

AGENDA ITEM 6.B.

MEETING: October 20, 2026
TO: Trinity LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: CALAFCO Northern Region Board of Directors Nomination

BACKGROUND

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) will hold its 2026 Annual Conference on October 21-23, 2026, at the Sheraton Grand in Sacramento. The conference includes regional caucuses to elect representatives to the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

The Northern Region has four Board seats up for election this year, including two one-year terms and two two-year terms. CALAFCO initially received three official nominations for the four available seats. However, one of the candidates for a one-year term has withdrawn due to relocation. As a result, there is currently one candidate for each term category, leaving one one-year seat and one two-year seat without a candidate.

DISCUSSION

CALAFCO has been encouraging participation from Northern Region LAFCos to ensure representation on its Board of Directors, particularly from smaller and rural jurisdictions. With two seats currently lacking candidates, additional nominations are needed during the Northern Region Caucus.

Chair Jill Cox has expressed her willingness to serve on the CALAFCO Board and represent the Northern Region. Her participation would help fill one of the available seats while providing Trinity LAFCo with a greater voice in statewide policy discussions, legislative matters, and issues affecting rural and smaller LAFCos.

Although Trinity LAFCo has not budgeted for conference registration or associated travel expenses, Trinity County has agreed to support Chair Cox's travel expenses for the 2026 Annual Conference. CALAFCO has also provided discounted conference registration and coverage for one night of lodging. Additionally, CALAFCO has identified \$1,000 in its adopted FY 2026-27 budget to help offset travel costs associated with Trinity's participation on the Board. While similar financial support may be available in future years, these arrangements have not been confirmed beyond the current fiscal year.

CALAFCO Board service involves a relatively modest travel commitment, as most regular Board meetings are conducted in a hybrid format with remote participation available. Based on the adopted 2026-2027 Board calendar (attached), the primary in-person commitments include a one-day strategic planning workshop in Sacramento on February 25, 2027, and the Annual Conference scheduled for September 8-10, 2027, in Pasadena. An additional in-person Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2027, although that date is expected to change. The availability of remote participation for regular meetings helps minimize travel demands and associated expenses.

Staff will continue coordinating with Trinity County and CALAFCO regarding potential financial assistance for future in-person meetings and conference attendance.

The Northern Region Caucus is scheduled at the conference for Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 8:00 AM. Under CALAFCO's election procedures, nominations may be made from the floor during the caucus. While formal Commission approval is not required for a floor nomination, staff is requesting the Commission's support for Chair Cox's candidacy and potential service on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

If the number of candidates equals the number of available seats following floor nominations, the election will be conducted by voice vote. If additional nominations result in more candidates than available seats, a written ballot election will be required. Any regional seats remaining vacant following the caucus will be filled through the statewide at-large election process during the Annual Business Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission express its support for Chair Jill Cox's nomination from the floor and potential service on the CALAFCO Board of Directors as a Northern Region representative.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: CALAFCO Board and Conference Calendar FY 2026-27



DATES TO HOLD

The following calendar includes CALAFCO Board meetings and annual conference dates through the end of 2027. All times are Pacific. Board meeting dates remain subject to change by Board action.

2026

OCTOBER 21-23, 2026

CALAFCO Annual Conference

IN PERSON

Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel
1230 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Regional caucus elections: October 22 at 8:00 a.m. | Annual Business Meeting: 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

HYBRID

CALAFCO Office
1000 G Street, Suite 380, Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact CALAFCO staff at info@calafco.org for Zoom information.

2027

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2027 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

HYBRID

CALAFCO Office
1000 G Street, Suite 380, Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact CALAFCO staff at info@calafco.org for Zoom information.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2027 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Board Strategic Planning Workshop

IN PERSON

CALAFCO Office
1000 G Street, Suite 380, Sacramento, CA 95814

2027 CONTINUED

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2027 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

HYBRID

CALAFCO Office
1000 G Street, Suite 380, Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact CALAFCO staff at info@calafco.org for Zoom information.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2027 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

HYBRID

CALAFCO Office
1000 G Street, Suite 380, Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact CALAFCO staff at info@calafco.org for Zoom information.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2027 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

HYBRID

CALAFCO Office
1000 G Street, Suite 380, Sacramento, CA 95814
This meeting may be rescheduled by Board action because it falls close to the Annual Conference. Continue to hold the current date until an updated schedule is approved. Contact CALAFCO staff at info@calafco.org for Zoom information.

SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2027

CALAFCO Annual Conference

IN PERSON

Pasadena, California
Additional conference and venue information will be provided as it becomes available.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2027 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

IN PERSON

Location to be determined
This meeting remains on the Board-approved calendar but is expected to be rescheduled. Updated information will be distributed following Board action.

Regular Board meetings may adjourn earlier if Board business is completed.