



## **Out of Agency Service Extensions**

CALAFCO is considering legislation that would allow individual LAFCOs more discretion in approving the provision of governmental services outside of a local agency's boundaries and Sphere of Influence. After the item is circulated to member LAFCOs for comment, I will discuss it with the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,



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### **Attachment:**

1. CALAFCO Quarterly, May 2011.

# News from the Board of Directors

## CALAFCO QUARTERLY

Attachment 1

May 2011



### About the Quarterly

The CALAFCO Board of Directors met in Oakland on 29 April 2011. As one of its actions, the Board adopted a 2011-2013 Strategic Plan. Among the strategies was improving communications on Board activities with LAFCo commissioners and staff in each region. This quarterly sheet is one of the new tools. Following each Board meeting the "Quarterly" will highlight Board actions and activities.

### No Increase to 2011-12 Association Dues; Conference Registration Fees

The Board elected to not increase CALAFCO dues for the third year in a row. Because of the continuing financial challenges facing all LAFCos and local agencies, the Board adopted a no-increase dues schedule for next year. The 2011-12 dues will be maintained at the 2008-09 levels.

The Board also highlighted the 2011 conference registration rates for members remain the same as previous years. CALAFCO has not raised conference registration rates since 2006. The Board's goal is to encourage more commissioners to attend.

### Legislative Actions

CALAFCO has taken a support position on several bills, including **AB 54** (Solario) which would require mutual water companies to respond to LAFCo requests for MSR information and to provide LAFCo with maps of their service areas. CALAFCO is the sponsor of **AB 1430** (Assembly Local Government Committee) which makes a major update of the definitions sections of Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg as well as a number nonsubstantial technical changes to the Act. CALAFCO also supports **AB 1265** (Nielsen) which provides a bridging option to maintain the Williamson Act contracts.

The Board deliberated on **SB 244** (Wolk) which adds significant unfunded reporting requirements to LAFCos as well as cities and counties with respect to unincorporated disadvantaged communities. As currently amended the bill creates several additional areas LAFCo must study in MSRs and SOI updates such as disadvantaged communities *adjacent* to spheres and examining alternate service provision options in all SOI updates. CALAFCO has proposed several amendments which would significantly reduce the requirements and is working with the author on our ideas. Currently the bill has a "watch" position; however the Board has authorized a "strongly opposed" if there is no movement on the CALAFCO proposals.

CALAFCO is currently tracking 39 bills that may affect members. A legislative report - updated daily - is available in the member's section of the website.

### Out of Agency Service Extensions

For a years the Legislative Committee and the Board have discussed the need for some type of modification

to GC §56133. After nearly a year of work crafting language which addresses the varied interests within CALAFCO, the Legislative Committee made a recommendation to the Board which would give LAFCo additional permissive authority to extend services outside boundaries and spheres in certain specific situations. The Board unanimously adopted the Committee's recommendation at its April meeting and directed the Committee to circulate the language to all member LAFCos. The language will be distributed following the Committee's next meeting on 20 May.

### Changes to CALAFCO Elections Process

The 2010 elections marked the first Board elections under the Association's new regional system. The Board reviewed the process and comments from members and adopted several changes that will be implemented at the elections this fall in Napa. The changes were designed to create a more fair and inclusive process.

- ◆ An option will be available for those member LAFCos who are unable to attend to vote in advance of the annual meeting
- ◆ Board members will be elected by a majority of those voting, rather than the current plurality
- ◆ In the event a majority is not met the first round of voting, a process is established for runoff voting and a "lot" drawing in the event of a tie.

### 2011-2013 Strategic Plan Updates

The Board adopted a strategic plan for the next two years. The emphasis of the plan is continued members services and advocacy of LAFCos role in orderly growth, preservation of agricultural and open space lands and efficient municipal services. Highlights include an upgrade of the website along with a continued commitment to educational activities such as the conference, CALAFCO U and the staff workshop. The adopted plan is available on the CALAFCO website in the members section.

### 2011 Staff Workshop and CALAFCO U

Sunny Ventura provided a welcome venue for the 2011 Staff Workshop. Many members arrived the day before to attend a CALAFCO U session on California Planning and Land Use Law. Organized by Deputy CALAFCO Executive Officer Kate McKenna, and moderated by Associate Bruce Baracco, a panel of planning professionals and attorneys provided a welcome overview of the land use process and statutes.

The Staff Workshop was attended by over 90 participants, and included a variety of interesting and informative sessions for LAFCo professionals. This year, the workshop included a series of sessions designed by and for the CALAFCO Clerks.

Thanks to Ventura LAFCo Staff and Commission for their hospitality!