

TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

October 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Trinity County Library Meeting Room

351 Main Street, Weaverville

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call

2. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from the June 15, 2021 Commission Meeting

4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

This portion of the meeting provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. No action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff for reply in writing.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategy Session to Discuss Ongoing Commission Activities and Priorities

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Year End Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Return to In-Person Meetings and Teleconference Access Options
- B. Status of MSR and SOI Work Plan
- C. CALAFCO Quarterly (Aug 2021)

9. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next LAFCo meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Trinity County Library Meeting Room in Weaverville.

The Commission may take action upon any item listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken up at any time during the meeting.

All persons are invited to provide public testimony and submit written comments to the Commission. All written materials received by staff before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Commission. If you wish to submit written material at the meeting, please supply 10 copies.

Accessibility

The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible. If other accommodations are required to assist a person with a disability to participate in the meeting, please contact the Executive Officer or Commission Clerk at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Disclosure & Disqualification Requirements

Any person or group of persons acting in concert who directly or indirectly contribute \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a change of organization or reorganization that has been submitted to Trinity LAFCo must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974 applicable to local initiative measures to be submitted to the electorate. These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals; they may be reviewed at Government Code §§56700.1 and 81000 *et seq.* Additional information about the requirements pertaining to local initiative measures to be presented to the electorate can be obtained by calling the Fair Political Practices Commission at (916) 322-5660.

A LAFCo Commissioner must disqualify herself or himself from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$250 or more in campaign contributions from the applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the application, or an agent (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing the applicant or an interested party. The law (Government Code Section 84308) also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCo proceeding to disclose the contribution amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding.

Late-Distributed Materials. Any material submitted to the Commission after this agenda is posted will be made available for public inspection as soon as possible on the LAFCo website trinitylafco.org.

Contact LAFCO Staff. For additional information please contact LAFCo staff at colette@trinitylafco.org or kathy@trinitylafco.org.

TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

June 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Via Virtual Teleconference

MINUTES

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A. Chair Groves called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Evan Barrow, Anna Burke, Jill Cox, Dan Frasier, Keith Groves, Andrew Johnson, Joseph Kasper and Alternate Commissioner Pat Frost

Members absent: Alternate Commissioner Liam Gogan

2. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No presentations were presented.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2021 Commission Meeting

Motion to approve the consent calendar was presented by Commissioner Frasier, seconded by Commissioner Barrow, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Burke, Cox, Frasier, Groves, Johnson, Kasper

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There were no comments received from the public.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. MSR/SOI Update for Hyampom Community Services District

The public hearing was opened by Chair Groves. Executive Officer Santsche discussed the fire protection services provided by the Hyampom Community Services District. The District's SOI is proposed to be coterminous to match the District Boundary.

Motion to approve the Hyampom Community Services District MSR/SOI Update by Resolution 2021-06 was presented by Commissioner Kasper, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Burke, Cox, Frasier, Groves, Johnson, Kasper

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

B. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Executive Officer Santsche briefly explained the proposed budget was distributed to member agencies after approval at the April 20th LAFCo meeting and staff had not received any comments regarding the budget. There are no changes in operating expenses from the prior fiscal year.

Motion to approve the Final Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget by Resolution 2021-07 was

presented by Commissioner Barrow, seconded by Commissioner Kasper, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Burke, Cox, Frasier, Groves, Johnson, Kasper

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Professional Services Contract for Executive Officer and Clerk

Executive Officer Santsche provided information regarding an extension to the professional services contract for executive officer and clerk with Planwest Partners.

Motion to approve a two-year amendment to the contract with Planwest Partners ending June 30, 2023 was presented by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kasper, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Burke, Cox, Frasier, Groves, Johnson, Kasper

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

7. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was provided.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

A. CALAFCO Quarterly (May 2021)

There was a brief discussion on the CALAFCO newsletter that was provided.

B. Check-in and Discuss Return to In-person Meetings

There was discussion on returning to in-person meetings, with the thought there would be an additional zoom meeting for the August meeting (which was cancelled due to fires) and the reevaluate for upcoming meetings.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barrow noted drought conditions and trucking of water in Siskiyou County. No additional comments were provided.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Groves adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kathy Bull
Administrator/Clerk

Keith Groves
Chair

DATE: _____

DATE: _____



AGENDA ITEM 6.A.

MEETING: October 19, 2021
TO: Trinity LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer & Kathy Bull, Administrator/Clerk
SUBJECT: Strategy Session to Discuss Ongoing Commission Activities and Priorities

DISCUSSION

Staff is proposing to hold a strategy session with the Commission to discuss ongoing activities and priorities. The following questions were sent out prior to the meeting to generate input. There will be an opportunity to further discuss emerging concepts, interests, and priorities during the in-person strategy session.

1. What do you think is LAFCo's most significant contribution to member agencies (Trinity County and Special Districts) and the community?
2. What are ways we can improve the overall understanding of LAFCo's role among member agencies and the community?
3. What are the most critical issues and challenges facing special districts?
4. What are ways in which LAFCo can provide more support or resources to special districts at a local or regional level?
5. How satisfied are you with each of the following? (ranking question)
 - a. MSR/SOI Schedule
 - b. MSR/SOI Content
 - c. Application Processing
 - d. Staff Reports
 - e. Budget
 - f. Website
 - g. Member Agency Interaction
6. What would you like to see LAFCo do to become a better or more effective organization?
7. What is one thing that would make a difference in your commissioner role or increase your enthusiasm for LAFCo?
8. Please add any additional thoughts or suggestions.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission discuss the outcomes of the strategy session and provide comments and direction as desired.



AGENDA ITEM 7.A.

MEETING: October 19, 2021
TO: Trinity LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer & Kathy Bull, Administrator/Clerk
SUBJECT: Year End Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020/21

BACKGROUND

The Commission adopted the final budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 at the June 15, 2020, LAFCo meeting per the California Government Code Section 56381. At the end of each fiscal year, staff provides a year-end financial report for the Commission's review.

DISCUSSION

This agenda item is to provide the Commission with a comparison of budgeted items and actual revenue and expenditures, as summarized below. Exhibit A provides year-end actual breakdown for each budgeted account and subaccount.

Summary			
Budget Item	Adopted FY 2020/21	Actual	Over/(Under)
Total Revenues	\$33,000	\$27,419	(\$5,581)
Total Expenditures	\$44,900	\$34,951	(\$9,949)
Operating Difference*	(\$16,900)	(\$7,532)	(\$9,368)

**Negative Balance indicates use of Reserves*

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and accept the year-end financial report for Fiscal Year 2020-21 or provide further direction to staff.

Exhibit A: Trinity LAFCo FY 2020/21 Financial Summary

Trinity LAFCo Budget

Fund No. 270-0100
Department No. 8270

Categories	Acct #	FY 2019/20 Adopted Budget	FY 2019/20 Budget Adjustments	FY 2019/20 Year End Actual	FY 2020/21 Adopted Budget	FY 2020/21 Year End Actual	FY 2021/22 Adopted Budget
REVENUES:							
Interest	6601	-	-	1,671	-	-	-
LAFCo Fees (Applications)	8404	-	-	1,216	5,000	2,925	5,000
Cont From Other Agencies:							
County	9282	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Indep Spec Districts	9285	14,000	14,000	13,450	14,000	10,494	14,000
TOTAL Revenues		\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 30,337	\$ 33,000	\$ 27,419	\$ 33,000

EXPENDITURES:							
Memberships	2240	1,500	1,500	1,075	1,500	1,185	1,500
Office	2260	600	600	655	600	121	600
Professional & Specialized:	2300	40,800	40,800	39,837	45,800	33,198	45,800
- Staffing services		15,000	25,000	24,985	25,000	20,084	25,000
- MSR/SOI		25,000	15,000	11,732	15,000	12,428	15,000
- Applications		-	-	2,839	5,000	686	5,000
- Legal Counsel		500	500	-	500	-	500
- Web Service		300	300	282	300	-	300
Publications & Legal Notices	2500	500	500	947	500	333	500
Transportation & Travel	2750	1,500	1,500	406	1,500	115	1,500
Training	2756	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contrib to Non LAF Agency	3200	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Out		-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Expenditures		\$ 44,900	\$ 44,900	\$ 42,921	\$ 49,900	\$ 34,951	\$ 49,900

Operating Difference		\$ (16,900)	\$ (16,900)	\$ (12,584)	\$ (16,900)	\$ (7,532)	\$ (16,900)
<i>(Negative Balance Indicates Use of Reserves)</i>							

FUND BALANCE/RESERVES

Beginning Year Fund Balance		\$ 109,160			\$96,576		
Ending Year Fund Balance				\$ 96,576		\$ 89,044	
Assigned/Designated Reserve Funds:	\$90,000						
Litigation Defense:	\$ 60,000						
Special Legal Counsel:	\$ 10,000						
Unanticipated Sp. Studies:	\$ 20,000						



AGENDA ITEM 8.A.

MEETING: October 19, 2021
TO: Trinity LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer & Kathy Bull, Administrator/Clerk
SUBJECT: Return to In-Person Meetings and Teleconference Access Options

BACKGROUND

The Trinity LAFCo Commission has been meeting remotely via Zoom since April 2020 and conducting its meetings under the Governor's Executive Orders issued in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Orders modified certain Brown Act requirements including the following:

- Waived the requirement that there be a physical meeting location open to the public to attend Commission meetings and comment during the meeting.
- Waived the requirement that the agenda identify and notice each teleconference location of each member of the Commission that is participating by teleconference.
- Waived the requirement that each teleconference location be accessible to the public.
- Waived the requirement that members of the public be able to address the Commission at each teleconference location.
- Waived the requirement that local agencies post agendas at all teleconference locations.
- Waived the requirement that at least a quorum of the Commission participate from within the boundaries of the territory of the Commission's jurisdiction.

The Governor's Executive Orders expired on September 30, 2021. At the June LAFCo meeting, the Commission discussed returning to in-person meetings with this October meeting being the first time back together.

DISCUSSION

Moving forward there are two teleconference access options that the Commission could consider as discussed below:

1. Remote Public Participation – the Library Meeting Room space is now set up to support zoom teleconference. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors has continued a hybrid approach allow limited in-person attendance and also remote public participation. One option is to continue to provide a zoom link to LAFCo meetings to allow members of the public to participate remotely. This would take some staff effort and coordination with County staff to arrange.

2. Remote Commission Participation - The Legislature approved as an urgency matter AB 361, which was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2021, which amends the Brown Act to allow continued public meetings flexibility following the Governor's Executive Orders expiration. The AB 361 modified meeting rules allowing remote meeting access can only be used in the event there is a Governor issued state of emergency. The Governor's COVID-19 state of emergency satisfies this requirement. If the Commission desires to continue to offer remote meeting access for Commissioners, the Commission will need to formally vote and adopt a resolution at a future meeting finding that the provisions of AB 361 exist. In addition, AB 361 requires the Commission to continually evaluate the COVID-19 emergency and determine if teleconference access at meetings will continue due the circumstances of the state of the emergency and facts related to the potential risks to the health and safety of meeting attendees.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission discuss these teleconference access options and provide direction to staff as desired.



AGENDA ITEM 8.B.

MEETING: October 19, 2021
TO: Trinity LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer & Kathy Bull, Administrator/Clerk
SUBJECT: Status of MSR/SOI Work Plan

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act directs Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCos) to regularly prepare municipal service reviews (MSRs) in conjunction with establishing and updating each local agency's sphere of influence (SOI). The legislative intent of MSRs is to proactively assess the availability, capacity, and efficiency of local governmental services. MSRs may also lead LAFCos to take other actions under their authority, such as forming, consolidating, or dissolving one or more local agencies in addition to any related sphere changes. As part of the Commission's annual budget process, a work plan for MSR completion is adopted.

DISCUSSION

The following is a summary of FY 2021-22 MSR/SOI updates:

Hayfork Fire Protection District

Hayfork FPD provides fire protection, rescue, and emergency response services. LAFCo staff has been in contact with Hayfork FPD Board President David Loeffler. Data collection efforts were stalled due to the Monument and McFarland fires. Work on the MSR will begin once more information is received from the District.

Douglas City Community Services District

Douglas City CSD provides fire protection, rescue, and emergency response services. LAFCo staff has prepared an information request and will begin once information is received from the District.

Junction City Fire Protection District

Junction City FPD provides fire protection, rescue, and emergency response services. LAFCo staff has prepared an information request and will begin once information is received from the District.

Post Mountain Public Utilities District

Post Mountain PUD provides fire protection and limited road maintenance services. LAFCo staff has prepared an information request and will begin once information is received from the District.

Ruth Lake Community Services District

Ruth Lake CSD provides fire protection, ambulance, park and recreation, road maintenance, and water services. LAFCo staff has been in contact with Ruth Lake CSD staff and will continue work on the MSR will begin once more information is received from the District.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission receive and file this report.

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A message from the Executive Director

Greetings from your CALAFCO Board of Directors and Executive Director. It's summer and a hot one it is.

As the drought continues, wildfires begin to rage, and we continue to deal with the pandemic, we hope everyone is staying healthy and safe

This Third Quarterly Report of 2021 will begin by highlighting the news in our CALAFCO family first, followed by Association updates. Happy reading!

LAFcos in the News

Congratulations on these retirements

We want to congratulate two long-time LAFCo leaders on their retirements. Their contributions to CALAFCO and to LAFcos statewide are far too numerous to list here. Needless to say, they both leave huge shoes to fill and will be greatly missed. We wish them both all the best in their retirement!



After a 33-year career in local government, **Don Lockhart**, Sacramento LAFCo Executive Officer, retired at the end of July. Don began his local government career in Calaveras, then after 12 years at the City of Sacramento (where he processed his first annexation), he joined the Sacramento LAFCo team in

2002. Don became the Executive Officer in 2017. Don also served as CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer in 2008 and 2011.

Also calling it time to retire this month is Placer LAFCo Executive Officer **Kris Berry**. Her local government career began 36 years ago in Monterey County as a Planner, and after 17 years she joined the Monterey LAFCo team. She's been the Placer LAFCo EO for well over 16 years. Kris also served as CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer in 2016-17.



Napa LAFCo moved offices



WE'VE MOVED!

Napa LAFCo recently moved offices. The new address is 1754 Second Street, Suite C, Napa, CA 94559. Executive Officer **Brendon Freeman** thanks **Kathy Mabry**, Commission

Secretary, who he says, "Did most of the heavy lifting in terms of finding the office and coordinating moving logistics".

Sacramento LAFCo Welcomes New Executive Officer

Sacramento LAFCo announced the hiring of **José Henríquez** as the new Executive Officer. Most recently, José was the Executive Officer of El Dorado LAFCo.

El Dorado LAFCo Announces Interim Executive Officer

Erica Sanchez has transitioned to the Interim EO position for El Dorado LAFCo, with the departure of José.



CALAFCO Educational Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CALAFCO EDUCATIONAL EVENTS!

CALAFCO 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Join us **October 6-8** at the **Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport** for the 2021 Annual Conference. It's been so long since we've gathered in person and the time is finally here! All Conference details including info about the program, registration and hotel reservations can be found on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.

Deadline to register for the Conference is September 17 and hotel reservation cutoff date is September 6.



CALAFCO UNIVERSITY



We are pleased to continue offering webinars at no cost to our members. During the month of August we are featuring a very special 4-part series on **Fire and EMS Agencies: Basics, Challenges and LAFcos' Role & Responsibility**. The first three sessions feature diverse and highly experienced panels that are focusing on the various service models and types of services offered by these unique agencies, how to conduct a thorough evaluation of services, and what's involved in changing contracts (\$56134). The final session will present three very different case studies from urban, suburban and rural LAFcos.

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Join us on September 1 for another session on *Forming a CSD*. Details for all CALAFCO University courses are on the CALAFCO website.

CALAFCO Board of Directors

CALAFCO BOARD ACTIONS

The Board met virtually on July 30 with a full agenda. Under the leadership of *Chair Mike Kelley*, the Board took a number of actions.



- ✓ **The FY 2020-21 final year-end budget was presented.** The Board received the year-end fiscal report which includes a net balance of \$69,986. For the first time, CALAFCO had to sustain itself solely on member dues as there was no Staff Workshop, Conference or CALAFCO U revenue. Savings were realized in many operational areas.
- ✓ **Updated Policies for Sections III and IV of the current CALAFCO Policies were adopted.** One of the goals for 2021 is to conduct a comprehensive review of CALAFCO Policies, considering two sections per quarter. This is the second of a three-phase update process. The updated policies can be found on the CALAFCO website.
- ✓ **Associate member survey was presented.** CALAFCO recently conducted a survey of our Associate members to get feedback on membership services provided and how we can enhance our partnership value with them. Staff will continue to gather information from our Associate members as we work towards revitalizing and enhancing that program.
- ✓ **The Board received the Legislative Committee report and began discussion on legislative priorities for 2022.** An update on current legislative matters was provided, followed by a discussion about potential legislative priorities for 2022. The Board considered the extension of service proposal it tabled for 2021 and committed to revisit for 2022, along with supporting moving forward the consolidated language of existing protest provisions and an Omnibus bill.

Last quarter we reported to you on the Board's approval of CALAFCO filing an amicus letter to the CA Supreme Court requesting they review the decision in the case of *San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission v. City of Pismo Beach*. The letter was filed and the Court denied the request to review the decision, and further denied the request to de-publish the decision. While the Board acknowledges this is an important and unfavorable decision for LAFcos, there is mixed sentiment amongst LAFcos as to the overall impact of this decision. As a result, there will be

discussion of the matter during the Annual Conference at the legal counsel roundtable and during a topical roundtable breakout session.

- ✓ **Several other reports were received.** Including Elections Committee, Awards Committee, a CALAFCO U update and an update on the Conference.

All Board meeting documents are on the CALAFCO website.

CALAFCO Administrative Update

A reminder to all our members that September 1 is the deadline to remit your CALAFCO dues for FY 2021-22. We are pleased to report that all Associate Members have been transitioned to a FY cycle rather than calendar year cycle and thank them for their patience during that transition.



CALAFCO Legislative Update



This is the first year in the two-year legislative cycle, and wow has it been a busy one so far for CALAFCO.

This year, 2,721 bills were introduced which is about the average number. However, complicating the legislative process this year is the fact the Legislature has compressed their hearing schedule due to a shortage of hearing rooms that allow for social distancing. This means there is not the normal timeframe to negotiate amendments before bills get heard in committee and legislators are being required to seriously prioritize their bills for passage. (Only 12 bills per author were allowed to move from their house of origin to the other house.)

The Legislature returns from summer recess on August 16 and there will be the last minute flurry of amendments and pushing bills through the pipeline. Looming deadlines include: August 27 - last day for fiscal committees to meet and push out bills; September 3 - last day to amend bills on the floor; and September 10 - last day for the Legislature to pass bills. The last day for the Governor to sign bills is October 10, 2021.

This year, more than in past years, CALAFCO has been called on to work with legislators, their staff, and stakeholders in crafting amendments to bills. CALAFCO staff has done a large amount of negotiation on current



and potential legislation, beginning last November and continuing today.

This year alone, four subcommittees were created to work on various bills, including the Caballero water authority bill (never introduced), AB 1195 (C. Garcia), SB 403 (Gonzalez) and SB 96 (Dahle). CALAFCO wishes to thank all the Legislative Committee and Advisory Committee volunteers, and also those who serve on these various subcommittees.

We are currently tracking 33 bills. Here are a few of the bills of importance we are tracking or have worked on:

- ✓ **AB 1581 (Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus) CALAFCO Sponsor.** The annual Omnibus bill authored by the Assembly Local Government Committee (ALGC) and sponsored by CALAFCO was first introduced on March 9, 2021 and contained four proposals. Amended on April 19, the bill added two proposals originally approved by the Committee that required extended stakeholder review, and seven additional items that were a product of the Protest Working Group, eliminating obsolete special provisions. In total, the Omnibus bill this year contains thirteen (13) proposals. *The bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 28, 2021.*
- ✓ **AB 1195 (C. Garcia) CALAFCO Watch With Concerns.** Drinking water. Creates the So LA County Human Rights to Water Collaboration Act and gives the Water Board authority to appoint a Commissioner to oversee the Central Basin Municipal Water District. CALAFCO worked extensively with staff from both the author and Speaker's offices, as well as other stakeholders on crafting amendments that include a special pilot program for LA LAFCo. The bill passed the Assembly but given substantial pushback from stakeholders, it was *held over in the Senate as a two-year bill.*
- ✓ **SB 403 (Gonzalez) CALAFCO Neutral.** Drinking water consolidation. Authorizes the Water Board to order consolidation where a water system serving a disadvantaged community is an at-risk water system, as defined, or where a disadvantaged community is substantially reliant on at-risk domestic wells, as defined. All three of our requested amendments were accepted by the author and we removed our opposition as a result. After undergoing three rounds of amendments since introduction, the bill passed the Senate and is in the *Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.*
- ✓ **AB 897 (Mullin) CALAFCO Support.** Regional Climate Networks. The bill builds on existing programs through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) by promoting regional collaboration in climate adaptation and resilience planning and providing guidance for regions to identify and prioritize projects necessary to respond to the climate vulnerabilities of their region. CALAFCO requested an amendment to explicitly state LAFCos are eligible entities for

participation in the regional climate networks, which was accepted. *The bill is now awaiting hearing in Senate Appropriations.*

All bills being tracked by CALAFCO can be found on the CALAFCO website inside the Legislation section of the site (log in with your member id first to access this section). CALAFCO's position on all bills is reflected there, and any letters issued by CALAFCO are posted. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee meets regularly and all meeting materials are located in the Legislation section of the CALAFCO website.

Watch for solicitation of legislative proposals for 2022 coming soon!



CALAFCO Associate Members' Corner



This section is dedicated to highlighting our Associate Members. The information below is provided to CALAFCO by the Associate member upon joining the Association. All Associate member information can be found in the CALAFCO Member Directory.

Economic & Planning Systems (EPS)

EPS is an urban economics consulting firm specializing in governance analysis; LAFCo special studies and service reviews; tax sharing; annexation; incorporation, and reorganization feasibility; fiscal analysis; public finance; demographic and regional forecasting. **EPS** has been an Associate member since June 2005. Learn more about **EPS** and their services at www.epsys.com, or contact **Ashleigh Kanat** at akanat@epsys.com.



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Goleta West Sanitary District

A Silver Associate Member since August 2011, **Goleta West Sanitary District** provides wastewater collection and treatment as well as street sweeping services. Formed in 1954, the district serves over 35,000 people. For more information, visit their website at www.goletawest.com, or email their General Manager **Mark Nation** at info@goletawest.com.



LACO Associates

LACO Associates has been a Silver Associate Member since February 2012. **LACO** provides integrated solutions for development, infrastructure and geo-environmental projects. Their services include planning, design, engineering and geo-environmental as well as CEQA compliance, GIS, MSRs and economic studies. For more information visit their website at www.lacoassociates.com, or email **Kevin Doble** at doblek@lacoassociates.com.



Griffith, Masuda & Hobbs

Griffith, Masuda & Hobbs has been a Silver Associate Member since March 2012. Founded in 1920, they specialize in water, energy, environmental and public law matters. They focus on serving public agencies and serve as general counsel or special water counsel to various agencies in the Central Valley. For more information, visit their website at www.calwaterlaw.com or email **David Hobbs** at dhobbs@calwaterlaw.com.

HdL Coren & Cone



HdL Coren & Cone has been a Silver Associate Member since July 2013. They assist local agencies by using property tax parcel data for developing specialized data reports, focused economic development strategies and revenue projections. HdLCC provides services to cities, counties and special districts in the state. For more information, visit them at www.hdlcompanies.com, or email **Paula Cone** at pcone@hdlccpropertytax.com.

Planwest Partners, Inc.

Planwest Partners Inc. has been a Silver Associate Member since August 2014. They provide contract LAFCo staffing services to multiple LAFCos. This includes preparing and conducting MSRs and SOI updates, public noticing, environmental documents, GIS, fiscal and economic studies, website management, application processing, facilitation and training. For more information, visit them at www.planwestpartners.com, or email **George Williamson** at georgew@planwestpartners.com.



CALAFCO wishes to thank all of our Associate Members for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing to highlight you in future Quarterly Reports. Look for our next update to include short interviews featuring our Associate Members.

Did You Know??

Meeting Documents Online

Did you know that all **CALAFCO Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting documents are online?** Visit the Boards & Committees pages in the Members Section of the site. Board documents cover 2008 to present and Legislative Committee documents span 2007 to present.



CALAFCO Webinars & Courses Archived

Did you know that all **CALAFCO Webinar recordings are archived on the CALAFCO website and available at no cost for on-demand viewing?** Visit the CALAFCO website in the CALAFCO Webinars section (log in as a member first). There are now 30 CALAFCO U courses archived, and 8 webinars are archived and available for on-demand viewing.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Deadline to submit Achievement Award nominations is August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Deadline to submit Board election nomination packets is September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and requests for absentee ballots must be received by September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming CALAFCO Events

- ❖ CALAFCO U webinar on Fire/EMS Agency series – 8/16, 8/23 and 8/26
- ❖ CALAFCO U webinar on Forming a CSD – 9/1
- ❖ CALAFCO Leg meeting – 9/10 (virtual)
- ❖ CALAFCO Annual Conference – 10/6 – 10/8 (Newport Beach)
- ❖ CALAFCO Board Meeting – 10/8 (Newport Beach)
- ❖ CALAFCO Leg meeting – 10/22 (location TBD)



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