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**December 2, 2013**

**Agenda Item No. 5f (Consent/Information)**

November 25, 2013

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** Peter Banning, Acting Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: CALAFCO Quarterly Report**

The Commission will receive the most recent quarterly report prepared by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions. The report is being presented to Commissioners for information only.

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**A. Information**

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) recently adopted a new strategic plan. The strategic plan includes a goal of maintaining enhanced communication with member agencies. This includes providing quarterly updates on Board actions and related activities within CALAFCO. The most recent quarterly report was issued in November 2013 and is attached.

**B. Commission Review**

The Commission is invited to review and discuss the attached report as needed.

Attachments: as stated

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Joan Bennett, Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of American Canyon

Greg Pitts, Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of St. Helena

Juliana Inman, Alternate Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of Napa

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*Acting Executive Officer*



# News from the Board of Directors

## CALAFCO QUARTERLY

November 2013

### CALAFCO WELCOMES TEHAMA LAFCO TO THE ASSOCIATION

We are proud to welcome Tehama LAFCo as a member of the Association. Look for a full article on Tehama LAFCo in the next edition of *The Sphere*.

### 2014 Annual Conference Update

At their November 8 meeting, the CALAFCO Board decided to move the conference to the new dates of October 15 – 17 so as not to conflict with the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) annual conference, which is scheduled for the same dates as the September dates. We are still at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Ontario with our host San Bernardino LAFCo. We are looking forward to a great conference with lots of things to do and see in Ontario. More information about the conference will be available soon. For now, mark your calendars for **OCTOBER 15 – 17, 2014!**

### 2014 Staff Workshop

The 2014 Staff Workshop is scheduled for **April 23 – 25, 2014** at the DoubleTree by Hilton in the Berkeley Marina. Our host for the workshop is Alameda and the Bay area LAFCos. The Host and Program Committees have begun their planning and details will be made available soon.

### CALAFCO Board 2014 Committees

The CALAFCO Board appointed members to the 2014 standing committees are as follows:

#### Legislative Committee

Gay Jones  
William Kirby  
John Leopold  
Mike McGill  
Eugene Montanez  
Josh Susman  
Robert Bergman (a)  
James Curatalo (a)  
Mary Jane Griego (a)  
Juliana Inman (a)  
Ted Novelli (a)

#### Nominations Committee

Julie Allen  
Mary Jane Griego  
Juliana Inman  
Mike Kelley  
Elliot Mulberg (Chair)

#### Awards Committee

Larry Duncan  
Mary Jane Griego (Chair)  
John Leopold  
Ted Novelli  
Stephen Tomanelli  
Josh Susman  
Roger Welt

#### 2014 Annual Conference

James Curatalo (Chair)  
Stephen Tomanelli



### CALAFCO U Courses for 2014

CALAFCO staff is in the process of finalizing the schedule of sessions for the first half of 2014 with topics that include the Protest Process, in January in southern California; LAFCo Best Practices (content taken from the Projects of the Year nominations) in early spring in Sacramento, and another in June on LAFCo lawsuits and how to prepare for and deal with them successfully.

### LAFCo Symposium – December 9, 2013

UC Davis Extension and CALAFCO are co-sponsoring a one day symposium in Sacramento to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of LAFCo. Mark your calendars to join us for lively panel discussions on hot issues facing LAFCos today, and hear our special keynote

speaker the Honorable Robert Hertzberg.

Details and registration information are available on the CALAFCO website.

### 2013 Annual Conference in Squaw Valley a Success

328 commissioners, staff, associate members and guest speakers attended the annual conference held in Squaw Valley this past August.

There was good representation of LAFCos, with 48 of the 57 member LAFCos represented. Evaluation results showed a positive overall rating of 5.1 on a 6.0 scale. Participants mentioned the quality of the session topics, the location and venue, the banquet dinner and program, and the value of networking opportunities as some of the highlights.

Financially the conference met the goals established by the Board. Our thanks to Placer, Nevada and El Dorado LAFCos for hosting, Josh Susman (Nevada LAFCo) as Committee Chair, and Sam Martinez (San Bernardino LAFCo) as Program Chair.



### CALAFCO Board Actions

During their regular meeting on November 8, the Board addressed several administrative issues including:

- ◆ The quarterly financial reports were reviewed and the budget is on track for the year. All financial reports are located on the website.
- ◆ Approved recommended LAFCo staff appointments to the 2014 Legislative Committee.
- ◆ Directed the newly formed Recruitment and Nominations Committee to review the current absentee ballot voting policy and potential use of absentee ballots in the case of a run-off election, and report to the Board in February on any recommendations.
- ◆ Approved the contract renewal for Pamela Miller as the Association's Executive Director.
- ◆ Approved the contract renewal for Jeni Tickler as the Association's Administrator.

### Legislative Activities

The 2013 legislative year saw 2,264 bills introduced, of which 805 were chaptered and 96 were vetoed. CALAFCO's bills included AB 1427 (Omnibus) and AB 743 (Logue), both of which were signed into law. The other CALAFCO bill, AB 453 (Mullin) died in Senate Appropriations. A full report on the 2013 legislative year is located on the CALAFCO website.

The legislature will reconvene on January 7, 2014. CALAFCO's Legislative Committee is scheduled to meet via conference call on November 25<sup>th</sup>, and in person on December 6<sup>th</sup>. During their November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board gave consensus for the Legislative Committee to consider legislation that would change the MSR/SOI cycle from every 5 years to every 8 years, to coincide with the housing element update cycle. The Board also gave direction to the Legislative Committee to conduct outreach to freshman legislators who have been a LAFCo Commissioner as a way to build relations and partner with them on potential future LAFCo legislation.