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DATE: April 26, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of the Formation Commission

FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSIONS -- ACTIVITIES REPORT**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission accept this report for information only; no action is required at this time.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

This report provides information on four current areas of activity.

CALAFCO University

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) sponsored a successful professional development course on "**Fire Service Challenges and Cooperative Solutions**" in Santa Rosa on April 13. The course was filled to capacity with 60 people, including LAFCO Special District Commissioner Champion and local fire chiefs. It received an overall Excellent rating from participants. I designed and coordinated the course in my volunteer capacity as CALAFCO's Deputy Executive Officer. Attachment 1 contains the course outline. Complete course materials are available upon request.

2010 CALAFCO Staff Workshop

General Counsel Girard, Senior Analyst McCue, and I participated in the CALAFCO annual staff workshop in Santa Rosa from April 14 through 16. Along with Sonoma

County's LAFCO Executive Officer, I coordinated a session on the Williamson Act and Agricultural Preservation. General Counsel Girard presented the Commission's recent "Policy on Preservation of Open-Space and Agricultural Lands" at this session. Attachment 2 is the staff workshop program. Additional information regarding all sessions listed in the program, including Counsel Girard's presentation materials, is available upon request.

Legislation

The State Legislature is primarily occupied with committee work, first on the carryover bills from last year (this is the second year of a two-year session) and then on Legislation introduced since December. Mid-May is the deadline for committees to hear bills. Attachment 3 is a recent update of the legislation CALAFCO is tracking. No Commission action is required at this time.

Governance Structure

On May 24, the Commission will vote on a proposal to change the governance of CALAFCO to create four geographic regions, and to elect four members to the Board of Directors from each region. Members of the CALAFCO Board of Directors are currently elected to at-large seats for county, district and public members. If these changes in CALAFCO bylaws are adopted by a majority of LAFCOs, regional elections will be held this October to fill all seats on the newly configured Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kate McKenna, AICP
Executive Officer

cc: Susan Vicklund Wilson, CALAFCO Vice-Chair

Attachments:

1. CALAFCO "*Fire Service Challenges and Cooperative Solution*" Course Outline, 13 April 2010.
2. 2010 CALAFCO Staff Workshop Program, 14-16 April 2010.
3. CALAFCO Legislative Update as of 4/8/2010.

Fire Service Challenges and Cooperative Solutions

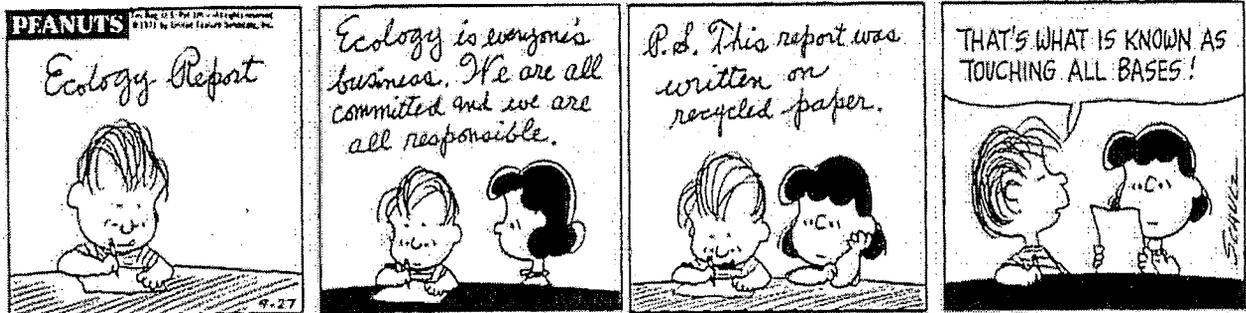
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Tuesday, April 13th
Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel and Spa
170 Railroad Street
Santa Rosa, California, USA 95401
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- 12:30 pm Networking**
- 1:00 pm Welcome/Introductions/Overview of Class**
Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer, Monterey LAFCo and Deputy Executive Officer, CALAFCO
Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, Stanislaus LAFCo
- 1:15 pm Practical Considerations from Feasibility to Implementation**
Stewart Gary, Fire Practice Principal of Citygate Associates LLP
- 2:00 pm Cooperative Solutions and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act**
Paula de Sousa, Attorney at Best Best Krieger LLP
- 2:30 pm Break/Refreshments**
- 2:45 pm Case Studies/Panelists:**
- 1. Lake County: James Robbins, Fire Chief, Northshore Fire Protection District**
 - 2. El Dorado County: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer, El Dorado LAFCo and Thomas Keating, Fire Chief, Rescue Fire Protection District, and President, El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association**
 - 3. Humboldt County: George Williamson, AICP, Principal Planner, Planwest Partners, Inc.**
 - 4. Monterey Peninsula: Sam Mazza, Fire Chief, City of Monterey**
 - 5. Sonoma County: Doug Williams, Fire Chief, Rincon Valley Fire Protection District and James Hill, Fire Associate at Citygate Associates LLP and Director, Cloverdale Fire Protection District**
 - 6. Other Case Studies: Marjorie Blom, Executive Officer, Stanislaus LAFCo**
- 4:00 pm Special Issues and Topics**
An Interactive Discussion Led by Dwane Milnes, General Government Principal at Citygate Associates LLP, Beginning with Audience Questions to the Presenters
- 4:50 pm Next Steps/Evaluation**
- 5:00 pm Adjourn**

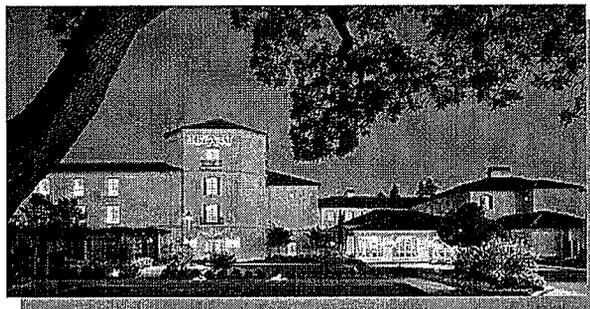


TOUCHING ALL BASES

2010 CALAFCO STAFF WORKSHOP

April 14-16, 2010

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2010 Staff Workshop Program and Schedule

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

7:00 - 5:00	Alexander Valley Foyer	REGISTRATION Welcome! Please check in with Jamie and/or Alicia.
8:00 - 12:30	Porte Cochère	MOBILE WORKSHOP Join Rich Bottarini, Sonoma LAFCo EO, to learn about Sustainable Sonoma County! Visit Laguna de Santa Rosa Watershed, Bayer Neighborhood Park & Gardens in Southwest Santa Rosa, and Lynmar Estate Winery in the Russian River Valley.
11:00 - 12:30	Dry Creek Ballroom	LAFCO 101 Join Bob Braitman, Santa Barbara LAFCo EO, and Carole Cooper, Sonoma LAFCo AEO, to explore the basics of LAFCo law, CEQA, and other laws impacting LAFCos. Learn how LAFCo works in the framework of government and the general roles staff members have within that structure.
1:15 pm	Dry Creek Ballroom	WELCOME! Steve Allen, Vice Chair, Sonoma LAFCo, and Vice Mayor, Town of Windsor, along with CALAFCO and Sonoma LAFCo staffs, will welcome everyone to the 2010 Staff Workshop.
1:30 - 2:15	Dry Creek Ballroom	GENERAL SESSION: FRINGE COMMUNITIES: WHAT IS THE ANSWER? Should established, developed communities on the fringes of cities, or islands within cities, be annexed? Can the cities afford it? Should they be forced (AB 853)? Are there alternatives? What issues need to be considered? Representatives of the County of Sonoma and City of Santa Rosa will discuss and debate these circumstances and their impacts "at home." Moderator: Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director Panelists: Efen Carrillo, Sonoma LAFCo Commissioner and Member, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and Wayne Goldberg, Interim City Manager, City of Santa Rosa
2:15	Dry Creek Foyer	SNACK BREAK
2:30 - 5:00	Alexander Valley IV	BREAKOUT SESSIONS Executive Officers Facilitators: SR Jones, CALAFCO EO & Nevada LAFCo EO, and Lou Ann Texeira, CALAFCO Deputy EO & Contra Costa LAFCo EO
	Alexander Valley III	Analysts Facilitators: Brendon Freeman, Analyst, Napa LAFCo, and Dunia Noel, Analyst, Santa Clara LAFCo
	Dry Creek Ballroom	Clerks Facilitators: Bay Area Clerks
	Russian River Ballroom	Attorneys (LAFCo Counsel Only) Moderator: Clark Alsop, CALAFCO Legal Counsel, and Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP
	Seafood Brasserie	Associate Members Facilitator: Bruce Baracco, Baracco and Associates
5:00 - 7:00	TBD	CALAFCO RECEPTION Hosted by Bill Chiat and Rich Bottarini
6:30 - 8:30	Dry Creek Foyer	CASH BAR
7:00 - 8:30	Dry Creek Ballroom	DINNER

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7:00	Alexander Valley Foyer	REGISTRATION Please check in with Jamie and/or Alicia.
7:15 - 8:30	Dry Creek Ballroom	BREAKFAST

8:30 – 10:00

Alexander Valley III

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session #1: Growth in Unincorporated Areas – Or Not – Courtesy of GC 56133

This session will focus on GC §56133, how it developed, issues associated with extending services beyond jurisdictional boundaries, and the experiences of several LAFcos in implementing the law. EOs will hotly, but amicably, debate the merits and what the future holds!

Moderator: Carole Cooper, AEO, Sonoma LAFCo

Panelists: Rich Bottarini, EO, Sonoma LAFCo; Bob Braitman, EO, Santa Barbara LAFCo; José Henriquez, EO, El Dorado LAFCo; Steve Lucas, EO, Butte LAFCo; Keene Simonds, EO, Napa LAFCo

Alexander Valley IV

Session #2: CEQA – A New Voice

This session will focus on the California Environmental Quality Act from a "new" perspective – that of a responsible agency, a role familiar to all LAFcos. Basic CEQA will be discussed as well as recent developments in the law and its implementation. This is an opportunity to ask the expert!

Moderator: George Williamson, AICP, Contract EO, Humboldt and Del Norte LAFcos

Presenter: Jim Moose, Senior Partner, Remy, Thomas, Moose & Manley LLP

Russian River Ballroom

Session #3: Budgeting and Accounting for Clerks

Commission Clerks' roles vary from LAFCo to LAFCo. Most clerks are involved in at least a basic accounting role while many are an integral part of the budgeting and auditing processes. This session will explore tasks associated with basic office accounting, budget research/preparation and government agency audits. Ideas, experiences, successes and avoidances in managing LAFCo finances will be shared.

Moderator: Debbie Hamilton, Commission Clerk, Stanislaus LAFCo

Presenters: Betsy Howze, Accounting Manager, and Blane Joliff, Accounting Manager, County of Sonoma Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Department

10:00

Dry Creek Foyer

SNACK BREAK

10:15 – 11:45

Alexander Valley II

GENERAL SESSION: LAFCO COLLEGE BOWL

Do you possess knowledge of the LAFCo profession so vast, so deep, and so illuminating that others are rendered speechless? Do you have what it takes to compete? If so, gather three or four of your brightest friends to match wits with other "LAFCo-ites" throughout the state in the most exhilarating and riveting Workshop session of all times! Teams will compete for fabulous "Oscar-worthy" prizes. Which team will WIN IT ALL? To witness this event and heckle the opposition while cheering on your team, attend this exciting session and you might learn a thing or two!

Moderator/Referee: Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director

Judges: Martha Poyatos, EO, San Mateo LAFCo; Elisa Carvalho, AEO, Yolo LAFCo; Brendon Freeman, Analyst, Napa LAFCo; Terri Tuck, Commission Clerk, Yolo LAFCo

Scorekeeper: Debra Means, Commission Clerk, Santa Cruz LAFCo

Prize Patrol: Marjorie Blom, EO, Stanislaus LAFCo; Debbie Hamilton, Commission Clerk, Stanislaus LAFCo; Sara Lytle-Pinhey, AEO, Stanislaus LAFCo

11:45 – 1:00

Dry Creek Ballroom

LUNCH

Speaker: Rick Theis, Founder and President, Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy, Santa Rosa, CA

1:15 – 2:45

Alexander Valley III

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session #4: Local Government Finance: Kick The Football, Charlie Brown!

This session will focus on current developments in the Charlie Brown/Lucy "football" relationship between the State of California and local agencies, including new developments in fiscal policy, laws, infrastructure funding tools important to LAFcos, and how to fund new infrastructure for existing development.

Moderator: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer, San Mateo LAFCo

Panelists: Michael Colantuono, Legal Counsel, Yuba LAFCo, and Attorney, Colantuono & Levin PC; Michael Coleman, Fiscal Policy Advisor, League of California Cities; Tim Schaefer, Principal, Magis Advisors

Alexander Valley IV

Session #5: The Williamson Act, Agriculture, Open Space, and Buffers: The Latest

Learn the latest from Sacramento about the future of the California Land Conservation ("Williamson") Act program, including funding levels and changes, legislative proposals, and administration. Also learn about the authority of individual LAFcos to regulate the preservation of open space and agricultural lands, including buffer territory.

Moderator: Rich Bottarini, Executive Officer, Sonoma LAFCo
 Presenters: Les Girard, General Counsel, Monterey LAFCo; Brian Leahy, Assistant Director, Division of Land Resource Protection, California Department of Conservation

Russian River Ballroom

Session #6: CEQA for Clerks - Yes! For Clerks!

For many clerks, CEQA is just another four-letter word. For others, the role includes interpretation and preparation of CEQA documents. This session will provide a basic explanation of CEQA, its role in the LAFCo process and actions in which a clerk may participate. Whether you want the basics or a more in-depth discussion, this is an opportunity to ask questions of a CEQA expert!

Moderator: Cynthia Olson, Commission Clerk, Sonoma LAFCo
 Presenter: Fernando Avila, Attorney, Best Best & Krieger LLP

2:45

Dry Creek Foyer

SNACK BREAK

3:00 – 5:00

Dry Creek Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION: EFFECTIVE MEETINGS or WHAT DO WE DO IF...?

This lively session, which will include audience participation, will address issues associated with conducting effective meetings from a legal and practical perspective: Why "meeting management?" What tools help manage meetings effectively, and when can we use them? What legal issues can arise from meetings not well managed? How should legal and management principles be used in settings as varied as a small meeting of LAFCo insiders to a room full of angry constituents?

Facilitators: Bill Chiat, CALAFCo Executive Director, and Michael Colantuono, Yuba LAFCo Legal Counsel, and Attorney, Colantuono & Levin PC

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 – 8:00

Dry Creek Ballroom

BREAKFAST

8:00 – 9:30

Alexander Valley III

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session #7: Contracts Without Conflicts: How To Make & Manage Professional Service Contracts With Ease

You found the perfect project consultant and negotiated a world-class deal. Now it's time to develop the contract documents and administer the contract. This session will address the contracting process and provide tools for contract development, contract and resource management. A panel of professionals will share their expertise and ideas.

Moderator: Lou Ann Texeira, EO, Contra Costa LAFCo
 Panelists: Peter Banning, EO, Marin LAFCo; Gary Thompson, Managing Principal, GST Consulting; Holly O. Whatley, Attorney, Colantuono & Levin, PC

Alexander Valley IV

Session #8: Property Tax Exchange: A Source of Conflict or a Chance for Collaboration?

This session will provide a step-by-step guide for navigating the property tax exchange process and will discuss LAFCo's responsibilities in the process. Using case studies and sample agreements, panelists will explain how tax-sharing negotiations – whether for master agreements or for individual annexations – can be opportunities for fostering cooperation on various issues between jurisdictions.

Moderator: Neelima Palacherla, EO, Santa Clara LAFCo
 Panelists: Walter Kieser, Managing Principal, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc.; Martha Poyatos, EO, San Mateo LAFCo; Scott Smith, Attorney, Best Best & Krieger LLP

Russian River II

Session #9: From Tearing Your Hair Out to Feeling Cool, Calm & Collected: Records Management & Document Imaging for LAFCos

This session will focus on the need for records management, various ways to manage all the records that can "inhabit" the LAFCo office and, more specifically, what an electronic document management system can offer.

Moderator: Brendon Freeman, Analyst, Napa LAFCo
 Panelists: Hedy Aref, President, Incrementum; Kathy Mabry, Commission Clerk, Napa LAFCo

9:20

COFFEE AND TEA BUT NO FORMAL BREAK

9:30 – 11:00

Alexander Valley III

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Session #10: Curiouser & Curiouser: Regional Transportation Plans, Sustainable Communities Strategies, and LAFCoS

Wonder about Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) & those "sustainable communities strategies" (SCS)? Want to learn about other LAFCoS' experiences with their metropolitan planning organizations or regional transportation planning agencies regarding RTPs and SCS development? You will in this session! You'll also find out about incorporating RTPs into application review a la the modified §56668(g) factor. As a group, we'll brainstorm potential policy and legislative recommendations to CALAFCO, to support LAFCoS' participation in these efforts.

Moderator: Don Lockhart, AEO, Sacramento LAFCo

Panelists: David Church, EO, San Luis Obispo LAFCo; Steve Devencenzi, Planning Director, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments; Ben Giuliani, Senior Regional Planner, Tulare County Association of Governments; Jeremy Kinney, Senior Staff Analyst, Kings LAFCo

Alexander Valley IV

Session #11: LAFCoS & Special Districts' Consolidation, Dissolution, Etc.: Can We Talk?

Some argue that California has too many special districts; others counter that districts are closer to the people and serve an important purpose. This session will focus on what the law allows and requires if LAFCo wants to consider consolidation or dissolution of a district; what LAFCoS need to know and be aware of to work with districts in such circumstances; and the experiences of some LAFCoS: what works and what doesn't.

Moderator: Carole Cooper, AEO, Sonoma LAFCo

Panelists: Clark Alsop, CALAFCO Legal Counsel and Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP; Peter Banning, EO, Marin LAFCo; Harry Ehrlich, Consultant/Director of Legislative Research, San Diego LAFCo, and Principal, Project Resource Specialists

Russian River II

Session #12: Working with the State Board of Equalization

This session will focus on the role of the State Board of Equalization in jurisdictional boundary change filings, including information on the new Statement of Boundary Change form, and proper submission of geographic descriptions, maps, and fees. Information and tools available on the State Board's website will be offered and an opportunity for Q & A provided.

Moderator: Terri Tuck, Commission Clerk, Yolo LAFCo

Panelists: Ralph L. Davis, Research Manager, Tax Area Service Section, State Board of Equalization; Anna Marie Price, Nikkole Thorn, Analysts, State Board of Equalization

11:00 – 12:00

Dry Creek Ballroom

GENERAL SESSION: CALAFCO BUSINESS MEETING

This session will focus on ongoing CALAFCO business issues, particularly the proposal to establish a regional structure for the election of the CALAFCO Board of Directors (this proposal is subject to a vote of the CALAFCO membership). Additionally, a legislative update will be provided and other business matters discussed.

Moderators: Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director and Chair, CALAFCO Legislative Committee; Harry Ehrlich, Government Consultant, San Diego LAFCo and Vice-Chair, CALAFCO Legislative Committee; SR Jones, CALAFCO EO and EO, Nevada LAFCo

Thank you to the 2010 Staff Workshop Planning Committee

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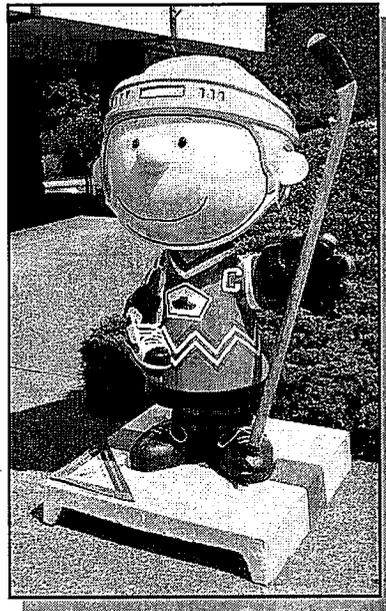


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CALAFCO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CALAFCO Staff Workshop

as of 4/8/2010

AB 419 (Caballero D) Local government: change of organization or reorganization: elections.

Current Text: Amended: 1/14/2010

Introduced: 2/23/2009

Last Amended: 1/14/2010

Status: 2/11/2010-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Summary:

Would, beginning January 1, 2011, require the board of supervisors or the city council to take action, to order and place the item on the ballot, within 45 days of notification by the local agency formation commission, and would require the elections official to place the item on the ballot at the next regular election if the board of supervisors or the city council fails to take action within 45 days of the notification. This bill would also make conforming changes.

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: This bill was a gut-and-amend to specify that a Board or Council has 45 days to place an item on the next general election ballot when requested by a LAFCo. Current law does not specify the number of days nor state what happens if the item is not placed on the ballot. If the Board or Council does not act within 45 days it requires the election official to place the item on the next General Election ballot. Adds a requirement that LAFCo must notify the election official as well as the Board or Council of an item to be placed on the ballot. It provides clarity to the process.

AB 853 (Arambula I) Local government: organization.

Current Text: Amended: 5/18/2009

Introduced: 2/26/2009

Last Amended: 5/18/2009

Status: 6/11/2009-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and RLS.

Summary:

Would provide procedures for annexing unincorporated fringe communities and unincorporated island communities, as defined, to a city under specified circumstances, including provisions for a revenue neutrality agreement between the affected local government entities.

Position: Oppose unless amended

CALAFCO Comments: This bill provides a mechanism for residents to petition to a Board of Supervisors to be annexed to a city if they are within 1.5 miles of a boundary or within or adjacent to an existing city SOI. It requires the Board to send a resolution to LAFCo for the annexation and requires LAFCo to approve the annexation. It creates new definitions for "Islands" and for "unincorporated fringe communities." It also prohibits affected districts from terminating the annexation. This bill is sponsored by California Rural Legal Assistance and is tied to their other bill, SB 194. CALAFCO has significant concerns and is working with the author and sponsor on language before taking a position.

AB 1668 (Knight R) Local government: city councils.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2010

Introduced: 1/20/2010

Last Amended: 3/25/2010

Status: 4/7/2010-From L. GOV.: Do pass.To CONSENT CALENDAR.

Summary:

Would require the city council to, within 60 days of a vacancy in an elective office, fill that vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is nearly identical to AB 18 introduced by Assembly Member Knight in 2009. In addition to specifying the number of days a city council has to fill a vacancy, it clarifies the number of seats up for election at the first election following incorporation. CALAFCO supported AB 18. That bill was vetoed by the Governor because he felt current law was adequate on number of days to fill a vacancy. His veto was silent on number of seats at the first election. CALAFCO has proposed the seats up for election as an Assembly Omnibus Bill item. Should there be no objections from stakeholders, that item would be in the Omnibus and would be amended out of AB 1668.

AB 1859 (Norby R) Local government: annexation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2010

Introduced: 2/12/2010

Status: 2/16/2010-From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.

Summary:

Existing law authorizes the incorporation or annexation of territory to a city under specified circumstances, unless, as a result of that incorporation or annexation, incorporated territory is completely surrounded by that city or by territory of that city on one or more sides and the Pacific Ocean on the remaining sides. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: At this point this appears to be a placeholder bill for potential legislation regarding island annexations. Introduced by a former Orange County supervisor.

AB 2795 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: organization.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/24/2010

Introduced: 3/24/2010

Status: 3/25/2010-From printer. May be heard in committee April 24.

Summary:

Would define "divestiture of power" and "executive officer" as used in the act. This bill would also make additional changes to clarify and maintain the consistency of the act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Sponsor

CALAFCO Comments: This is the Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus bill. The bill is prepared and sponsored by CALAFCO and makes technical, non-significant changes to C-K-H.

SB 194 (Florez D) Community Equity Investment Act of 2010.

Current Text: Amended: 1/7/2010

Introduced: 2/23/2009

Last Amended: 1/7/2010

Status: 1/28/2010-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary:

Would enact the Community Equity Investment Act of 2010. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations relating to disadvantaged, unincorporated communities. The bill would specify how funds received pursuant to the federal State Community Development Block Grant Program are expended at the local government level.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is intended to provide municipal services and infrastructure investment to disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Its intent, in part, is to address the role of regional agencies in addressing infrastructure deficits through changes to state agency funding programs with the intent to improve infrastructure in unincorporated communities. Language in this bill is tied to AB 853 which provides mechanisms for LAFCo to annex these communities to existing cities.

SB 894 (Committee on Local Government) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2010.

Current Text: Amended: 4/7/2010

Introduced: 1/25/2010

Last Amended: 4/7/2010

Status: 4/7/2010-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time. Amended. Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/21/2010 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COX, Chair

Summary:

Would include a cross-reference to this authorization in each of the affected provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: This is the Senate Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill. AT this time it contains one minor item related to LAFCo: It cleans up language in various local government laws to clarify that judges can resolve land use and environmental lawsuits through mediation before it goes to trial.

SB 1461 (Ashburn R) Local government: reorganization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2010

Introduced: 2/19/2010

Status: 3/11/2010-To Com. on RLS.

Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 sets forth the Legislature's findings and declarations regarding the use of local government reorganization. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change in that law.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: Placeholder bill at this time.

AB 155 (Mendoza D) Local government: bankruptcy proceedings.

Current Text: Amended: 7/1/2009

Introduced: 1/26/2009

Last Amended: 7/1/2009

Status: 7/8/2009-In committee: Set, first hearing. Testimony taken. Further hearing to be set.

Calendar: 4/21/2010 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COX, Chair

Summary:

Would provide that a local public entity may only file under federal bankruptcy law with the approval of the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission, as specified.

Position: None at this time

AB 711 (Calderon, Charles D) Local agency formation commissions: cost of incorporation commissions.

Current Text: Amended: 4/5/2010

Introduced: 2/26/2009

Last Amended: 4/5/2010

Status: 4/5/2010-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary:

Would appropriate \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocation to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission for a loan to the East Los Angeles Residents Association, as specified. The bill would make findings and declarations regarding the need for a special statute. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This would be the first time legislation has been introduced to provide funds for the State Controller to allocate to fund incorporation studies as provided in CKH. The legislation is specific that the process must be consistent with CKH law.

SB 211 (Simitian D) Park district formation: County of Santa Cruz.

Current Text: Amended: 9/4/2009

Introduced: 2/23/2009

Last Amended: 9/4/2009

Status: 9/8/2009-Placed on inactive file on request of Assembly Member Torrico.

Summary:

Would authorize the formation of a district in the County of Santa Cruz, except as specified, if the exterior boundaries of the proposed district are coterminous with the exterior boundaries of the county and are initiated by a specified resolution of the county board of supervisors, after a hearing noticed in accordance with specified procedures, in lieu of the petition and related proceedings required under the above provisions. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Oppose unless amended

CALAFCO Comments: Allows Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors to create a regional open space district outside of LAFCo process. Does not provide a funding source for the district, leaving it to a future vote of the residents.

SB 896 (Cox R) Local government: organization.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2010

Introduced: 1/25/2010

Status: 2/4/2010-To Com. on RLS.

Summary:

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 defines various terms for purposes of the act, including, among others, "affected city." This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this definition.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This appears to be a placeholder bill.

SB 1023 (Wiggins D) Special districts: consolidation and reorganization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2010

Introduced: 2/11/2010

Status: 3/3/2010-Set for hearing May 5.

Calendar: 5/5/2010 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COX, Chair

Summary:

Would until January 1, 2018, authorize the local agency formation commission to approve or conditionally approve an expedited reorganization of specified districts into a community services district, with the same powers, duties, responsibilities, obligations, liabilities, and jurisdiction of the district proposed to be dissolved, unless the governing body of the district proposed to be dissolved files a resolution of objection with the commission, as specified. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This bill provides an expedited process for the conversion of Resort Improvement Districts and select Municipal Improvement Districts to Community Service Districts. CALAFCO and the affected LAFCos and districts have been consulted on this legislation.

SB 1174 (Wolk D) Land use: general plan: disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2010

Introduced: 2/18/2010

Status: 3/9/2010-Set for hearing April 21.

Calendar: 4/21/2010 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COX, Chair

Summary:

Would require a city or county to amend its general plan to the extent necessary to address the presence of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities, as defined, inside or near its boundaries, and would require the amended general plan to include specified information. This bill would also require a city or county, after the initial amendment of its general plan, to review, and if necessary amend, its general plan to update its information, goals, and program of action relating to these communities. By adding to the duties of city and county officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: Adds conflicting definitions of island communities to general plan law.