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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: CALAFCO Quarterly Report

The Commission will receive a report prepared by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions summarizing the Board's actions at its most recent meeting held on February 10, 2012.

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 a brief summary of the Board's actions following each meeting. A report on the Board's action from its most recent meeting held in Irvine on February 10, 2012 is attached.

B. Commission Review

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

Attachments: as stated

Lewis Chilton, Chair
Councilmember, Town of Yountville

Joan Bennett, Commissioner
Councilmember, City of American Canyon

Juliana Inman, Alternate Commissioner
Councilmember, City of Napa

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News from the Board of Directors

CALAFCO QUARTERLY

February 2012

New Board Member Appointed

The CALAFCO Board of Directors met in Irvine on Friday, February 10th. The Board appointed Riverside LAFCo Commissioner **Eugene Montanez** to fill the vacancy created when Jon Edney lost his council race in November. Commissioner Montanez is the Mayor of Corona. His seat is the city commissioner from the Southern Region. It will be up for election at the annual conference this fall.

Board member **Cathy Schlottmann** announced she was not reappointed as a special district commissioner on the Santa Barbara LAFCo. The Board thanked her for her service. The Coastal Region is conducting a process to identify a special district commissioner from the region to recommend for appointment to the Board. Interested commissioners should send their name to executive officer Lou Ann Texeira (Contra Costa LAFCo).

Legislative Activities

CALAFCO policy calls for the Board to approve legislative policies and priorities annually. After receiving recommendations from the Legislative Committee, the Board of Directors adopted the **2012 Legislative Policies and Priorities**. Two new policies were added:

- * Support continuance of the Williamson Act and restore subvention payments
- * Support proposals which provide LAFCo with additional tools to encourage shared services amongst local agencies

The Policies are available on the CALAFCO web site.

The Board was updated on current Legislative Committee action, including work on the Assembly Omnibus bill. In addition to several technical changes to Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg, the bill is expected to include the first phase of the protest provisions update project. Staff is working on three additional initiatives: 1) transfer of principal county for sphere of influence changes; 2) allow LAFCo to be eligible to apply for Strategic Growth Council Grants; and 3) streamline the waiver of notice and protest proceedings for county service area proposals.

Currently bills are being introduced as they return from Legislative Counsel. As of the Board meeting staff had not seen any other bills that affect LAFCo. If any are introduced they appear on the CALAFCO web site. The Board discussed two issues from the Legislative Committee:

- * **56133 Service Extension Authority** – The Board discussed the proposal and evaluated feedback received from LAFCos (one oppose, one 'not support', and five support) as well as a letter from the Environmental Defense Center requesting stakeholder input before proceeding. The Board felt it was important to have involvement of the all

stakeholders before seeking legislation. They adopted a position to initiate conversations with the environmental and agricultural communities with the goal of introducing language in 2013.

- * **LAFCo Name Change** – A member LAFCo requested the Association consider seeking a name change for LAFCo. The Board voted unanimously not to proceed with pursuing the idea. They felt there was not sufficient justification to proceed nor the CALAFCO resources that would be required for the effort.

New White Paper Released

CALAFCO staff and consultants have completed a major update to a research paper. "LAFCos, General Plans and City Annexations" is a Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) paper that was last updated in 1997 – before CKH. CALAFCO worked closely with OPR on the rewrite of this paper. It is now available for download from the CALAFCO web site.

Plans Proceed for the 2012 Staff Workshop

The Staff Workshop is scheduled for April 25th–27th in Murphys (Calaveras County). With the theme *LAFCos in a Brave New World*, a series of in-depth sessions are planned for executive officers, clerks, analysts and counsel covering a breadth of LAFCo issues. The mobile workshop highlights the historic Utica Power Authority power and water systems. The workshop will be preceded by a CALAFCO University course *Shared Services and Service Efficiencies*. Detailed information and registration is available on the CALAFCO web site.

CALAFCO Administration

The Board addressed several administrative issues. The quarterly financial reports were reviewed. The budget is on track for the year with no changes anticipated. The Board considered the 2012-13 dues. CALAFCO Bylaws call for the dues to increase annually by the state CPI. For the last three years the Board has voted not to implement the increase because of the economic crisis. Costs continue to increase, however and for 2012-13 the Board did not bely the CPI increase. The dues increase will be 2.2%.

The Board reviewed its policy on guest meals at conferences and workshops. The Board reiterated its policy that guests must purchase any meals they plan on eating. Meal tickets and conference registrations are not transferable to guests.

Bill Chiat Announces Retirement

CALAFCO Executive Director Bill Chiat announced that he would be retiring after eight years of service. He will be staying on through the CALAFCO conference in October. Chair Jerry Gladbach is heading a committee that will oversee the recruitment. An RFP is expected this spring.