



TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO MEETING AGENDA May 1, 2013 @ 2:00 P.M. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING 2800 West Burrel Avenue Visalia CA 93291

COMMISSIONERS:
Cameron Hamilton, Chair
Steve Worthley, V-Chair
Rudy Mendoza
Allen Ishida
Juliet Allen

ALTERNATES:
Mike Ennis
Dennis Mederos
Janet Hinesly

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Ben Giuliani

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2013 (Pages 1-2)**

III. **Public Comment Period**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda and that is within the scope of matters considered by the Commission. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the LAFCO Commission at this time. So that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Commission may be limited at the discretion of the chair. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

IV. **Consent Calendar**

There are no items.

V. **New Action Items**

1. **Earlimart PUD Request for Fee Reduction (Pages 3-10)**
[No Public Hearing].....Recommended Action: Approval

Earlimart Public Utility District has requested a fee reduction from the standard flat fee for changes of organization to an actual cost basis for a proposed detachment. The detachment covers the same area of a prior annexation and due to its unique circumstances would require minimal staff time to process.

VI. **Executive Officer's Report**

1. **American Farmland Trust (Pages 11-28)**

Staff has prepared a report regarding what Tulare County is doing in relation to the performance measures contained in the American Farmland Trust's report (Saving Farmland, Growing Cities).

2. **Legislative Update (Page 29-39)**

NOTE: Persons wishing to speak on any of the agenda items who have made a political contribution of more than \$250 to any commissioner in the last twelve months must indicate this when speaking.

Attached are the various state bills that are being tracked by CALAFCO.

3. Upcoming Projects (No Page)

The Executive Officer will provide a summary and tentative schedule of upcoming LAFCO cases and projects.

VII. Correspondence

There are no items.

VIII. Other Business

1. Commissioner Report

At this time, any Commissioner may inform the Commission, Staff, or the public of pertinent LAFCO issues not appearing on the agenda.

2. Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas

IX. Closed Sessions

There are no items.

X. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

June 5, 2013 @ 2:00 P.M. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building

XI. Adjournment

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Agenda Summary</i>
<i>II.</i>	<i>Please see enclosed April 3, 2013 meeting minutes.</i>
<i>V.1</i>	<i>Please see enclosed Memo for Earlimart PUD Request for Fee Reduction</i>
<i>VI.1</i>	<i>Please see enclosed Memo regarding the performance measures in the American Farmland Trust's report, "Saving Farmland, Growing Cities"</i>
<i>VI.2</i>	<i>Please see enclosed attachments</i>

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TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
April 3, 2013

Members Present: Julie Allen, Steve Worthley, Cameron Hamilton

Members Absent: Rudy Mendoza, Allen Ishida

Alternates Present: Mike Ennis, Janet Hinesly

Alternates Absent: Dennis Mederos

Staff Present: Ben Giuliani, Cynthia Echavarria, Carrie Perez

Counsel Present: Nina Dong

I. Call to Order

Chair Hamilton called the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on April 3, 2013

II. Approval of the March 6, 2013 Minutes:

Upon motion by Commissioner Hinesly and seconded by Commissioner Allen, the Commission unanimously approved the March 6, 2013 minutes.

III. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

IV. Consent Calendar Items

There were no Consent Calendar items.

V. New Action Items

1. 2013/2014 Preliminary Budget and Work Program

Staff Analyst Echavarria reviewed the budget and work program and presented scenarios for the use of reserve funding to offset member agency contributions.

Commissioner Worthley proposed using \$50,000 in reserve funds to offset member agency contributions for fiscal year 2013/14.

Commissioner Hamilton opened the Public Hearing at 2:09 p.m.

No comments received.

Commissioner Hamilton closed the Public Hearing at 2:09 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Worthley, and seconded by Commissioner Allen, the Commission unanimously approved the 2013/2014 Preliminary Budget and Work Program and \$50,000 reserve offset.

2. Proposed Draft Amendment to Policy 5.11 (MSRs)

Executive Officer Giuliani stated that there were no further changes to the language in the proposed draft amendment to Policy 5.11 (MSRs). The purpose of the amendment was to amend language to more closely match the language in the Government Code and modify noticing requirements to realize cost savings.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ennis, and seconded by Commissioner Hinesly, the Commission unanimously approved the Proposed Draft Amendment to Policy 5.11 (MSRs).

VI. Executive Officer's Report

1. Legislative Update

Executive Officer Giuliani, gave an update on the bills that could possibly affect LAFCO. CALAFCO is closely watching two bills that they are sponsoring: AB 453 regarding sustainable communities grants and AB 743 regarding extending island annexation provisions.

Commissioner Worthley stated his concern with AB 823 regarding requirements for agricultural conservation easements. Commissioner Worthley stated his opposition to this bill and would like the LAFCO Board to write a letter of opposition.

2. Upcoming Projects

Executive Officer Giuliani reported that upcoming projects include the City of Tulare's MSR and the Final Budget and Work Program.

VII. Correspondence

1. American Farmland Trust

Commissioner Allen requested that staff bring back a report regarding what Tulare County is doing in relation to the performance measures contained in the American Farmland Trust's report (Saving Farmland, Growing Cities).

VIII. Other Business

1. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Allen reported on the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Roundtable, noting that it had met three times so far. The Roundtable is currently looking at different scenario planning as it relates to development of the SCS and financial constraints as they relate to the RTP.

2. Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas
None

IX. Closed Sessions

None

X. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next LAFCO meeting will be May 1, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 P.M.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Ben Giuliani

May 1, 2013

TO: LAFCO Commissioners, Alternates, Counsel

FROM: Benjamin Giuliani, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Earlimart Public Utility District (PUD) Request – Fee Reduction

Background

The Commission approved Earlimart PUD Annexation 2006-01 (LAFCO Case 1414) on September 5, 2007. The annexation was recorded on August 7, 2008. The annexation consisted of 35 acres of agricultural land that was planned to be a low density residential development. A filing with the Board of Equalization (BOE) was never completed so the District is not receiving property tax from the subject area (map attached). Also, the land was never developed and remains in agricultural production. The District is now requesting a detachment of the subject area and has requested that the processing costs be reimbursed on an actual cost basis rather than the regular flat fee (\$3,476) for changes of organization.

Discussion

Pursuant to Government Code (GC) §56383(d), the Commission may reduce or waive a fee if it finds that payment would be detrimental to the public interest. The proposed detachment is a unique situation in which a reduction of fees can be justified for the following reasons:

- Since the annexation was never filed with the BOE, a BOE filing is not needed for the proposed detachment and review of the proposed detachment is not needed by the County Auditor.
- Since the proposed detachment is comprised of the exact same area as the annexation, review is not needed by the County Assessor or the Surveyor.
- The property owner has signed a consent form to detach and the proposal is exempt from CEQA. Therefore, the detachment qualifies for a waiver of the public hearing.
- The proposal is a detachment for land that is in agricultural production and does not need urban services from the District. Any future proposed development that

would cause the need for services from the District would result in a new annexation request subject to the standard processing fee to LAFCO.

For these reasons, the processing of the proposed detachment would take minimal staff time to complete and there would be no associated costs from review by other departments and no public noticing costs. Pursuant to Tulare County LAFCO policy, actual cost reimbursement is tied to the Resource Management Agency's hourly rate which is currently set at \$100/hour.

Recommendation

Staff is recommending approval of the reduction in fee request for reimbursement of actual costs.

Attachments:
Project Area Map
Detachment and Fee Reduction Request
Resolution

SEE FIGURE II FOR DETAILS

DETACHMENT 2013-1
314-120-007

DISTRICT BOUNDARY

AVE. 56

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ROAD 128

WASHINGTON AVE.

66 AVENUE

CHURCH STREET

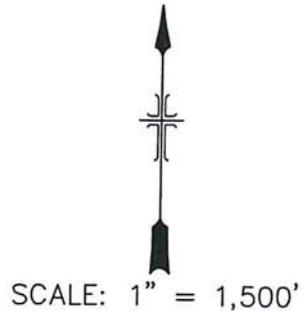
AVE. 48

DISTRICT BOUNDARY

Disclaimer:
"For assessment purposes only. This description of land is not a legal property description as defined in the Subdivision Map Act and may not be used as the basis for an offer for sale of the land described."

Being a portion of the South half of Section 28, T23S, R25E, MDB&M, in the County of Tulare, State of California

DETACHMENT 2013-1 EARLIMART PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT



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April 18, 2013

Mr. Benjamin Giuliani
Local Agency Formation Commission
County of Tulare
210 N. Church St., Suite B
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RE: EARLIMART PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, DETACHMENT 2013-1

Dear Ben:

This letter is prepared with regard to the detachment proposal of the Earlimart Public Utility District (District), identified as Detachment 2013-1.

Accompanying this letter, please find the requisite number of copies of the Proposal Questionnaire, otherwise referred to as Form E-4, along with supporting documents. The supporting documents include figures showing the area to be detached from the District. The attachments also include a copy of the filed CEQA document. Included with the Questionnaire is a copy of the resolution of the District making application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for the subject detachment.

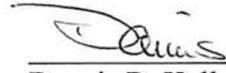
Included with the transmittal is a copy of the consent form of the property owner consenting to the detachment. The forms required by LAFCO related to conflict declarations are also transmitted herewith.

It is our belief that all required documents necessary for the Commission to proceed with consideration of the detachment request have now been submitted. If, in your preparation of the staff report appurtenant to the request you discover otherwise, please let us know what the desired information may be so that we can supply same. The District wishes to request permission of the Commission to cover the costs associated with this procedure on an actual cost reimbursement basis. Please let us know if you need any additional documentation to support this request.

Mr. Benjamin Giuliani
April 18, 2013
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Thank you for your assistance in the processing of this request.

Very truly yours,



Dennis R. Keller
Consulting Civil Engineer

DRK:gw

Enclosures

cc: Earlimart Public Utility District, w/enclosures
Mr. Jay Te Velde, w/enclosures

BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Reducing the Processing)

Fee for Earlimart PUD Detachment 2013-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-006

WHEREAS, this Commission approved Case No. 1414, Earlimart Public Utility District Annexation 2006-01 on September 5, 2007 (Resolution 2007-037); and

WHEREAS, the annexation was recorded on August 7, 2008 (2008-0054814);
and

WHEREAS, the annexation was never filed with the Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, the District has submitted a proposal for detachment of the same area: and

WHEREAS, the District has requested a reduction in the processing fee for the proposed detachment from the standard flat fee to an actual cost basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may reduce or waive a fee if it finds that payment would be detrimental to the public interest pursuant to GC §56383(d); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Policy B-2, actual Commission staff costs are tied to the Resource Management Agency's hourly rate for planning services which is currently set at \$100/hour; and

WHEREAS, the proposed detachment qualifies for a waiver of public hearing and would require minimal staff time to process because of its unique circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

The Commission finds that the payment of the standard fee for the proposed change of organization would be detrimental to the public interest. The fee reduction for Earlimart PUD Detachment 2013-1 from the standard flat fee to an actual cost basis is hereby approved.

The foregoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Member x, and seconded by Member x, at a regular meeting held on this 1st day of May, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

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	Objectives Addressed					
<p>The six objectives that address key farmland conservation challenges are:</p> <p>1 Avoid development of high quality farmland.</p> <p>2 Minimize farmland loss with more efficient development.</p> <p>3 Ensure stability at the urban edge.</p> <p>4 Minimize rural residential development.</p> <p>5 Mitigate the loss of farmland with conservation easements.</p> <p>6 Encourage a favorable agricultural business climate.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6

Tulare County Strategies for Conserving Farmland						
<p>Rural Valley Lands Plan</p> <p>The Rural Valley Lands Plan (RVLP) (GPA 75-1D) was adopted in 1975, and has had two subsequent amendments (GPA86-009 and GPA94-008) that strengthen its agricultural-protective provisions. The RVLP applies to about 773,500 acres of the valley portion of the County, outside County adopted Urban Development Boundaries (CACUDB), City Urban Area Boundaries (UAB) and other adopted community plans areas, and generally below the 600-foot elevation contour line along the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range.</p> <p>The purpose of the RVLP is to protect and maintain the agricultural viability of rural valley areas by establishing requirements for exclusive agricultural zoning (containing minimum parcel sizes) appropriate to sustain agriculture and implementing a policy that utilizes resource information to determine the suitability of rural lands for non-agricultural uses. The goal of the RVLP is to “sustain the viability of Tulare County agriculture by restraining division and use of land which is harmful to continued agricultural use.”</p> <p>The RVLP utilizes five exclusive agriculture (AE) zones, each requiring a different minimum parcel size (ranging from five to eighty acres). These zones are as follows: AE, AE-10, AE-20, AE-40, and AE 80. The number designation on each zone generally reflects the minimum acres of land needed to productively farm a certain crop at a commercial level.</p> <p>In order to grant an exception for the use of the AE zone on properties that have minimal or no agricultural value, a parcel evaluation checklist is used to evaluate property suitability, based on a point system. Points are awarded for various factors such as parcel size, available public services, and surrounding land uses. Parcels determined to be more suitable for non-agricultural uses may be zoned (discretionary review required) for urban/suburban uses. Parcels that do not meet the requirements for rezoning are not allowed to rezone and must remain agriculturally zoned.</p>	X	X	X	X		X

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<p>California Land Conservation Act</p> <p>Under the provisions of the Williamson Act (California Land Conservation Act of 1965, Section 51200), landowners contract with the County to maintain agricultural or open space use of their lands in return for reduced property tax assessment. The contract is self-renewing; however, the landowner may notify the County at any time of the intent to withdraw the land from its preserve status. There are two means by which the landowner may withdraw the land from its contract preserve status. First, the landowner may seek to cancel the contract. This takes the land out of the contract quickly with a minimal waiting period but the landowner pays a statutory penalty to the State. Second, the landowner may notice a non-renewal or seek a partial non-renewal of the contract. Land withdrawal through the non-renewal process involves a 9 or 10-year period (depending on the timing of the notice) of tax adjustment to full market value before protected open space can be converted to urban uses. Consequently, land under a Williamson Act contract can be in either a renewal status or a non-renewal status. Lands with a non-renewal status indicate the owner has withdrawn from the Williamson Act contract and is waiting for a period of tax adjustment for the land to reach its full market value. Non-renewal lands are candidates for uses that were previously considered incompatible within the next 10 years or less, depending on when the notice of non-renewal was filed.</p>	X		X			X
<p>Tulare County General Plan Policies</p>						
<p>AG-1.1 Primary Land Use</p> <p>The County shall maintain agriculture as the primary land use in the valley region of the County, not only in recognition of the economic importance of agriculture, but also in terms of agriculture’s real contribution to the conservation of open space and natural resources.</p>	X					
<p>AG-1.2 Coordination</p> <p>The County shall coordinate its agricultural policies and programs with State and federal regulations to preserve agricultural lands.</p>	X					

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<p>AG-1.3 Williamson Act The County should promote the use of the California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) on all agricultural lands throughout the County located outside established UDBs and HDBs. However, this policy carries with it a caveat that support for the Williamson Act as a tax reduction component is premised on continued funding of the State subvention program that offsets the loss of property taxes.</p>	X	X				
<p>AG-1.4 Williamson Act in UDBs and HDBs The County shall support non-renewal or cancellation processes that meet State law for lands within UDBs and HDBs.</p>			X			
<p>AG-1.5 Substandard Williamson Act Parcels The County may work to remove parcels that are less than 10 acres in Prime Farmland and less than 40 Acres in Non-Prime Farmland from Williamson Act Contracts (Williamson Act key term for Prime/Non-Prime).</p>						
<p>AG-1.6 Conservation Easements The County shall consider developing an Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) to help protect and preserve agricultural lands (including “Important Farmlands”), as defined in this Element. This program may require payment of an in-lieu fee sufficient to purchase a farmland conservation easement, farmland deed restriction, or other farmland conservation mechanism as a condition of approval for conservation of important agricultural land to non-agricultural use. If available, the ACEP shall be used for replacement lands determined to be of statewide significance (Prime or other Important Farmlands), or sensitive and necessary for the preservation of agricultural land, including land that may be a part of a community separator as part of a comprehensive program to establish community separators. The in-lieu fee or other conservation mechanism shall recognize the importance of land value and</p>					X	

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shall require equivalent mitigation.						
<p>AG-1.7 Preservation of Agricultural Lands</p> <p>The County shall promote the preservation of its agricultural economic base and open space resources through the implementation of resource management programs such as the Williamson Act, Rural Valley Lands Plan, Foothill Growth Management Plan or similar types of strategies and the identification of growth boundaries for all urban areas located in the County.</p>	X					
<p>AG-1.8 Agriculture within Urban Boundaries</p> <p>The County shall not approve applications for preserves or regular Williamson Act contracts on lands located within a UDB and/or HDB unless it is demonstrated that the restriction of such land will not detrimentally affect the growth of the community involved for the succeeding 10 years, that the property in question has special public values for open space, conservation, other comparable uses, or that the contract is consistent with the publicly desirable future use and control of the land in question. If proposed within a UDB of an incorporated city, the County shall give written notice to the affected city pursuant to Government Code §51233.</p>	X		X			
<p>AG-1.9 Agricultural Preserves Outside Urban Boundaries</p> <p>The County shall grant approval of individual applications for agricultural preserves located outside a UDB provided that the property involved meets the requirements of the Williamson Act and the regulations of Tulare County.</p>	X		X			
<p>AG-1.10 Extension of Infrastructure into Agricultural Areas</p> <p>The County shall oppose extension of urban services, such as sewer lines, water lines, or other urban infrastructure, into areas designated for agriculture use unless necessary to resolve a public health situation. Where necessary to address a public health issue, services should be located in</p>	X			X		

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<p>public rights-of-way in order to prevent interference with agricultural operations and to provide ease of access for operation and maintenance. Service capacity and length of lines should be designed to prevent the conversion of agricultural lands into urban/suburban uses.</p>						
<p>AG-1.11 Agricultural Buffers The County shall examine the feasibility of employing agricultural buffers between agricultural and non-agricultural uses, and along the edges of UDBs and HDBs. Considering factors include the type of operation and chemicals used for spraying, building orientation, planting of trees for screening, location of existing and future rights-of-way (roads, railroads, canals, power lines, etc.), and unique site conditions.</p>	X		X			X
<p>AG-1.12 Ranchettes The County shall discourage the creation of ranchettes in areas designated Valley Agriculture and Foothill Agriculture.</p>	X	X		X		
<p>AG-1.13 Agricultural Related Uses The County shall allow agriculturally-related uses, including value-added processing facilities by discretionary approvals in areas designated Valley or Foothill Agriculture, subject to the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use shall provide a needed service to the surrounding agricultural area which cannot be provided more efficiently within urban areas or which requires location in a non-urban area because of unusual site requirements or operational characteristics; 2. The use shall not be sited on productive agricultural lands if less productive land is available in the vicinity; 3. The operational or physical characteristics of the use shall not have a significant adverse impact on water resources or the use or management of surrounding agricultural properties within at least one-quarter (1/4) mile radius; 4. A probable workforce should be located nearby or be readily available; and 	X					X

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<p>5. For proposed value-added agricultural processing facilities, the evaluation under criterion “1” above shall consider the service requirements of the use and the capability and capacity of cities and unincorporated communities to provide the required services.</p>						
<p>AG-1.14 Right-to-Farm Noticing The County shall condition discretionary permits for special uses and residential development within or adjacent to agricultural areas upon the recording of a Right-to-Farm Notice (Ordinance Code of Tulare County, Part VII, Chapter 29, Section 07-29-1000 and following) which is an acknowledgment that residents in the area should be prepared to accept the inconveniences and discomfort associated with normal farming activities and that an established agricultural operation shall not be considered a nuisance due to changes in the surrounding area.</p>			X			X
<p>AG-1.15 Soil Productivity The County shall encourage landowners to participate in voluntary programs that reduce soil erosion and increase soil productivity. To this end, the County shall promote coordination between the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Resource Conservation Districts, University of California (UC) Cooperative Extension, and other similar agencies and organizations.</p>						X
<p>AG-1.16 Schools in Agricultural Zones The County shall discourage the location of new schools in areas designated for agriculture, unless the School District agrees to the construction and maintenance of all necessary infrastructure impacted by the project.</p>	X					
<p>AG-1.17 Agricultural Water Resources The County shall seek to protect and enhance surface water and groundwater resources critical to agriculture.</p>						X

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<p>AG-1.18 Farmland Trust and Funding Sources The in-lieu fees collected by the County may be transferred to the Central Valley Farmland Trust or other qualifying entity, which will arrange the purchase of conservation easements. The County shall encourage the Trust or other qualifying entity to pursue a variety of funding sources (grants, donations, taxes, or other funds) to fund implementation of the ACEP.</p>	X				X	
<p>AG-2.1 Diversified Agriculture The County shall support and encourage trends in agricultural production that shift suitable land into a variety of crops that can support a more diverse agricultural sector.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.2 Market Research The County shall encourage agricultural agencies and marketing cooperatives to research global and domestic markets for high-value crops capable of being produced in Tulare County.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.3 Technical Assistance The County shall support efforts of the UC Cooperative Extension, the Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer, and other entities to provide technical assistance to farmers attempting to shift to higher-value crops.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.4 Crop Care Education The County shall encourage regional workforce training programs in crop care and other related agricultural support fields.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.5 High-Value-Added Food Processing The County shall support accelerated development of high-value-added food processing industries.</p>						X

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<p>AG-2.6 Biotechnology and Biofuels The County shall encourage the location of industrial and research oriented businesses specializing in biotechnologies and biofuels that can enhance agricultural productivity, enhance food processing activities in the County, provide for new agriculturally-related products and markets, or otherwise enhance the agricultural sector in the County.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.7 Tourist-Related Agricultural Uses The County shall support the expansion of agricultural tourism that helps maintain sites in agricultural production, provided these activities do not negatively impact on-going agricultural operations on adjacent lands.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.8 Agricultural Education Programs The County shall support and participate in on-going public education programs conducted by organizations such as the County Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer’s Office, College of the Sequoias, UC Cooperative Extension, Farm Bureau, and industry organizations to help the public better understand the importance of the agricultural industry.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.9 Global Marketing The County shall support and participate in appropriate efforts to market Tulare County as a premier location for the production of globally-distributed food, fiber, and energy products.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.10 Regional Transportation The County shall work to improve regional transportation systems to support the movement of agricultural products locally, nationally, and globally.</p>						X
<p>AG-2.11 Energy Production The County shall encourage and support the development of new agricultural related industries featuring alternative energy, utilization of agricultural waste, and solar or wind</p>						X

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Policy LU-3.5: Rural Residential Designations.						
<p>Tulare County Ordinance No. 2931, commonly known as the Right-to-Farm Ordinance, was adopted to promote a good neighbor policy between agriculturalists and other residents by making clear what rights each has when they live near one another. The ordinance is designed to protect agricultural land uses from conflicts with non-agricultural uses, as well as to help purchasers and residents understand the inconveniences that may occur as the natural result of living in or near agricultural areas.</p>	X	X	X	X		X
<p>LU-1.1 Smart Growth and Healthy Communities</p> <p>The County shall promote the principles of smart growth and healthy communities in UDBs and HDBs, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creating walkable neighborhoods, 2. Providing a mix of residential densities, 3. Creating a strong sense of place, 4. Mixing land uses, 5. Directing growth toward existing communities, 6. Building compactly, 7. Discouraging sprawl, 8. Encouraging infill, 9. Preserving open space, 10. Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices, 11. Utilizing planned community zoning to provide for the orderly pre-planning and long term development of large tracks of land which may contain a variety of land uses, but are under unified ownership or development control, and 12. Encouraging connectivity between new and existing development. 	X	X	X			

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<p>LU-1.8 Encourage Infill Development</p> <p>The County shall encourage and provide incentives for infill development to occur in communities and hamlets within or adjacent to existing development in order to maximize the use of land within existing urban areas, minimize the conversion of existing agricultural land, and minimize environmental concerns associated with new development.</p>	X	X	X			
<p>LU-2.1 Agricultural Lands</p> <p>The County shall maintain agriculturally-designated areas for agriculture use by directing urban development away from valuable agricultural lands to cities, unincorporated communities, hamlets, and planned community areas where public facilities and infrastructure are available.</p>	X	X				
<p>LU-2.2 Agricultural Parcel Splits</p> <p>The County shall deny requests to create parcels less than the minimum allowed size in agricultural designated areas, unless specifically provided by Division of Land Exceptions in the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance, as may be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, based on concerns that these parcels are less viable economic farming units and that the resultant increase in residential density increases the potential for conflict with normal agricultural practices on adjacent parcels. Evidence that the affected parcel may be an uneconomic farming unit due to its current size, soil conditions, or other factors shall not alone be considered a sufficient basis to grant an exception. The RVLP shall be the tool to determine the viability of a given agricultural parcel in the valley and its ability to be subdivided, unless specifically provided by Division of Land Exceptions in the Tulare County Zoning Ordinance.</p>	X	X				
<p>LU-2.3 Open Space Character</p> <p>The County shall require that all new development requiring a County discretionary</p>	X	X				

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<p>approval, including parcel and subdivision maps, be planned and designed to maintain the scenic open space character of open space resources including, but not limited to, agricultural areas, rangeland, riparian areas, etc., within the view corridors of highways. New development shall utilize natural landforms and vegetation in the least visually disruptive way possible and use design, construction and maintenance techniques that minimize the visibility of structures on hilltops, hillsides, ridgelines, steep slopes, and canyons.</p>						
<p>LU-2.4 Residential Agriculture Uses The County shall limit, to the extent allowed by law, residential development of lands designated for agricultural use. Only residences needed to support farming operations, agriculture, tourism, and agricultural support services shall be allowed.</p>	X	X		X		
<p>LU-2.5 Agricultural Support Facilities The County shall encourage beneficial reuse of existing or vacant agricultural support facilities for new businesses (including non-agricultural uses). The County shall require access to public roadways for all new development</p>		X				X
<p>LU-2.6 Industrial Development Other than provided in Policy LU-2.5: Agricultural Support Facilities, the County shall, and the cities should, through their industrial development policies, approve only those agriculturally-oriented or related industries and uses that can demonstrate, whether by location and/or controlled methods of operation, that they will not adversely affect agricultural production or the County’s natural resources. These uses should be located inside UDBs, HDBs, PCAs and regional growth corridors unless necessary for the support of agricultural operations or as provided in Policy LU-2.5: Agricultural Support Facilities.</p>	X	X				X
<p>LU-2.7 Timing of Conversion from Urban Reserve The following three criteria shall be used to determine when conversion of Urban Reserve designated properties to urban uses is appropriate:</p>	X	X		X		

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<p>1. The property is not subject to an agricultural preserve contract;</p> <p>2. Full urban services, schools, and infrastructure sufficient to serve urban development either are available or can be made available; and</p> <p>3. At least 30 percent of the property boundaries are contiguous to existing urban development.</p>						
<p>LU-2.8 Merger of Sub Standard Agricultural Parcels The County shall provide incentives to encourage the merger of sub-standard parcels of less than 10 acres in size located in agricultural areas, where such parcels are under common ownership.</p>	X					
<p>PF-1.1 Maintain Urban Edges The County shall strive to maintain distinct urban edges for all unincorporated communities within the valley region or foothill region, while creating a transition between urban uses and agriculture and open space.</p>			X			
<p>PF-1.2 Location of Urban Development The County shall ensure that urban development only takes place in the following areas:</p> <p>1. Within incorporated cities and CACUDBs;</p> <p>2. Within the UDBs of adjacent cities in other counties, unincorporated communities, planned community areas, and HDBs of hamlets;</p> <p>3. Within foothill development corridors as determined by procedures set forth in Foothill Growth Management Plan;</p> <p>4. Within areas set aside for urban use in the Mountain Framework Plan and the mountain sub-area plans; and</p> <p>5. Within other areas suited for non-agricultural development, as determined by the procedures set forth in the Rural Valley Lands Plan.</p>	X	X		X		
<p>PF-1.3 Land Uses in UDBs/HDBs The County shall encourage those types of urban land uses that benefit from urban services to develop within UDBs and HDBs. Permanent uses which do not benefit from urban services</p>		X		X		

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<p>shall be discouraged within these areas. This shall not apply to agricultural or agricultural support uses, including the cultivation of land or other uses accessory to the cultivation of land provided that such accessory uses are time-limited through Special Use Permit procedures.</p>						
<p>PF-1.4 Available Infrastructure</p> <p>The County shall encourage urban development to locate in existing UDBs and HDBs where infrastructure is available or may be established in conjunction with development. The County shall ensure that development does not occur unless adequate infrastructure is available, that sufficient water supplies are available or can be made available, and that there are adequate provisions for long term management and maintenance of infrastructure and identified water supplies.</p>		X				X
<p>RVLP-1.1 Development Intensity</p> <p>The County shall limit non-agricultural development in the unincorporated portions of the valley area designated for agriculture, outside of established HDBs, UDBs, and UABs, as follows:</p> <p>The County shall maintain a minimum parcel size large enough to sustain agricultural use outside UDBs.</p> <p>The County’s rules for parcel sizes shall be based on zoning, slope, local agricultural conditions, and the need to ensure the viability of agricultural operations, and residential uses in support of agricultural operations are allowed if appropriate buffers from agricultural uses are provided.</p>	X	X				X
<p>RVLP-1.2 Existing Parcels and Approvals</p> <p>The County shall consider the development of existing parcels less than the minimum required by agricultural zoning, if found to not be viable for agricultural purposes and if such development would not impinge upon current or future agricultural uses in the area.</p>	X	X				X

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<p>RVLP-1.3 Tulare County Agriculture Zones</p> <p>In order to protect and maintain the agricultural viability of the valley area, the County shall maintain several exclusive agricultural zones, each containing a different minimum parcel size. The County shall apply such zones to lands located outside adopted regional growth corridors, and UDBs, HDBs, where such boundaries have been adopted, generally below and west of the six hundred foot (600') elevation contour line as it occurs in Tulare County, except where otherwise designated by the Land Use Element of the Tulare County General Plan (Figure 1.1). The County recognizes that there may be unique circumstances under which parcels as small as ten (10) acres in size may be agricultural in nature. The County further recognizes that twenty (20) acre, forty (40) acre, and eighty (80) acre minimum parcel sizes are necessary to maintain and protect the agricultural viability of significant portions of the County. A determination as to the most appropriate minimum parcel size for a particular area shall be made on the basis of factors relevant to the protection and maintenance of existing and/or potential agricultural uses of land including, but not limited to, factors such as existing land use patterns, land capability ratings for agriculture, and the occurrence of agricultural preserves. Nothing herein is intended to prevent the application of exclusive agricultural zones developed pursuant to this policy to lands located outside the above described area.</p>	X					
<p>RVLP-1.4 Determination of Agriculture Land</p> <p>The County shall not allow development of parcels that accumulate 17 or more points according to the RVLP Development Criteria (contained in the Implementation section of this chapter). If the number of points accumulated is 11 or less, the parcel may be considered for nonagricultural zoning. A parcel receiving 12 to 16 points shall be determined to have fallen within a “gray” area in which no clear cut decision is readily apparent. In such instances, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors shall make a decision based on the unique circumstances pertaining to the particular parcel of land, including factors not covered by this system.</p>	X					
<p>Tulare County LAFCO</p>	X		X			

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Tulare County Animal Confinement Facilities Plan	X			X		X
<p>SB 375</p> <p>Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Element</p> <p>MPO's must</p> <p>Identify:</p> <p>Uses for various locations, residential densities, building intensities, areas sufficient to house entire population, and transportation networks</p> <p>Consider:</p> <p>Best scientific information on resource and farming lands, state housing goals, and spheres of influence adopted by LAFCOs</p>	X	X	X	X		

Comparison of Regional Blueprint Principles/Concepts/Goals with the Tulare County 2030 General Plan Policies

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Blueprint Principles/Concepts/Goals	Existing 2030 General Plan Policies that Address these Principles/Concepts/Goals													
Range of Housing Opportunities & Choices	PF-5.1	PF-5.2	LU-1.1	LU-2.4	LU-3.3	LU-3.4	LU-3.7	HE-1.11	HE-1.12	HE-1.13	HE-1.14	HE-1.16	HE-1.21	HE-1.22
	HE-1.31	HE-1.32	HE-1.33	HE-1.34	HE-1.41	HE-1.42	HE-1.51	HE-1.52	HE-1.53	HE-1.54	HE-1.55	HE-3.15	HE-3.23	
Walkable Neighborhoods	PF-2.1	PF-5.2	LU-1.1	LU-4.1	LU-6.1	LU-7.3	LU-7.4	LU-7.7	LU-7.11	LU-7.12	LU-7.13	ED-6.1	ED-6.3	ED-6.4
	ED-6.6	ED-6.7	SL-3.1	SL-4.3	AQ-2.2	HS-9.2	TC-4.4							
Community & Stakeholder Collaboration	PF-1.9	PF-2.3	PF-2.5	PF-4.1	PF-4.2	PF-4.4	PF-4.8	PF-4.13	PF-4.16	PF-4.18	PF-4.19	PF-4.20	PF-4.21	PF-4.22
	PF-4.23	PF-4.24	PF-4.25	PF-4.26	PF-4.27	PF-5.2	PF-6.1	PF-6.2	PF-6.3	PF-6.5	PF-6.6	PF-6.7	AG-1.2	LU-6.4
	ED-1.2	ED-1.4	ED-1.5	ED-1.6	ED-5.14	ERM-1.9	ERM-1.10	ERM-4.3	ERM-4.4	ERM-4.5	ERM-5.4	ERM-5.5	ERM-5.11	ERM-5.14
	ERM-5.16	ERM-5.18	ERM-5.19	ERM-6.7	ERM-6.8	AQ-1.1	AQ-1.2	AQ-2.1	HS-7.1	HS-7.2	WR-1.1	WR-2.2	WR-3.2	WR-3.12
	WR-3.13	TC-1.3	TC-1.12	TC-4.5	PFS-1.16	PFS-8.1	PFS-8.2	FGMP-1.4	M-1.4	M-1.19	M-1.21	M-1.22	M-1.23	M-1.24
Distinctive/Attractive Communities	PF-1.1	PF-1.2	PF-1.3	PF-2.1	PF-2.8	PF-3.1	PF-4.1	PF-5.1	PF-5.2	PF-6.4	LU-1.1	LU-1.9	LU-3.4	LU-3.6
	LU-4.2	LU-4.5	LU-4.6	LU-5.2	LU-5.3	LU-5.4	LU-5.6	LU-6.1	LU-6.2	LU-7.2	LU-7.3	LU-7.4	LU-7.6	LU-7.7
	LU-7.8	LU-7.9	LU-7.10	LU-7.11	LU-7.12	LU-7.13	LU-7.14	ED-6.1	ED-6.3	ED-6.4	ED-6.6	ED-6.7	SL-1.2	SL-1.3
	SL-2.1	SL-2.2	SL-2.3	SL-2.4	SL-2.5	SL-2.6	SL-3.1	SL-3.4	SL-4.1	SL-4.2	SL-4.3	ERM-2.8	ERM-3.2	ERM-4.2
	ERM-5.1	ERM-5.2	HS-9.2	PFS-6.3	FGMP-1.5	FGMP-8.16	FGMP-8.17	M-1.1	M-1.7	M-1.27	M-1.28			
Sense of Place	PF-2.6	PF-2.8	PF-3.6	PF-5.1	PF-5.2	LU-1.1	LU-2.3	LU-2.4	LU-3.4	LU-4.1	LU-4.2	LU-4.5	LU-4.6	LU-5.4
	LU-5.6	LU-6.1	LU-7.2	LU-7.3	LU-7.4	LU-7.5	LU-7.7	LU-7.9	LU-7.10	LU-7.11	LU-7.12	LU-7.13	LU-7.14	ED-6.1
	ED-6.3	ED-6.4	ED-6.6	ED-6.7	SL-1.1	SL-1.2	SL-1.3	SL-2.1	SL-2.2	SL-2.3	SL-2.5	SL-2.6	SL-3.1	SL-3.4
	SL-4.1	SL-4.2	SL-4.3	ERM-4.2	ERM-5.1	ERM-5.2	HS-9.1	HS-9.2	FGMP-8.16	FGMP-8.17	FGMP-8.18	M-1.1	M-1.27	M-1.28
Decisions Predictable, Fair & Cost Effective	PF-1.4	PF-2.6	PF-4.1	PF-4.5	LU-1.6	LU-2.2	M-1.25							
Mix Land Uses	PF-2.6	PF-3.4	PF-5.1	PF-5.2	LU-1.1	LU-1.2	LU-4.1	LU-6.1	ED-6.1	ED-6.3	ED-6.4	ED-6.7	SL-3.2	SL-4.3
	AQ-2.2	AQ-3.1	AQ-3.2	AQ-3.6	TC-4.4	M-1.10								
Preserve Opens Space, Farmland, Nat. Beauty	PF-1.2	PF-2.1	PF-3.1	PF-4.1	PF-4.6	PF-4.11	PF-5.2	AG-1.1	AG-1.3	AG-1.6	AG-1.9	AG-1.10	AG-1.11	AG-1.12
	LU-1.1	LU-1.8	LU-2.1	LU-2.2	LU-2.3	LU-2.4	LU-2.6	LU-3.4	LU-3.5	LU-6.1	LU-7.2	LU-7.9	SL-1.1	SL-1.2
	SL-1.3	SL-2.1	SL-2.2	SL-2.3	SL-2.4	SL-2.5	SL-4.2	SL-4.3	ERM-1.8	ERM-2.7	ERM-3.1	ERM-5.1	ERM-5.2	ERM-5.5
	ERM-5.7	ERM-5.15	TC-1.2	RVLP-1.1	RVLP-1.2	RVLP-1.3	RVLP-1.4	FGMP-1.2	FGMP-1.5	FGMP-1.11	FGMP-3.1	FGMP-5.1	FGMP-6.1	FGMP-6.2
	FGMP-6.3	FGMP-6.4	FGMP-6.5	FGMP-8.16	FGMP-8.17	FGMP-8.18	FGMP-8.19	M-1.1	M-1.6	M-1.9	M-1.11	M-1.13	M-1.16	M-1.20

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Preserve Critical Environmental Areas	PF-1.2	PF-2.1	PF-3.1	PF-4.1	PF-5.2	AG-1.1	AG-1.12	LU-1.1	LU-1.8	LU-2.6	LU-3.4	LU-7.2	LU-7.9	SL-1.3
	SL-2.1	SL-3.2	ERM-1.1	ERM-1.2	ERM-1.3	ERM-1.4	ERM-1.5	ERM-1.6	ERM-1.7	ERM-1.8	ERM-1.12	ERM-1.13	ERM-1.14	ERM-2.7
	ERM-3.1	ERM-5.15	FGMP-4.1	FGMP-7.3	FGMP-8.1	FGMP-8.5	FGMP-8.12	FGMP-8.14	M-1.1	M-1.6	M-1.11	M-1.13	M-1.20	M-1.29
Variety of Transportation Choices	PF-5.2	LU-1.1	LU-6.1	LU-7.3	LU-7.4	LU-7.7	ED-2.13	ED-2.14	ED-3.5	ED-5.9	ED-6.5	SL-3.1	SL-4.3	AQ-2.2
	AQ-2.3	AQ-2.4	AQ-2.5	AQ-3.2	AQ-3.3	AQ-3.6	HS-9.2	TC-1.6	TC-1.7	TC-1.18	TC-2.1	TC-2.2	TC-2.3	TC-2.4
	TC-2.5	TC-2.6	TC-3.1	TC-3.2	TC-3.3	TC-3.4	TC-3.7	TC-4.1	TC-4.2	TC-4.3	TC-4.4	TC-4.6	TC-4.7	TC-5.1
	TC-5.2	TC-5.3	TC-5.4	TC-5.5	TC-5.6	TC-5.7	TC-5.8	TC-5.9						
Direct Dev. Toward Existing Communities	PF-1.2	PF-1.3	PF-2.1	PF-3.1	PF-4.1	PF-4.6	LU-1.1	LU-1.8	LU-2.6	LU-7.11	LU-7.12	LU-7.13	ED-6.1	ED-6.3
	ED-6.4	ED-6.6	ED-6.7	SL-4.3	ERM-5.1	ERM-5.15	AQ-2.2	AQ-3.1	AQ-3.2	PFS-1.1	PFS-1.15	PFS-8.5	FGMP-2.1	M-1.7
Compact Building Design	PF-5.1	PF-5.2	LU-1.1	LU-1.8	LU-3.4	LU-3.6	LU-4.1	LU-4.2	LU-7.11	LU-7.12	LU-7.13	ED-6.1	ED-6.3	ED-6.4
	ED-6.6	ED-6.7	SL-4.3	ERM-1.3	ERM-5.1	ERM-5.15	AQ-2.2	AQ-3.1	AQ-3.2	HS-6.4	HS-9.2	TC-4.4	PFS-8.5	FGMP-1.6
	FGMP-3.1	FGMP-6.5	FGMP-8.16	FGMP-8.17	FGMP-8.18	M-1.1	M-1.27							
Enhance Economic Vitality of Region	PF-4.22	PF-4.23	AG-1.1	AG-1.13	AG-1.14	AG-2.1	AG-2.2	AG-2.5	AG-2.6	AG-2.7	AG-2.9	AG-2.10	LU-2.5	LU-4.3
	LU-4.4	LU-5.1	LU-5.2	LU-5.7	ED-1.1	ED-1.2	ED-1.3	ED-1.4	ED-1.5	ED-1.6	ED-1.7	ED-1.8	ED-2.1	ED-2.2
	ED-2.3	ED-2.4	ED-2.5	ED-2.6	ED-2.7	ED-2.8	ED-2.9	ED-2.10	ED-2.11	ED-2.12	ED-2.13	ED-2.14	ED-3.1	ED-3.2
	ED-3.3	ED-3.4	ED-3.5	ED-3.7	ED-3.8	ED-3.9	ED-3.10	ED-4.1	ED-4.2	ED-4.3	ED-4.4	ED-4.6	ED-4.7	ED-5.1
	ED-5.2	ED-5.3	ED-5.4	ED-5.5	ED-5.6	ED-5.7	ED-5.8	ED-5.9	ED-5.10	ED-5.11	ED-5.12	ED-5.13	ED-6.2	ED-6.3
	ED-6.4	ED-6.6	ED-6.7	ERM-1.11	ERM-2.1	ERM-2.2	ERM-2.3	ERM-2.4	ERM-2.5	ERM-2.6	ERM-5.9	HS-8.1	C-1.4	C-1.6
Encourage Env. Resource Management	PF-1.2	PF-2.1	PF-3.1	PF-4.1	PF-5.2	AG-1.1	AG-1.12	AG-1.15	AG-1.7	AG-2.11	LU-1.1	LU-1.8	LU-2.4	LU-2.6
	LU-3.1	LU-3.2	LU-3.4	LU-3.5	LU-4.2	LU-7.11	LU-7.12	LU-7.13	LU-7.15	LU-7.16	LU-7.17	SL-4.3	ERM-1.8	ERM-1.14
	ERM-2.1	ERM-2.2	ERM-2.3	ERM-2.4	ERM-2.5	ERM-2.6	ERM-2.7	ERM-2.8	ERM-2.9	ERM-2.10	ERM-2.11	ERM-2.12	ERM-2.13	ERM-3.1
	ERM-3.4	ERM-3.5	ERM-4.1	ERM-4.2	ERM-4.3	ERM-4.4	ERM-4.5	ERM-4.6	ERM-5.1	ERM-5.5	ERM-5.7	ERM-5.9	ERM-5.15	ERM-5.17
	ERM-5.20	ERM-6.1	ERM-6.2	ERM-6.3	ERM-6.4	ERM-6.5	ERM-6.6	ERM-6.7	ERM-7.1	ERM-7.2	ERM-7.3	AQ-1.3	AQ-1.4	AQ-3.5
	AQ-4.1	HS-5.2	HS-5.11	HS-6.8	WR-1.2	WR-1.3	WR-1.4	WR-1.8	WR-2.1	WR-2.6	WR-2.7	WR-2.8	WR-3.1	WR-3.3
	WR-3.4	WR-3.5	WR-3.6	WR-3.7	WR-3.9	WR-3.10	PFS-2.1	FGMP-1.7	FGMP-1.10	FGMP-8.5	FGMP-8.9	FGMP-8.16	FGMP-8.17	FGMP-9.1
	M-1.11	M-1.12	M-1.13	M-1.18	M-1.29									

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AB 453 (Mullin D) Sustainable communities.

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Summary: The Strategic Growth Council is required to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning agency, city, county, or joint powers authority for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. This bill would make a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance for those planning purposes.

Position: Sponsor

Subject: Sustainable Community Plans

CALAFCO Comments: This would allow LAFCoS to apply directly for grants that support the preparation of sustainable community strategies and other planning efforts.

AB 678 (Gordon D) Health care districts: community health needs assessment.

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Introduced: 2/21/2013

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Status: 4/16/2013-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/24/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GVT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Would require that the health care district conduct an assessment, every 5 years, of the community's health needs and provide opportunities for public input. Commencing January 1, 2019, the bill would require the annual reports to address the progress made in meeting the community's health needs in the context of the assessment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Service Reviews/Spheres

CALAFCO Comments: This bill requires Health Care Districts that do not operate their own hospital facilities to create every 5 years, an assessment of the community health needs with public input. The bill requires LAFCoS to include in a Municipal Service Review (MSR) the Health Care District's 5-year assessment.

AB 743 (Logue R) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Current Text: Amended: 4/3/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 4/3/2013

Status: 4/22/2013-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 4/25/2013 #52 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 authorizes a local agency formation commission to approve, after notice and hearing, a petition for a change of organization or reorganization of a city, if the petition was initiated on or after January 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2014, and waive protest proceedings entirely if certain requirements are met. This provision applies only to territory that does not exceed 150 acres. This Bill would delete the January 1, 2014, date and make conforming changes. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Support

Subject: Annexation Proceedings, CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill removes the sunset date provision to waive protest proceedings for certain island annexations. The size of the island areas for the purposes of annexation under this provision has been amended back to 150 acres.

Unincorporated islands are more costly and inefficient for counties to administer as opposed to the local municipality. A sunset date was initially established on this ability to encourage the use of the provision and was extended to allow cities and LAFCoS additional time to implement island annexation programs. The unforeseen economic downturn over the past five years has significantly hampered the initial progress, and with the sunset ready to expire at the beginning of next year, cities and LAFCoS have yet to complete the work that the law intended them to do. Over the twelve year period since the law was established, hundreds of islands have been annexed, yet hundreds more remain.

Additionally, the bill was amended to reset the effective island creation date from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2014 thus allowing smaller islands of less than 150 acres created after 2000 to be annexed under these provisions. Many of these current islands remained as remnants of larger substantially surrounded island areas that had irregular boundaries or were affected by the annexation of territory for newer development.

AB 1427 (Committee on Local Government) Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Current Text: Introduced: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 4/1/2013

Status: 4/4/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 5/8/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GVT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (act), provides the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would specify that the definition excludes any independent special district having a legislative body consisting, in whole or in part, of ex officio members who are officers of a county or another local agency or who are appointees of those officers other than those who are appointed to fixed terms. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Sponsor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Omnibus bill.

SB 56 (Roth D) Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 4/23/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/7/2013

Last Amended: 4/23/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Calendar: 5/8/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary: Would, for the 2013-14 fiscal year, provide for a new vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as specified. This bill would also, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, provide for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount for certain cities incorporating after a specified date, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: This bill reinstates revenues through ERAF (backfilled by the state general Fund) for cities incorporating after 2005 and annexations of inhabited territories.

SB 772 (Emmerson R) Drinking water.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Status: 4/10/2013-Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Would require the State Department of Public Health or the local health agency, where applicable, annually to provide the address and telephone number for each public water system and state small water system to the Public Utilities Commission and, as prescribed, to a local agency formation commission. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Oppose

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Service Reviews/Spheres

CALAFCO Comments: Requires LAFCos as part of a MSR, to request information from identified public or private entities that provide wholesale or retail supply of drinking water, including the identification of any retail water suppliers within or contiguous to the responding entity. Further requires LAFCos to provide a copy of the SOI review for retail private and public water suppliers to the Public Utilities Commission and the state department of Public Health.

AB 21 (Alejo D) Safe Drinking Water Small Community Emergency Grant Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 2/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/3/2012

Last Amended: 2/14/2013

Status: 4/10/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Public Health to assess a specified annual charge in lieu of interest on loans for water projects made pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and deposit that money into the Safe Drinking Water Small Community Emergency Grant Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury. The bill would authorize the department to expend the money for grants for

specified water projects that serve disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities, thereby making an appropriation.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities

AB 37 (Perea D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.

Current Text: Amended: 3/18/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/3/2012

Last Amended: 3/18/2013

Status: 4/16/2013-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 15). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Would require, until January 1, 2017, for specified projects or upon the request of a project applicant and the consent of the lead agency, that the lead agency among other things, prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs, or other environmental documents for specified projects. Because the bill would require, for specified projects, a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings as provided, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

AB 115 (Perea D) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2013

Status: 4/18/2013-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Summary: Would authorize the State Department of Public Health to fund projects, by grant, loan, or a combination of the two, where multiple water systems apply for funding as a single applicant for the purpose of consolidating water systems or extending services to households relying on private wells, as specified. The bill would authorize funding of a project to benefit a disadvantaged community that is not the applying agency. By authorizing the use of a continuously appropriated fund for new purposes, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

AB 194 (Campos D) Open meetings: protections for public criticism: penalties for violations.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/28/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/28/2013

Status: 4/18/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Would make it a misdemeanor for a member of a legislative body, while acting as the chairperson of a legislative body of a local agency, to prohibit public criticism protected under the Ralph M. Brown Act. This bill would authorize a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency in violation of the protection for public criticism is null and void, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Prohibits legislative body from preventing public criticism of the policies, procedures, programs, or services of the agency, or other acts or omissions of the legislative body. Creates new misdemeanor crime.

AB 543 (Campos D) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.

Current Text: Amended: 4/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amended: 4/22/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Calendar: 4/29/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NAT. RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

Summary: Would require a lead agency to translate, as specified, certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act and a summary of any negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when the impacted community has a substantial number of non-English-speaking

people, as defined. By requiring a lead agency to translate these notices and documents, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: Requires a lead agency to translate certain notices, summary of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when the impacted community has 5% or more non-English speaking people affected by the project. The requirement is to translate these notices and summaries in the native language of those impacted. This is an unfunded mandate. While LAFCo is not typically the lead agency, there may be an occasion when they are, and this could have significant resource implications.

AB 823 (Eggman D) Environment: California Farmland Protection Act.

Current Text: Amended: 4/23/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 4/23/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.

Calendar: 4/29/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NAT. RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

Summary: Would enact the California Farmland Protection Act, which would require that a lead agency reviewing a development project, as defined, require that all feasible mitigation of the identified significant environmental impacts associated with the conversion of agricultural lands be completed by the project applicant, as prescribed, and would require the lead agency to consider the permanent protection or replacement of agricultural land as feasible mitigation for identified significant effects on agricultural land caused by a development project. By imposing new duties on a lead agency with regard to the review and approval of the mitigation measures required by the act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Ag/Open Space Protection, CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: Adds a requirement for lead agencies to require certain mitigation measures for projects that convert ag lands for non-ag land use. These mitigation measures at a minimum require providing replacement acreage in perpetuity to preserve ag land and ensure the sustainability of ag production capacity.

AB 1235 (Gordon D) Local agencies: financial management training.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Status: 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 5/1/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GVT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Would require that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, all local agency officials, except a member whose term of office ends before January 1, 2015, in local agency service as of January 1, 2014, or thereafter receive training in financial management, as specified. This bill would provide that if any entity develops criteria for the financial management training, then the Treasurer's office and the Controller's office shall be consulted regarding any proposed course content. Because this bill would impose new duties on local governments, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, salary, or stipend to, or reimburses the expenses of, a member of the legislative body, the member shall receive one-4 hour state mandated Financial Management training per term of office. Effective January 1, 2014 for those in office as of that date (whose term of office extends beyond January 1, 2015). Those elected to more than one legislative body may take the training one time and have it apply to all legislative bodies on which they serve. This would apply to a LAFCo Commissioner who receives a stipend or is reimbursed for expenses in the performance of their Commissioner duties.

AB 1248 (Cooley D) Local agencies: internal control guidelines.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Status: 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/24/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GVT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Would require the Controller, on or before January 1, 2015, to develop internal control guidelines applicable to a local agency, as defined, to prevent and detect financial errors and fraud, based on specified standards and with input from any local agency and organizations representing the interests of local agencies. This bill would require a local agency to comply with the guidelines established by the Controller, starting on January 1, 2016. By mandating local agencies to comply with new internal control guidelines established by the Controller, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: LAFCo Administration

SB 167 (Gaines R) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2013

Status: 2/14/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

SB 181 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/6/2013

Status: 4/11/2013-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 182 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/6/2013

Status: 4/11/2013-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 183 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/6/2013

Status: 3/21/2013-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Summary: This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: One of three acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 617 (Evans D) California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 4/1/2013

Status: 4/12/2013-Set for hearing May 1.

Calendar: 5/1/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: Would require specified notices to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on which the notices were actually posted. By expanding the services provided by the lead agency and the county clerk, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: This bill makes a number of substantive changes including:(1)expanding the definition of "environment" relating to an EIR such that the health and safety of people affected by the physical conditions at the location of a project must also be considered;(2)enhances the definition of "significant effect on the environment" by including exposure of people, either directly or indirectly, to substantial existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazard or adverse condition of the environment;(3)requires concurrent online filing of notices in a database maintained by the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and with the office of the County Clerk in which the project is located. Further, any time periods or limitation periods will begin at the time of the later filing of the two offices.(4)Adds to the EIR a requirement to address any significant effects that may result from locating development near, or attracting people to, existing or reasonably foreseeable natural hazards or adverse environmental conditions.

AB 168 (Wilk R) Local government finance: vehicle license fee revenues: allocations.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/24/2013

Status: 1/25/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee February 24.

Summary: Under existing law, the Controller is required to allocate vehicle license fee revenues in the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account according to a specified order, with moneys allocated on or after July 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2011, first to the County of Orange, next to each city and county meeting specified criteria, and on or after July 1, 2011, to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account in the Local Revenue Fund, for allocation to cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

AB 262 (Waldron R) Local government: organization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/7/2013

Status: 2/8/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organization, including, among other things, that it is the policy of the state to encourage orderly growth and development, and recognition that the logical formation and determination of the boundaries of local agencies is an important factor in promoting orderly development, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

AB 380 (Dickinson D) California Environmental Quality Act: notice requirements

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2013

Status: 4/2/2013-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 6. Noes 2.) (April 1). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 5/1/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GVT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Would require the above mentioned notices to be filed with both the Office of Planning and Research and the county clerk and be posted by county clerk for public review. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices within one business day, as defined, of receipt and stamp on the notice the date on

which the notices were actually posted. The bill would require the county clerk to post the notices for at least 30 days. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to post the notices on a publicly available online database established and maintained by the office. The bill would require the office to stamp the notices with the date on which the notices were actually posted for online review and would require the notices to be posted for at least 30 days. The bill would authorize the office to charge an administrative fee not to exceed \$10 per notice filed. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

AB 495 (Campos D) Community investment.

Current Text: Amended: 3/21/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amended: 3/21/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Would establish the California Community Investment Initiative within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic development. The initiative would be governed by a 13 member oversight board comprised of 6 citizens appointed by the Governor, 4 members of the Legislature, the Treasurer, the Controller, and the Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities

CALAFCO Comments: Establishes the California Community Investment Initiative focused on serving low income communities through developing community development strategies.

AB 515 (Dickinson D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: judicial review.

Current Text: Amended: 3/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amended: 3/11/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Would establish a CEQA compliance division of the superior court in a county in which the Attorney General maintains an office and would vest the division with original jurisdiction over actions of proceedings brought pursuant to CEQA and joined matters related to land use and environmental laws. The bill would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules for establishing, among other things, protocol to govern the administration and efficient operation of the division, so that those judges assigned to the division will be able to hear and quickly resolve those actions or proceedings. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill establishes a CEQA compliance division of the superior court in certain counties. This court has original jurisdiction over all CEQA compliance and joined matters related to land use and environmental laws. Reviews of the decisions made by this court are done through a petition for an extraordinary writ. This bill also adds that actions or proceedings filed with alleged grounds for noncompliance require enough specificity for the public agency to reasonably respond.

AB 629 (Wilk R) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Status: 2/21/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: Current law authorizes various local entities to adopt rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of those entities. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address the effect of the adoption of rules, regulations, ordinances, or requirements by local entities on the public and other local entities within the same jurisdiction.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: LAFCo Administration

AB 642 (Rendon D) Publication: newspaper of general circulation: Internet Web site.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Status: 3/11/2013- Referred to Com. on JUD.

Summary: Current law requires that various types of notices are provided in a newspaper of general circulation. Current law requires a newspaper of general circulation to meet certain criteria, including, among others, that it be published and have a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in the city, district, or judicial district in which it is seeking adjudication. This bill would provide that a newspaper that is available on an Internet Web site may also qualify as a newspaper of general circulation, provided that newspaper meets certain criteria.

Position: None at this time

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Allows for posting of agendas and meeting material on newspaper websites.

AB 690 (Campos D) Jobs and infrastructure financing districts: voter approval.

Current Text: Amended: 4/9/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 4/9/2013

Status: 4/16/2013- In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Summary: Would revise and recast the provisions governing infrastructure financing districts and instead provide for the creation of jobs and infrastructure financing districts (JIDs) without voter approval, and would make various conforming changes. The bill would authorize a public financing authority to enter into joint powers agreements with affected taxing entities with regard to nontaxing authority or powers only. The bill would authorize a district to implement hazardous cleanup pursuant to the Polanco Redevelopment Act, as specified. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: Watch

AB 774 (Donnelly R) County service areas: zone dissolution.

Current Text: Amended: 3/19/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 3/19/2013

Status: 4/18/2013- From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 6. Noes 2.) (April 17). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Calendar: 5/7/2013 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary: Would require the county board of supervisors, upon dissolution of a county service area or a specified zone, to post signs indicating which services and facilities are no longer provided within the zone and require the board to provide adequate maintenance to the signs. This bill would provide that, once the signs are posted, the county and the dissolved zone shall not be held liable for death or injury resulting from the termination of services or facilities. This bill would also provide that the county, county service area, and zones would not be responsible for a loss or injury resulting from the failure to provide maintenance of services or facilities if the board is unable to raise revenues.

Position: Watch

AB 792 (Mullin D) Local government: open meetings.

Current Text: Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 4/1/2013

Status: 4/8/2013- Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Calendar: 4/25/2013 #25 ASSEMBLY ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE

Summary: The Ralph M. Brown Act requires the legislative body of a local agency to post, at least 72 hours before the meeting, an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at a regular meeting, in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, and to provide a notice containing similar information with respect to a special meeting at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting. This bill, if the local agency is unable to post the agenda or notice on its Internet Web site because of software or hardware, or network services impairment beyond the local agency's reasonable control, would require the local agency to post the agenda or notice immediately upon resolution of the technological problems. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Public Records Act

CALAFCO Comments: Relates to public agencies who post their meeting information on their website pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act. In the instances where they are unable to post the agenda on the website in the prescribed timeframe due to technology difficulties, the agency is required to post the meeting agenda and information on the website as soon as the technological difficulties are resolved.

AB 966 (Bonta D) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Status: 2/25/2013-Read first time.

Summary:

Current law generally regulates the governance of cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Government Code.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

AB 1237 (Garcia D) Local government finance.

Current Text: Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 4/1/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-Action: Set for hearing. Next hearing on 5/1/2013.

Calendar: 5/1/2013 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GVT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary: Would specifically require the Controller to prescribe uniform accounting procedures for cities, conforming to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, and in consultation with the Committee on City Accounting Procedures, which would be created by the bill. The bill would specify the composition of the committee. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Establishes uniform accounting practices for special districts and cities.

AB 1244 (Bradford D) Williamson Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Status: 2/25/2013-Read first time.

Summary: Current law establishes the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, otherwise known as the Williamson Act, for purposes of preserving agricultural land within the state. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.

Current Text: Amended: 4/9/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/6/2013

Last Amended: 4/9/2013

Status: 4/19/2013-Set for hearing April 29.

Calendar: 4/29/2013 11 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROP., DE LEÓN, Chair

Summary: Current law, the Public Cemetery District Law, defines the term "family member" for purposes of that law to include, among others, a person's spouse. This bill would additionally include within the definition of "family member" a person's domestic partner, and would define the term "domestic partner," as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position: None at this time

SB 268 (Gaines R) Political Reform Act of 1974.

Current Text: Amended: 3/18/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2013

Last Amended: 3/18/2013

Status: 4/9/2013-Set for hearing April 30.

Calendar: 4/30/2013 1:30 p.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, CORREA, Chair

Summary: The Political Reform Act of 1974 requires candidates and committees to file specified campaign finance reports, including semiannual statements, preelection statements, supplemental preelection statements, and late contribution reports, that include prescribed campaign finance information. This bill would repeal the requirements to file these reports and would, instead, require that a candidate or committee who makes or receives a contribution of \$100 or more to report that contribution to specified filing officers within 24 hours of receiving the contribution. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

SB 359 (Corbett D) Environment: CEQA exemption: housing projects.

Current Text: Amended: 4/1/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amended: 4/1/2013

Status: 4/12/2013-Set for hearing May 1.

Calendar: 5/1/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: CEQA also requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would instead exempt as "residential" a use consisting of residential units and neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses that do not exceed 25% of the total building square footage of the project. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: This bill would exempt as "residential" a use consisting of residential units and neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses that do not exceed 25% of the total building square footage of the project.

SB 436 (Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: notice.

Current Text: Amended: 4/3/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 4/3/2013

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Calendar: 5/1/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: Would require a lead agency to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for the specified projects and to provide notice to the specified entities of at least one public scoping meeting. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: Requires lead agencies to conduct at least one public scoping meeting for proposed projects and increases notification requirements for lead agencies.

SB 633 (Pavley D) CEQA.

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Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 4/11/2013

Status: 4/12/2013-Set for hearing May 1.

Calendar: 5/1/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act prohibits a lead agency or responsible agency from requiring a subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report (EIR) when an EIR has been prepared for a project pursuant to its provisions, unless one or more of specified events occurs, including, among other things, that new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the EIR was certified as complete, becomes available. This bill would specifically require that the new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the EIR was certified as complete.

Position: None at this time

Subject: CEQA

SB 731 (Steinberg D) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act and sustainable communities strategy.

Current Text: Amended: 4/23/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 4/23/2013

Status: 4/23/2013-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Would provide that aesthetic impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project, as defined, within a transit priority area, as defined, shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and propose, and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise, and for the transportation and parking impacts of residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center projects within transit priority areas. The bill would require the lead agency, in making specified findings, to make those findings available to the public at least 15 days prior to the approval of the proposed project and to provide specified notice of the availability of the findings for public review. Because the bill would require the lead agency to make the draft finding available for public review and to provide specified notices to the public, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: CEQA

SB 739 (Calderon D) Environmental quality.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Status: 3/11/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that definition. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: CEQA

SCA 11 (Hancock D) Local government: special taxes: voter approval.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/25/2013

Status: 4/10/2013-Set for hearing May 15.

Calendar: 5/15/2013 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary: The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property. This measure would instead condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position: Watch