



Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County
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Agenda Item 6e (Consent/Information)

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

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MEETING DATE: October 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

BACKGROUND AND 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 Commission previously established an ad hoc Legislative Committee to advise staff with respect to legislative items related to LAFCO. Commissioners Kahn and Oro were appointed to the Legislative Committee.

The California State Legislature officially concluded its 2026 regular session at the end of August. The Governor's deadline to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature ends on September 30, meaning the legislative landscape for the upcoming 2027 calendar year is now finalized.

Given that Napa LAFCO is not a member of CALAFCO, the Commission's access to daily legislative tracking reports is limited.

A summary of key bills tracked and core positions taken by CALAFCO follows.

- 1. AB 1821 (Pacheco):** California Public Records Act: agency response time: This bill alters the timeline and mandates for state and local agencies (including LAFCOs) responding to public records requests. It cleared its final floor votes on August 25, 2026, and was enrolled and formally presented to Governor Gavin Newsom on August 31, 2026. As of September 23, 2026, the bill is sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature or veto. He has until September 30, 2026, to make his final decision.

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2. **SB 707 (Durazo) & SB 1187 (Committee on Local Government) – The Ralph M. Brown Act: Teleconferencing and Public Participation Overhaul Updates:** CALAFCO monitors legislative changes dictating how local commissions conduct remote meetings. SB 707 extends the "just cause" remote-participation framework through December 31, 2029, and allows private remote options for commissioners with medical disabilities. An urgency cleanup bill, SB 1187, was signed on September 18, 2026, officially repealing high-cost, mandatory live translation requirements. The Napa LAFCO Operational Impact is that physical quorum remains required within county boundaries. Remote commissioners must utilize two-way audio/video and declare if other adults are present in their room. No multilingual infrastructure changes are required.
3. **SB 1439 (Committee on Local Government):** CALAFCO regularly evaluates annual Senate Governance & Finance Committee Omnibus bills to ensure clean technical cleanups of statutory law impacting city annexations, special district dissolutions, and financial transaction transparency requirements submitted to the State Controller. It amends broader sections of the Government Code regarding local government operations. For Napa LAFCO, the relevant changes streamline administrative cleanup, such as updated Brown Act teleconferencing parameters (SB707) for subsidiary/multijurisdictional bodies and updated procedures for local agency investments.