/Sponsor:

The wine tasting was a great way to mix, the grove was good along with the speakers, and the water provided was appreciated;

Other Agency Staff:

The networking opportunities and information given



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Other:

Enjoyed the case study work on Friday morning; The mobile workshop and lunch speakers; The location and conference format quality; The Napa location and wine competition. The outside venue for lunch and the speakers at the luncheon on Thursday; Meeting new people; The location and content of presentations

Two things that need to change:

Commissioner:

Venue was too luxurious and hard to navigate from the rooms to meetings, and to the outside events. There needed to be more seating at the beer and wine tasting. I am an elderly person; Very pricey for small counties; Do not call a continental breakfast a buffet; Take away materials from breakout sessions; John Knox did not make effective use of the sound system in the dissolution session; The award banquet was too long; The more time for roundtable discussions; More copies of presentations and more specific examples needed; The wine provided by CALAFCO at banquet; More time for roundtable discussions; More wine and have extra wine; Disappointed with CA Forward speaker; Make dinner a little earlier; The hotel room was very small and a long way away. Also the hotel food was marginal; More time in Roundtable discussions; More time for regional caucuses to actually discuss issues rather than just report; The program time and dates were confusing; Business meetings need another good speaker; More time needed for Q and A; There was an AV glitch with 1 ½ power point was not presented; Keep the conference away from three day weekend;

LAFCo Staff:

Extend social networking time; There was too many concurrent sessions; Go back to just having three concurrent breakouts and add another day of conference; Have a later start to the day, 7:30 am is too early. Have fewer concurrent sessions, some of the concurrent session had very few participants. The concurrent sessions need to be limited to three; Shorter awards banquet or start the awards part earlier. There needs to be more time for networking; Introductions of the speakers were too lengthy; Wish we would have had a little more time for Q and A discussion in concurrent sessions; The breakout sessions, maybe a choice of three instead of four; Have an earlier start to the golf tournament and start the dinner service and finish by nine; Have more time at the roundtable; At the annual meeting the checkers did not always read the correct vote. I could tell when my category of ED listed 100% support when I voted "No" and one of our commissioners had a similar experience

Associate Member/Sponsor:

I did not feel safe in my room because the patio was accessible to the street

Other Agency Staff:

The power point of presentations needed to change.



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Other:

The distance from the room to the conference; There needs to be more information and interaction; More materials in advance needed; Please post the workshop handouts before conference verses at the end. Most of us would like to follow the presentation with our P.C's or I.P.O.D's. Also, the food was dry and of poor quality; Have breakout on tax exchange agreements.

Comments:

Commissioner:

It was a great conference overall; I enjoyed every session I attended; It was a great conference; Great job!; Thank you all for the great conference!; It was a great place to meet but there are other resort that are available; Kudos to conference committee and staff - Especially Bill and Jamie; I could not read the map to find our way; The locations need to be closer to the airport; Outstanding conference; More time for larger regions to caucus; Thank you and good job!; It was hard to suggest things that needed to change it was a well ran conference;

LAFCo Staff:

The mobile workshop was great the best ever; Napa LAFCo staff did a fantastic job; Thank you, Bill and Jamie, for another successful conference! You have perfected your craft!; Bill and Jamie are terrific, thank you for all the personal help; The décor at dinner was very creative! I loved the beer and wine comp! It was a great way to meet folks; There should be a little more time between the mobile workshop and the general session. The schedule seems to be too tight;

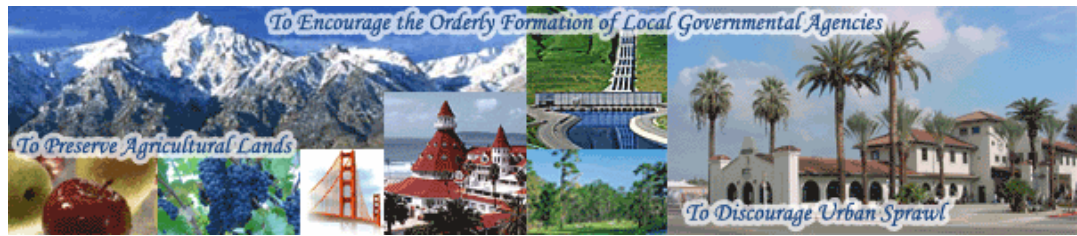
Associate Member/Sponsor:

There needed to be more direction to the location of different sessions, also needed extra programs or larger posted programs.

Other Agency Staff:

Other:

Good job and keep up the good work. The conference was great and the location was excellent. A great place for future conferences; Napa LAFCo was a wonderful host an excellent conference; I enjoyed my visit; The venue was beautiful but the rooms were too spread out; Breakfast was great



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