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**April 1, 2013**

**Agenda Item No. 8b (Discussion)**

March 26, 2013

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: Legislative Report**

The Commission will receive a report from staff summarizing notable bills under discussion as the 2013-2014 legislative session commences. The report is being presented for discussion with possible direction for staff with respect to issuing comments on specific bills. It is anticipated the Commission will consolidate consideration of this matter with a preceding presentation scheduled as part of Agenda Item No. 8a.

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The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County has two appointed members on the California Association of LAFCOs' ("CALAFCO") Legislative Committee: Juliana Inman and Keene Simonds. The Committee meets on a regular basis to review, discuss, and offer recommendations to the CALAFCO Board of Directors with regard to new legislation that would have either a direct impact on LAFCO law or laws LAFCO helps to administer. Committee actions are guided by the Board's adopted policies, which are annually reviewed and amended to reflect current year priorities.

**A. Discussion and Analysis**

The Committee met on March 22, 2013 in Oakland to update and discuss legislative interests for the first year of the 2013-2014 session. This includes discussing the 40 bills introduced this session proposing either direct or indirect impacts on LAFCOs. A complete list of bills under review is attached. Two bills of specific interest to LAFCO of Napa County ("Commission") are addressed below.

- **Assembly Bill 743 (Logue) Island Annexation Proceedings**  
This legislation is sponsored by CALAFCO and would make two substantive amendments to the existing statute governing expedited island annexations proceedings; proceedings that presently allow LAFCOs to waive protest for proposals filed by cities to annex entire or substantially surrounded county pockets so long as certain conditions are satisfied. First, the bill would eliminate the statute's current sunset date of January 1, 2014. Second, the bill would expand eligibility for expedited island annexations from 150 to 300 acres. Initial

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responses indicate other interested stakeholders generally support the bill with the notable exception of the California Special Districts Association, whose opposition is limited to the proposed increase in acreage eligibility. Los Angeles LAFCO has also expressed similar concerns regarding the acreage increase.

Staff believes the passage of AB 743 would measurably benefit the Commission with regard to continuing to make available a unique and value tool in coordinating orderly development and growth in Napa County. Eliminating the approaching deadline, in particular, would help to maximize resources expended over the last few years as part of the Commission's concerted effort to educate landowners and residents to the benefits of eliminating islands and the service inefficiencies they perpetuate.<sup>1</sup> These resources, notably, have generated community interest in island annexations, but have been delayed in producing actual results due to the prolonged effects of the recent recession and constraints on city resources in processing and filing proposals with the Commission. Accordingly, given the perceived local benefit, staff believes it would be appropriate to issue a formal support letter for the bill.

Conclusion: It would be appropriate to issue a formal letter of support for AB 743 given its direct benefit to Napa County.

- **Senate Bill 772 (Emmerson) Private Water Service Providers**

This legislation is sponsored by the Eastern Municipal Water District in Riverside County and would make substantive changes to the statute governing LAFCOs' municipal service review process. The underlying focus of the bill is to expand the scope of the municipal service review process by directing LAFCOs to begin reviewing private entities providing wholesale or retail drinking water. The bill would also require LAFCOs to file applicable municipal service reviews with various third party agencies, such as the Public Utilities Commission.

Consistent with the Committee's adopted position, staff believes SB 772 as introduced is problematic given it significantly broadens the scope of the municipal service review process to include entities that lie outside LAFCOs' regulatory purview. Further, the bill takes on the form of an unfunded mandate given the potential high costs of expanding the municipal service review to incorporate private water service providers are not addressed and therefore need to be covered through existing resources (i.e., local funding agencies and applicant charges.) Nonetheless, and in contrast to the majority preference of the Committee, staff believes there would be merit in working with the author to narrow down the scope of the bill to avoid/mitigate the reference concerns. One potential alternative would be to amend the bill to reduce the directive on LAFCOs to only document the whereabouts of private water service providers in

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<sup>1</sup> Expanding the acreage from 150 to 300 acres would not increase the number of eligible islands for expedited annexation proceedings in Napa County.

municipal service reviews; an activity that would seemingly address an underlying interest of the bill to further sunlight the operations of these private entities that play an important role in supporting development in California.

Conclusion: Continue to watch SB 772.

With respect to other legislative items of interest, the CALAFCO Board continues to consider the Commission's initiated amendments to Government Code Section 56133; the statute requiring cities and special districts to request and receive written approval from LAFCOs before providing new or extended municipal services outside their jurisdictional boundaries and spheres of influence. As previously discussed, the proposed amendments would make several substantive changes to the existing statute. This would be highlighted by expanding LAFCOs authority to approve outside service extensions beyond spheres of influence without making a public health or safety determination if certain findings can be made at noticed public hearings.<sup>2</sup> The Committee has previously approved and reapproved the proposed amendments for the Board's consideration in separate actions taken in April 2011 and January 2013, respectively. The Board most recently reviewed the amendments at its February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in Irvine and chose to create a subcommittee to determine if compromise language is agreeable to both proponents and opponents. The main area of debate, notably, appears to be whether the amendments should be permissive in allowing *new* development and growth to occur outside spheres of influence (emphasis). The subcommittee is expected to present a report at the next Board meeting scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Marysville.

## **B. Commission Review**

Commissioners are encouraged to discuss and provide feedback on the report. Specific feedback is sought with respect to the Commission's interest in issuing comment letters on any particular bill or legislative matter. This includes considering staff's recommendation to issue a support letter for AB 743 given its benefits to Napa County.

### Attachments:

- 1) Adopted CALAFCO Legislative Policies
- 2) CALAFCO Legislative Report

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<sup>2</sup> As currently proposed, the required findings involve determining the extension is (a) adequately contemplated in a municipal service, (b) will not result in adverse impacts on agricultural and open space resources, and (c) consistent with locally adopted policies.



# CALAFCO 2012 Legislative Policies

Adopted by the Board of Directors on 10 February 2012

## 1. LAFCo Purpose and Authority

- 1.1. Support legislation which enhances LAFCo authority and powers to carry out the legislative findings and authority in Government Code §56000 et. seq.
- 1.2. Support authority for each LAFCo to establish local policies to apply Government Code §56000 et. seq. based on local needs and conditions, and oppose any limitations to that authority.
- 1.3. Oppose additional LAFCo responsibilities which require expansion of current local funding sources. Oppose unrelated responsibilities which dilute LAFCo ability to meet its primary mission.
- 1.4. Support alignment of responsibilities and authority of LAFCo and regional agencies which may have overlapping responsibilities in orderly growth, preservation, and service delivery, and oppose legislation or policies which create conflicts or hamper those responsibilities.
- 1.5. Oppose grants of special status to any individual agency or proposal to circumvent the LAFCo process.
- 1.6. Support individual commissioner responsibility that allows each commissioner to independently vote his or her conscience on issues affecting his or her own jurisdiction.

## 2. LAFCo Organization

- 2.1. Support the independence of LAFCo from local agencies.
- 2.2. Oppose the re-composition of any or all LAFCos without respect to the existing balance of powers that has evolved within each commission or the creation of special seats on a LAFCo.

- 2.3. Support representation of special districts on all LAFCos in counties with independent districts and oppose removal of special districts from any LAFCo.
- 2.4. Support communication and collaborative decision-making among neighboring LAFCos when growth pressures and multicounty agencies extend beyond a LAFCo's boundaries.

## 3. Agricultural and Open Space Protection

- 3.1. Support legislation which clarifies LAFCo authority to identify, encourage and insure the preservation of agricultural and open space lands.
- 3.2. Encourage a consistent definition of agricultural and open space lands.
- 3.3. Support policies which encourage cities, counties and special districts to direct development away from prime agricultural lands.
- 3.4. Support policies and tools which protect prime agricultural and open space lands.
- 3.5. Support the continuance of the Williamson Act and restore program funding through State subvention payments.

## 4. Orderly Growth

- 4.1. Support the recognition and use of spheres of influence as the management tool to provide better planning of growth and development, and to preserve agricultural, and open space lands.
- 4.2. Support adoption of LAFCo spheres of influence by other agencies involved in determining and developing long-term growth and infrastructure plans.
- 4.3. Support orderly boundaries of local agencies and the elimination of

islands within the boundaries of agencies.

- 4.4. Support communication between cities, counties, and special districts through a collaborative process that resolves service, housing, land use, and fiscal issues prior to application to LAFCo.
- 4.5. Support cooperation between counties and cities on decisions related to development within the city's designated sphere of influence.

**5. Service Delivery and Local Agency Effectiveness**

- 5.1. Support the use of LAFCo resources to prepare and review Regional Transportation Plans and other growth plans to ensure reliable services, orderly growth, sustainable communities, and conformity with LAFCo's legislative mandates.
- 5.2. Support LAFCo authority and tools which provide communities with local governance and efficient service delivery options, including the authority to impose conditions that assure a proposal's conformity with LAFCo's legislative mandates.
- 5.3. Support the creation or reorganization of local governments in a deliberative, open process which will fairly evaluate the proposed agency's long-term financial viability, governance structure and ability to efficiently deliver proposed services.
- 5.4. Support the availability of tools for LAFCo to insure equitable distribution of revenues to local government agencies consistent with their service delivery responsibilities.
- 5.5. Support collaborative efforts among agencies and LAFCOs that encourage opportunities for sharing of services, staff and facilities to provide more efficient and cost effective services. Support proposals which provide LAFCo with additional tools to encourage shared services.

**2012 Legislative Priorities**

**Primary Issues**

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<b>Viability of Local Governments</b>	Support legislation that maintains or enhances LAFCo's ability to review and act to assure the efficient and sustainable delivery of local services and the financial viability of agencies providing those services to meet current and future needs. Support legislation which provides LAFCo and local communities with options for local governance and service delivery, including incorporation as a city or formation as a special district. Support efforts which provide tools to local agencies to address fiscal challenges and maintain services.
<b>Authority of LAFCo</b>	Support legislation that maintains or enhances LAFCo's authority to condition proposals to address any or all financial, growth, service delivery, and agricultural and open space preservation issues.
<b>Agriculture and Open Space Protection</b>	Preservation of prime agriculture and open space lands that maintain the quality of life in California. Support policies that recognize LAFCo's ability to protect and mitigate the loss of prime agricultural and open space lands, and that encourage other agencies to coordinate with local LAFCOs on land preservation and orderly growth.
<b>Water Availability</b>	Promote adequate water supplies and infrastructure planning for current and planned growth. Support policies that assist LAFCo in obtaining accurate and reliable water supply information to evaluate current and cumulative water demands for service expansions and boundary changes including impacts of expanding private and mutual water company service areas on orderly growth.

**Issues of Interest**

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- Housing** Provision of territory and services to support affordable housing and the consistency of regional land use plans with local LAFCo policies.
- Transportation** Effects of Regional Transportation Plans and expansion of transportation systems on future urban growth and service delivery needs, and the ability of local agencies to provide those services.
- Flood Control** The ability and effectiveness of local agencies to maintain and improve levees and the public safety of territory proposed for annexation to urban areas which is at risk for flooding. Support legislation that includes security of the delta and assessment of agency viability in decisions involving new funds for levee repair.
- Adequate Municipal Services in Inhabited Territory** Expedited processes for inhabited annexations should be consistent with LAFCo law and be fiscally viable. Funding sources should be identified for extension of municipal services to disadvantaged unincorporated communities, including option for annexation of contiguous disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

**CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report  
as of Monday, March 25, 2013**

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**AB 453 (Mullin D) Sustainable communities.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2013

**Status:** 2/28/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/3/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

The Strategic Growth Council is required to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning agency, city, county, or joint powers authority for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. This bill would make a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance for those planning purposes.

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** Sustainable Community Plans

**CALAFCO Comments:** This would allow LAFcos to apply directly for grants that support the preparation of sustainable community strategies and other planning efforts.

**AB 678 (Gordon D) Health care districts: community health needs assessment.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Status:** 3/4/2013-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and HEALTH.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require that the health care district conduct an assessment, every 5 years, of the community's health needs and provide opportunities for public input. The bill would require that the annual report be made in the context of the assessment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Service Reviews/Spheres, LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill requires Health Care Districts to create every 5 years, an assessment of the community health needs with public input. The bill requires LAFcos to include in a Municipal Service Review (MSR) the Health Care District's 5-year assessment.

**AB 743 (Logue R) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Status:** 3/4/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 authorizes a local agency formation commission to approve, after notice and hearing, a petition for a change of organization or reorganization of a city, if the petition was initiated on or after January 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2014, and waive protest proceedings entirely if certain requirements are met. This Bill would delete the January 1, 2014, date and make conforming changes. The bill would authorize the commission to approve a change of organization or reorganization pursuant to these provisions of a territory that does not exceed 300 acres. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** Annexation Proceedings, CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** Removing the arbitrary sunset date restriction on annexing "island areas" would continue to provide a commission, counties and cities a productive tool for implementing more logical boundaries allowing for more efficient municipal services and facilities planning and delivery. As counties and cities undergo updates to their General Plans and other processes, knowing there is the opportunity to consider annexing island areas up to 300 acres in size and without the political and economic risk of a costly protest and election process would provide a clear benefit to the planning process. In addition, with the passage of SB244, when a city proposes to annex an inhabited area of over 10 acres they must study and consider annexation of other areas contiguous to or in the sphere of influence area that may be a "disadvantaged unincorporated community" as defined in the Government Code. It is suggested that having the island area annexation authority may facilitate consideration of such annexation proposals.

**SB 56 (Roth D) Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/4/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/7/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/4/2013

**Status:** 3/19/2013-Set for hearing April 17.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

Would, for the 2013-14 fiscal year, provide for a new vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as specified. This bill would also, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, provide for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount for certain cities incorporating after a specified date, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**SB 772 (Emmerson R) Drinking water.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)



**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/13/2013-Set for hearing April 3.

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**Calendar:**

4/3/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the State Department of Public Health or the local health agency, where applicable, annually to provide the address and telephone number for each public water system and state small water system to the Public Utilities Commission and, as prescribed, to a local agency formation commission. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** Service Reviews/Spheres, LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Requires LAFCOs as part of a MSR, to request information from identified public or private entities that provide wholesale or retail supply of drinking water, including the identification of any retail water suppliers within or contiguous to the responding entity. Further requires LAFCOs to provide a copy of the SOI review for retail private and public water suppliers to the Public Utilities Commission and the state department of Public Health.

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**AB 21 (Alejo D) Safe Drinking Water Small Community Emergency Grant Fund.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 2/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/3/2012

**Last Amended:** 2/14/2013

**Status:** 2/15/2013-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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**Summary:**

Would authorize the Department of Public Health to assess a specified annual charge in lieu of interest on loans for water projects made pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and deposit that money into the Safe Drinking Water Small Community Emergency Grant Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury. The bill would authorize the department to expend the money for grants for specified water projects that serve disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities, thereby making an appropriation.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities

**AB 37 (Perea D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/3/2012

**Last Amended:** 3/18/2013

**Status:** 3/19/2013-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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**Summary:**

Would require, until January 1, 2017, for specified projects or upon the request of a project applicant and the consent of the lead agency, that the lead agency among other

things, prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs, or other environmental documents for specified projects. Because the bill would require , for specified projects, a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings as provided, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**AB 115 (Perea D) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/14/2013

**Status:** 3/12/2013-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (March 12). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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**Summary:**

Would authorize the State Department of Public Health to fund projects, by grant, loan, or a combination of the two, where multiple water systems apply for funding as a single applicant for the purpose of consolidating water systems or extending services to households relying on private wells, as specified. The bill would authorize funding of a project to benefit a disadvantaged community that is not the applying agency. By authorizing the use of a continuously appropriated fund for new purposes, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**AB 194 (Campos D) Open meetings: protections for public criticism: penalties for violations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/28/2013

**Status:** 2/7/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Would make it a misdemeanor for a member of a legislative body, while acting as the chairperson of a legislative body of a local agency, to prohibit public criticism protected under the Ralph M. Brown Act. This bill would authorize a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency in violation of the protection for public criticism is null and void, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Prohibits legislative body from preventing public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or ther acts or omissions of the legislative body. Creates new misdemeanor crime.

**AB 543 (Campos D) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Status:** 3/20/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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**Summary:**

Would require a lead agency to translate any notice, document, or executive summary required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when the impacted community has a substantial number of non-English-speaking people, as specified. By requiring a lead agency to translate these writings, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**AB 823** (**Eggman** D) **Environment: California Farmland Protection Act.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/11/2013

**Status:** 3/21/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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**Summary:**

Would enact the California Farmland Protection Act, which would require that an applicant for a project, as defined, that involves the conversion of agricultural land to a permanent or long-term nonagricultural use, including a residential, commercial, civic, industrial, infrastructure, or other similar use, at a minimum, mitigate the identified environmental impacts associated with the conversion of those lands through the permanent protection and conservation of land suitable for agricultural uses, and would require that an adopted mitigation measure providing for the protection of agricultural land meet specified requirements. The act would require the Office of Planning and Research, no later than December 31, 2014, to promulgate regulations covering projects subject to the act. By imposing new duties on a lead agency with regard to the review and approval of the mitigation measures required by the act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag/Open Space Protection, CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** Adds a requirement for lead agencies to require certain mitigation measures for projects that convert ag lands for non-ag land use. These mitigation measures at a minimum require providing replacement acreage in perpetuity to preserve ag land and ensure the sustainability of ag production capacity.

**AB 1235** (**Gordon** D) **Local agencies: financial management training.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Would require that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, all local agency officials, except a member whose term of office ends before January 1, 2015, in local agency service as of January 1, 2014, or thereafter receive training in financial management, as specified. This bill would provide that if any entity develops criteria for the financial management training, then the Treasurer's office and the Controller's office

shall be consulted regarding any proposed course content. Because this bill would impose new duties on local governments, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, the member shall receive one-4 hour state mandated Financial Management training per term of office. Effective January 1, 2014 for those in office as of that date (whose term of office extends beyond January 1, 2015). Those elected to more than one legislative body may take the training one time and have it apply to all legislative bodies on which they serve. This would apply to a LAFCo Commissioner who receives a stipend or is reimbursed for expenses in the performance of thier Commissioner duties.

**AB 1248 (Cooley D) Local agencies: internal control guidelines.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Would require the Controller, on or before January 1, 2015, to develop internal control guidelines applicable to a local agency, as defined, to prevent and detect financial errors and fraud, based on specified standards and with input from any local agency and organizations representing the interests of local agencies. This bill would require a local agency to comply with the guidelines established by the Controller, starting on January 1, 2016. By mandating local agencies to comply with new internal control guidelines established by the Controller, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**SB 167 (Gaines R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/4/2013

**Status:** 2/14/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**SB 181 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2013

**Status:** 3/22/2013-Set for hearing April 8.

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**Calendar:**

4/8/2013 11 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, DE LEÓN, Chair

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Support

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**SB 182 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/6/2013**Status:** 3/22/2013-Set for hearing April 8.

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**Calendar:**

4/8/2013 11 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, DE LEÓN, Chair

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Support

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**SB 183 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/6/2013**Status:** 3/21/2013-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

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**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**SB 617 (Evans D) California Environmental Quality Act.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/22/2013**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

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**Summary:**

Would require specified notices to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review. The bill would

require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on which the notices were actually posted. By expanding the services provided by the lead agency and the county clerk, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill makes a number of substantive changes including: (1) expanding the definition of "environment" relating to an EIR such that the health and safety of people affected by the physical conditions at the location of a project must also be considered; (2) enhances the definition of "significant effect on the environment" by including exposure of people, either directly or indirectly, to substantial existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazard or adverse condition of the environment; (3) requires concurrent online filing of notices in a database maintained by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and with the office of the County Clerk in which the project is located. Further, any time periods or limitation periods will begin at the time of the later filing of the two offices. (4) Adds to the EIR a requirement to address any significant effects that may result from locating development near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.

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**AB 168 (Wilk R) Local government finance: vehicle license fee revenues: allocations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/24/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/24/2013

**Status:** 1/25/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee February 24.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

Under existing law, the Controller is required to allocate vehicle license fee revenues in the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account according to a specified order, with moneys allocated on or after July 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2011, first to the County of Orange, next to each city and county meeting specified criteria, and on or after July 1, 2011, to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account in the Local Revenue Fund, for allocation to cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**AB 262 (Waldron R) Local government: organization.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/7/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/7/2013

**Status:** 2/8/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organization, including, among other things, that it is the policy of the state to encourage orderly growth and development, and recognition that the logical formation and determination of the boundaries of local agencies is an important factor in promoting orderly development, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor  
**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**AB 295** (**Salas D**) **California Statewide Water Reliability Act of 2014.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/19/2013

**Status:** 3/20/2013-Re-referred to Com. on W., P. & W.

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**Calendar:**

4/2/2013 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE, RENDON, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$11,140,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe drinking water and water supply reliability program. Current law provides for the submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election. This bill would repeal these provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor  
**Subject:** Water

**AB 380** (**Dickinson D**) **California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2013

**Status:** 2/28/2013-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/1/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the above mentioned notices to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on which the notices were actually posted. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices for at least 30 days. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to post the notices on a publicly available online database established and maintained by the office. The bill would require the office to stamp the notices with the date on which the notices were actually posted for online review and would require the notices to be posted for at least 30 days. The bill would authorize the office to charge an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 per notice filed. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** CEQA

**AB 495** (**Campos D**) **Community investment.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/21/2013

**Status:** 3/21/2013-Referred to Coms. on B. & F. and H. & C.D. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on B. & F. Read second time and amended.

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**Calendar:**

4/8/2013 3 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY BANKING AND FINANCE, DICKINSON, Chair

**Summary:**

Would establish the California Community Investment Initiative within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic development. The initiative would be governed by a 13 member oversight board comprised of 6 citizens appointed by the Governor, 4 members of the Legislature, the Treasurer, the Controller, and the Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities

**CALAFCO Comments:** May be a placeholder for legislation related to disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

**[AB 515](#) ([Dickinson D](#)) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/11/2013

**Status:** 3/12/2013-Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

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**Summary:**

Would establish a CEQA compliance division of the superior court in a county in which the Attorney General maintains an office and would vest the division with original jurisdiction over actions of proceedings brought pursuant to CEQA and joined matters related to land use and environmental laws. The bill would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules for establishing, among other things, protocol to govern the administration and efficient operation of the division, so that those judges assigned to the division will be able to hear and quickly resolve those actions or proceedings. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill calls for the creation of at least 2 CEQA compliance court districts in the state, establishes a CEQA compliance court in each of the districts with at least 3 judges (appointed by the Governor). All CEQA compliance cases are to be heard in only these courts and the appeals handled directly by the Supreme Court. The courts will be required to issue a preliminary decision before the opportunity for oral argument is granted, and if the court finds that a determination of a public agency violated CEQA, the court order must specify what action taken by the public agency was in error.

**[AB 629](#) ([Wilk R](#)) Local government.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Status:** 2/21/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

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**Summary:**

Current law authorizes various local entities to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of those entities. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address the effect of the adoption of rules, regulations, ordinances, or requirements by local entities on the public and other local entities within the same jurisdiction.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**[AB 642](#) ([Rendon D](#)) **Publication: newspaper of general circulation: Internet Web site.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on JUD.

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**Summary:**

Current law requires that various types of notices are provided in a newspaper of general circulation. Current law requires a newspaper of general circulation to meet certain criteria, including, among others, that it be published and have a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in the city, district, or judicial district in which it is seeking adjudication. This bill would provide that a newspaper that is available on an Internet Web site may also qualify as a newspaper of general circulation, provided that newspaper meets certain criteria.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** Allows for posting of agendas and meeting material on newspaper websites.

**[AB 774](#) ([Donnelly R](#)) **County service areas: zone dissolution.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/19/2013

**Status:** 3/20/2013-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Would require the county board of supervisors, upon dissolution of a county service area or a specified zone, to post signs indicating which services and facilities are no longer provided within the zone and require the board to provide adequate maintenance to the signs. This bill would provide that, once the signs are posted, the county and the dissolved zone shall not be held liable for death or injury resulting from the termination of services or facilities. This bill would also provide that the county, county service area, and zones would not be responsible for a loss or injury resulting from the failure to provide maintenance of services or facilities if the board is unable to raise revenues.

**Position:** Watch

**[AB 792](#) ([Mullin D](#)) **Local government: open meetings.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2013

**Status:** 3/4/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/3/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires the legislative body of a local agency to post, at least 72 hours before the meeting, an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at a regular meeting, in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, and to provide a notice containing similar information with respect to a special meeting at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting. This bill, if the local agency is unable to post the agenda or notice on its Internet Web site because of software or hardware impairment beyond the local agency's reasonable control, would require the local agency to post the agenda or notice immediately upon resolution of the technological problems. The bill would provide that the delay in posting, or the failure to post, the agenda or notice would not preclude a local agency from conducting the meeting or taking action on items of business, provided that the agency has complied with all other relevant requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** Public Records Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** Relates to public agencies who post their meeting information on their website pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act. In the instances where they are unable to post the agenda on the website in the prescribed timeframe due to technology difficulties, the agency is required to post the meeting agenda and information on the website as soon as the technological difficulties are resolved.

**AB 966 (Bonta D) Local government.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 2/25/2013-Read first time.

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**Summary:**

Current law generally regulates the governance of cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Government Code.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**AB 1237 (Garcia D) Local government finance.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Calendar:**

4/10/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would specifically require the Controller to prescribe uniform accounting procedures for cities, conforming to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and in consultation with the Committee on City Accounting Procedures, which would be created by the bill. The bill would specify the composition of the committee. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies

**CALAFCO Comments:** Establishes uniform accounting practices for special districts and cities.

**AB 1244 (Bradford D) Williamson Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 2/25/2013-Read first time.

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**Summary:**

Current law establishes the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, otherwise known as the Williamson Act, for purposes of preserving agricultural land within the state. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag Preservation - Williamson

**SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2013

**Status:** 3/19/2013-Set for hearing April 17.

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**Calendar:**

4/17/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law, the Public Cemetery District Law, defines the term "family member" for purposes of that law to include, among others, a person's spouse. This bill would additionally include within the definition of "family member" a person's domestic partner, and would define the term "domestic partner," as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**SB 268 (Gaines R) Political Reform Act of 1974.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2013

**Last Amended:** 3/18/2013

**Status:** 3/18/2013-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E. & C.A.

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**Summary:**

The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires candidates and committees to file specified campaign finance reports, including semiannual statements, preelection statements, supplemental preelection statements, and late contribution reports, that include prescribed campaign finance information. This bill would repeal the requirements to file these reports and would, instead, require that a candidate or committee who makes or receives a contribution of \$100 or more to report that contribution to specified filing officers within 24 hours of receiving the contribution. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**[SB 298](#) (Wyland R) Local government: supplemental law enforcement services.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/15/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/15/2013**Status:** 2/28/2013-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

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**Summary:**

Current law provides that a board of supervisors of a county, and a legislative body of a city, may contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to private individuals or entities at special events or occurrences. This bill would authorize a board of supervisors of a county, and a legislative body of a city, to contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to a homeowners' association on an occasional or ongoing basis. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position:** None at this time

**CALAFCO Comments:** According to the author, this bill is intended to focus on providing additional law enforcement support relating to vehicle code enforcement and vehicle traffic enforcement on private roads inside gated communities.

**[SB 359](#) (Corbett D) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental impact reports.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/20/2013**Status:** 2/28/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires notices regarding a lead agency determination to require an EIR or other actions pursuant to that act be mailed to every person who files a written request and provides that the failure of a person to receive a requested notice shall not invalidate the action if there has been substantial compliance with these notice provisions. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in these CEQA notice provisions.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor**Subject:** CEQA**[SB 436](#) (Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: notice.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/21/2013**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

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**Summary:**

Would require a lead agency to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for the specified projects and to provide notice to the specified entities of at least one public scoping meeting. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch**Subject:** CEQA

**CALAFCO Comments:** Requires lead agencies to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for proposed projects and increases notification requirements for lead agencies.

**[SB 633](#) (Pavley D) CEQA: environmental impact reports.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act prohibits a lead agency or responsible agency from requiring a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) when an EIR has been prepared for a project pursuant to its provisions, unless one or more of specified events occurs, including, among other things, that new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the EIR was certified as complete, becomes available. This bill would specifically require that the new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the EIR was certified as complete.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SB 731](#) ([Steinberg D](#)) **Environment: California Environmental Quality Act and sustainable communities strategy.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation revising CEQA to, among other things, provide greater certainty for smart infill development, streamline the law for specified projects, and establish a threshold of significance for specified impacts. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SB 739](#) ([Calderon D](#)) **Environmental quality.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/22/2013

**Status:** 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that definition. This bill contains other existing laws.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CEQA

**[SCA 11](#) ([Hancock D](#)) **Local government: special taxes: voter approval.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/25/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/25/2013

**Status:** 3/21/2013-Set for hearing May 8.

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**Calendar:**

5/8/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

**Summary:**

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property. This measure would instead condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

**Position:** Watch

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