



TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO MEETING AGENDA April 2, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING 2800 West Burrel Avenue Visalia CA 93291

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

ALTERNATES:
Mike Ennis
Janet Hinesly
Dennis Mederos

EXECUTIVE OFFICER:
Ben Giuliani

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2014 (Pages 1-4)

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. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy

1. The Draft of the 2014 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) /Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) was released for a 55-day Public Review on March 20, 2014. The Tulare County Association of Governments will provide a summary of the RTP/SCS. The 2014 RTP/SCS is a long-term coordinated transportation /land use strategy to meet Tulare County transportation needs out to the year 2040.

V. New Action Items

1. Public Member Selection (Page 5-8)
[No Public Hearing]Recommended Action: Select Public Member

The application period for the Public Member closed on March 12,2014. Four applications were received. The Public Member Selection Committee will update and/or make a recommendation to the Commission.

2. 2014/2015 Preliminary Budget and Work Program (Pages 9-34)
[Public Hearing].....Recommended Action: Approval

Pursuant to GC 56381, the Commission must adopt a proposed budget and work program, for the following fiscal year, by May 1. The Commission must also decide the

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amount of surplus funds; if any, it would like to apply in order to offset the contribution from the County's eight cities and Tulare County. All expenditures and revenues are itemized on a single spreadsheet and the work program provides further detail on how these expenditures and revenues will be allotted during the fiscal year. A spreadsheet illustrating different contribution scenarios is also included.

3. *Amendment to Policy C-2.9 (Waiver of Public Notice & Hearing) and Policy B-2 (Processing Fees) (Pages 35-38)*
[No Public Hearing].....Recommended Action: Approval

Enclosed is a proposed amended policy that would reduce fees for changes of organization that qualify for a waiver of public notice and hearing.

4. *Cancellation of May 2014 Meeting (No Page)*
[No Public Hearing].....Recommended Action: Approval

There are no actions items scheduled for the May, 2014 meeting. If the Commission elects to cancel the May, 2014 meeting, the next regularly scheduled meeting would be June 4, 2014.

VI. Executive Officer's Report

1. *Legislative Update (Pages 39-44)*

Attached are the various state bills that are being tracked by CALAFCO. Changes in bill status since the last Commission meeting will be discussed.

2. *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 Update (45-46)*

Attached is the March 2014 CALAFCO Quarterly Report.

2. *Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas (No Page)*

IX. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

1. May 7, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M. or June 4, 2014 @ 2:00 P.M. (if the May meeting is cancelled) in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building.

X. Adjournment

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Agenda Summary

Item No.

- II. Please see enclosed March 5, 2014 meeting minutes.*
- V.1 Please see enclosed memo regarding the Public Member Selection*
- V.2 Please see enclosed Preliminary Budget and Wor Program*
- V.3 Please see enclosed memo regarding proposed amendment to poilcy*
- V.4 No enclosure for this item*
- VI.1 Please see enclosed CALAFCO Legislative Report*
- VI.2 No enclosure for this item*
- VII. No enclosure for this item*
- VIII. Please see enclosed CALAFCO Quarterly Report*

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TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the Meeting
March 5, 2014

Members Present: Steve Worthley, Juliet Allen, Cameron Hamilton

Members Absent: Allen Ishida, Rudy Mendoza

Alternates Present: Dennis Mederos

Alternates Absent: Mike Ennis, Janet Hinesly

Staff Present: Ben Giuliani, Cynthia Echavarria, Doreen Alvez, Andrea Apolinario

Counsel Present: Barbara Grunwald

I. Call to Order

Chair Worthley called the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. on March 5, 2014.

II. Approval of the March 5, 2014 Minutes:

Upon motion by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, the Commission unanimously approved the February 5, 2014 meeting minutes.

III. Public Comment Period

Public comment period opened at 2:03 p.m. and closed at 2:04 p.m. There were no public comments.

IV. New Action Items

1. Public Member Selection Committee

Staff Analyst Echavarria stated at the last LAFCO meeting an overview on the process to appoint a public member to the LAFCO Committee was given, and provided an updated status of how staff circulated the announcement, in accordance with the Tulare County LAFCO Policies and Procedures.

Staff Analyst Echavarria provided a recommendation to the commission to select the committee members for the public member selection committee.

Commissioner Hamilton made the motion for Supervisor Ishida and Commissioner Mendoza to the selection committee.

After discussion amongst the commission, Chair Worthley requested the motion to be amended for the selection committee to be Chair Worthley and Commissioner Hamilton.

Upon motion by Commission Hamilton and seconded by Chair Worthley, the Commission unanimously approved the Public Member Selection Committee.

V. Executive Officer's Report

1. Draft Amendment to Policy C-2.9 (Waiver of Public Notice & Hearing) and Policy B-2 (Processing Fees)

Executive Officer (EO) Giuliani provided that the amended policy is a proposed policy that would reduce fees for change of organization that qualified for a regular public notice and hearing, and highlighted changes the State made regarding changes of organization which qualify for waiver of the public notice and hearing. Executive Officer Giuliani highlighted the changes made to the policy, which reflect the State's changes and highlighted the requirements for a waiver of public notice and hearing.

Commissioners discussed aspects of the policy, the requirements of developed land, not adding additional levels of restrictions in the policy, and special district purpose of requesting a waiver.

Chair Worthley requested consideration of adding flexibility to the policy regarding changes of organization involving developed land that have special circumstances that may also qualify for a waiver of public notice and hearing.

EO Giuliani indicated that the flexibility would be added into the draft policy and would be brought back at the next meeting.

2. Legislative Update

Executive Officer Giuliani highlighted the first Legislative Report from CALAFCO on the 17 bills being tracked, and stated the bills tracked is expected to increase over time. EO Giuliani stated that the report also shows two-year bills being considered from last year.

Commissioners discussed aspects and concerns of the various bills presented in the CALAFCO report.

3. Upcoming Projects

Executive Officer Giuliani highlighted that TCAG would be providing a presentation to the commission on the Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), the Draft Amendment Policy C-2.9 to be brought back for action by the commission, and the pre-budget that will be reviewed for consideration.

VI. Correspondence

Executive Officer Giuliani introduced the newest member Andrea Apolinario, Office Assistant to the TCAG/LAFCO staff.

VIII. Other Business

1. Commissioner Report

Commissioner Allen provided a CALAFCO update, which highlighted the increase in dues, Annual Conference in October 15-17 in Ontario and the theme "Building Bridges", the internal projects currently in development, the role of a Joint Power Authority (JPA), the workshop on building board capacity, the informal committee to review: disincorporation's, JPA's, protest provisions, tax revenue sharing agreements, and highlighted the efforts that CALAFCO put

into the agreement on the language for Government Code §56133 and the legislative issues that CALAFCO would be reviewing.

Chair Worthley provided a status update on the Alta Irrigation Water District water facility, and highlighted the meeting that Commissioner Ishida and Commissioner Worthley attended with Genessee & Wyoming and the TIGER grant that staff is applying for.

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

None

VIII. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday April 2, 2014 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 P.M.

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April 2, 2014

TO: LAFCO Commissioners, Alternates, Counsel
FROM: Cynthia Echavarria, Staff Analyst
SUBJECT: Selection Committee Recommendation for Public Member Appointment

BACKGROUND

Members of the Commission are appointed to four-year terms of office and may be reappointed. The current term for the public member expires on May 5, 2014. Pursuant to Commission Policy, staff circulated an announcement for applications for the appointment for the public member position. At the March 5th Commission meeting, Chair Worthley and Member Hamilton were appointed to a selection committee to review applications and to determine a recommendation for the April 2nd Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION

Four applications were forwarded to the selection committee for review. The applications were initially screened by staff to ensure consistency with Government Code section 56331:

No person appointed as a public member or alternate public member pursuant to this chapter shall be an officer or employee of the county or any city or special district with territory in the county.

The public member is to be selected by the county and city members and must have at least one affirmative vote from a county and a city member pursuant to GC section 56325(d):

Selection of the public member shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members selected by each of the other appointing authorities.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint a public member for the term of May 5, 2014 to May 7, 2018.

Attachment:
Resolution

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

In the Matter of the Appointment of)

A Public Member to serve on LAFCO)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-005

WHEREAS, the term of office of the Commissioner representing the general public on the Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission expires on May 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the new term of the public member begins May 5, 2014 and ends May 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56325 (d) provides that the Public Member of the Commission shall be appointed by the other members of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee was appointed by the Commission on March 5, 2014 to review applications and to make a recommendation to the Commission.

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

<name> is hereby appointed to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Tulare County to serve as the Commissioner representing the general public. Said appointment shall run from May 5, 2014 to May 7, 2018.

The forgoing resolution was adopted upon motion of Commissioner x, seconded by Commissioner x, at a regular meeting held on this 2nd day of April 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

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April 2, 2014

TO: LAFCO Commissioners, Alternates, Counsel,
and Executive Officer

FROM: Cynthia Echavarria, LAFCO Staff Analyst

SUBJECT: FY 2014/15 Preliminary Budget and Work Program

Enclosed for your review are the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Preliminary Budget and Work Program. LAFCO is required to adopt its preliminary budget by May 1st and its final budget by June 15th of each year.

BUDGET 794

REVENUES

5801 Income from Other Agencies - \$222,857 is the amount estimated for FY 2014/15 as income from eight cities and the County as required by Government Code Section 56381. For 2013/14, \$50,000 of reserve funds was used to help offset the contribution amount from the cities and the County. It is estimated that there is currently \$80,000 in available reserve funds.

The Commission may wish to again use the surplus funds to offset some of the cost to the cities and County in FY 2014/15. Attached is a spreadsheet showing different contribution scenarios utilizing different amounts of surplus funds. The \$50,000 scenario would leave contribution levels very similar (a small increase) to FY 2013/14.

5421 Planning and Engineering Services – As of this date, staff has processed 6 case (annexations, detachments, sphere of influence amendments and extension of services agreements) and anticipates one new case to be submitted by the end of this fiscal year (June 15). The total estimated revenue is \$12,470. For fiscal year 2014/15, based on feedback from city staff, staff has estimated processing 6 cases for a total estimated revenue of \$16,072.

EXPENDITURES- Services and Supplies

6008 Director's Fees - \$1,000 is budgeted for reimbursing the public member and alternate public member for expenses incurred as a result of attending monthly LAFCO meetings. For FY 2013/14 \$579 in expense claims have been submitted.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$1,000.

7027 Memberships – The 2014/15 CALAFCO membership fee for suburban counties is estimated to be \$3,045. In 2014, a membership fee increase of 1.5 percent will be applied.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$2,565

7036 Office Expenses - \$3,000 was allocated for office supplies and other office equipment expenses in FY 13/14. A one-time charge of 491.92 was applied in 13/14 for an ipad for the executive officer. \$1,500 is budgeted for FY 14/15.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$2,783

7043 Professional and Specialized Services – \$400 is budgeted for FY 2014/15. These are funds used to contract with outside vendors, such as professional services or consultants. The need for consultant services is likely to remain low in FY 14/15 as the reduced projected workload is expected to continue. A one-time charge of \$2,241 was accrued for digitizing microfiche of LAFCO cases 1-800.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$2,386

7059 Publications and Notices - Staff estimates spending \$600 of the budgeted amount for FY 2014/15. The caseload is expected to increase slightly in FY 2014/15. However, there will be cost savings realized from MSR noticing.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$600

7073 Staff and Commission Member Training – Training costs of \$3,000 are proposed for FY 2014/15 to cover registration expenses for attending the annual CALAFCO Conference, Executive Officers Workshop and Staff Conference, and other conferences and workshops. The estimated expenditures will include the possible attendance of 2 staff persons and 2 Commissioners for the LAFCO conference and 4 staff members for the LAFCO workshop and other conferences and workshops commissioners and/or staff may attend.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$2,500

7074 Staff and Commission Transportation / Travel – Transportation/Travel costs of \$5,750 are proposed for FY 2014/15 to accommodate travel by staff and Commission members to and from the various LAFCO related conferences and workshops. The funds in this budget line are used for lodging, meal, and mileage costs incurred by attending the various events. The item also takes into account Commissioner Allen's travel expenses associated with her membership on the CALAFCO Board of Directors. To date approximately \$3,185 has been spent on transportation and travel.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$4,185

Expenditures – Other Charges

9315 Worker's Compensation – A total of \$1,300 has been budgeted for FY 2014/15 to cover expenses for worker's compensation.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$1,256

9302 Property – \$80 is proposed for FY 2014/15.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$77

9303 Liability Insurance – A total of \$1,700 has been budgeted for FY 2014/15 to cover expenses for general liability insurance. The increase from the budgeted amount last year is due to LAFCO needing to get separate special liability insurance from the County.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$1,676

9312 Telecomm – A total of \$300 has been budgeted for FY 2014/15 to cover expenses for telephone service.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$195

7036 RMA Printing Services – \$500 is budgeted for FY 2014/15. This covers costs associated with duplication of LAFCO documents such as the special district inventory, policy and procedure manual, and assistance with public hearing notice mail outs.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$95

7036 RMA Mail Services - \$1,000 is budgeted for FY 2014/15. This covers costs for processing mail for LAFCO public hearing notices and other correspondence.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$428

Expenditures – Agency Charges

9315 LAFCO Legal Counsel- AB 2838 establishes LAFCO as an independent agency which means it will be charged an hourly rate for the services of County Counsel to act as LAFCO legal counsel. \$5,000 is proposed for FY 2014/15.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$3,872

9316 Services from Other Departments- This charge includes services provided by other County departments such as TCAG, the County Auditor, Surveyor, Elections, etc. The charges predominately stem from review of LAFCO proposals by County departments. \$2,500 has been allotted for FY 2014/15.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$200

9317 COWCAP Charges - The amount budgeted for FY 2014/15 is \$8,000

Estimated expenditure for current FY- \$2,451

9324 G.I.S.-Arcview Services - The budgeted amount for 2014/15 is \$1,000.

Estimated expenditure for current FY - \$0

3795 Intra Agency Services Received- This item reflects Staff salaries. Staffing services are provided by the Tulare County Association of Governments. \$165,000 in salaries is estimated for FY 2014/15. This includes a half-time Executive Officer, a 25% Clerk, and a 75% Staff Analyst and an extra help position.

Estimated expenditure for current FY – \$120,000

CONTINGENCY/CARRYOVER

8508 Contingency - A contingency of 10% of the expenses is proposed for 2014/15 in order to provide a "cushion" to offset any unforeseen expenditures or failure to receive anticipated fee revenue. It is not anticipated that contingency funds will be used in the current fiscal year. The contingency for FY 2013/14 is \$20,203. The contingency for FY 2014/15 is \$21,721.

Budget Reserve – Carryover – The budget reserve is accounted for in the LAFCO's 794 cash account. The revenue and expenses lines in the actual spreadsheet will only show transactions for the current FY which means that we still do not have the most up to date reserve numbers. For FY 2013/14, \$50,000 was used to offset the cities and County contribution. Staff estimates that LAFCO will have a reserve of approximately \$80,000 at the end of FY 2013/14. This reserve was generated through Planning and Engineering Services and charges to funding agencies from previous years. The Commission may again consider applying a specified amount of this reserve for the coming year. Attached is a spreadsheet showing different contribution amounts based on differing amounts of reserve funds being used. Also attached, is a table showing city and County contributions and applied reserve from FY01/02 to present.

In considering this matter the Commission may also wish to provide policy direction as to the appropriate amount to retain as a reserve on a year-to-year basis. In making this decision the Commission should be aware that under GC Section 56381(c), the Board of Supervisors is authorized to loan the Commission funds if during the fiscal year the Commission is without funds to operate. The Commission must then appropriate sufficient funds in its budget for the subsequent year to repay the loan.

**TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
BUDGET ORG 794**

Object No.	Adopted Budget FY 13/14	Final Budget FY 13/14	AS of 3/19/14	Projected Expenses FY 13/14	Proposed Budget FY 14/15
EXPENDITURES					
Services and Supplies					
Board Director's Fees	6008	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$579	\$1,000
Memberships	7027	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$2,565	\$3,045
Office Expenses*	7036	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$875	\$1,500
Professional and Specialized	7043	\$400	\$400	\$2,386	\$400
Publication - Public Hearing Notices	7059	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$361	\$1,000
Training	7073	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$1,065	\$3,000
Transportation and Travel	7074	\$5,750	\$5,750	\$3,185	\$5,750
Total Services and Supplies		\$18,650	\$18,650	\$11,016	\$16,018
Other Charges					
I/F Workers Compensation	9300	\$945	\$945	\$1,256	\$1,300
I/F Expenses - Property	9302	\$79	\$79	\$77	\$80
I/F Expenses - Special Liability Insurance	9303	\$874	\$874	\$1,676	\$1,700
I/F ADP Payroll	9310	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Rent	7062	\$11,446	\$11,446	\$8,582	\$11,446
Alarm Services	7036	\$0	\$0	\$37	\$37
Telecom	9312	\$465	\$465	\$129	\$300
Utilities	9312	\$1,098	\$1,098	\$1,011	\$2,000
Custodial Services	9313	\$587	\$587	\$432	\$1,500
I/F RMA - Printing	7036	\$500	\$500	\$95	\$500
I/F RMA - Mail	7036	\$500	\$500	\$221	\$1,000
Total Other Charges		\$16,494	\$16,494	\$13,516	\$20,013
Agency Charges					
County Counsel Charges	9315	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$1,372	\$5,000
Services from Other Dpts.*	9316	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$200	\$2,500
COWCAP Charges	9317	\$7,528	\$7,528	\$2,451	\$8,000
GIS Services	9324	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$1,000
Intra - Agency Service Received	9333	\$178,504	\$178,504	\$0	\$165,000
Total Agency Charges		\$202,032	\$202,032	\$4,023	\$181,500
Contingencies	7432	\$20,203	\$20,203	\$19,984	\$21,721
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$242,426	\$242,426	\$48,540	\$238,929
REVENUES					
Other - Government Agency Contributions	5801	\$169,858	\$169,858	\$169,858	\$222,857
Planning and Engineering Services	5421	\$22,426	\$22,426	\$10,970	\$16,072
Prior Year Revenue Accruals Adjustment	5999				
TOTAL REVENUES		\$192,284	\$192,284	\$180,828	\$238,929
NET COST		\$50,000	\$50,000	-\$132,288	\$0

AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS
CARRYOVER SCENARIOS

Contribution Scenerios

Carryover applied: \$0

	POPULATION (Census 1/1/2013)	PERCENT OF POPULATION	PROPOSED 14/15 CONTRIBUTION	13/14 CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
CITY OF DINUBA	22,614	5.02%	\$11,178	\$8,606	\$2,572
CITY OF EXETER	10,422	2.31%	\$5,152	\$3,910	\$1,242
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	10,824	2.40%	\$5,350	\$4,059	\$1,291
CITY OF LINDSAY	12,262	2.72%	\$6,061	\$4,164	\$1,897
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	55,107	12.22%	\$27,240	\$20,688	\$6,552
CITY OF TULARE	60,627	13.45%	\$29,969	\$22,816	\$7,153
CITY OF VISALIA	126,864	28.14%	\$62,711	\$47,887	\$14,824
CITY OF WOODLAKE	7,377	1.64%	\$3,647	\$2,858	\$789
COUNTY OF TULARE	144,743	32.11%	\$71,549	\$54,421	\$17,128

TOTAL 450,840 100.00% \$222,857 \$169,409 \$53,448

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Carryover applied: \$15000

	POPULATION (Census 1/1/2013)	PERCENT OF POPULATION	PROPOSED 14/15 CONTRIBUTION	13/14 CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
CITY OF DINUBA	22,614	5.02%	\$10,426	\$8,606	\$1,820
CITY OF EXETER	10,422	2.31%	\$4,805	\$3,910	\$895
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	10,824	2.40%	\$4,990	\$4,059	\$931
CITY OF LINDSAY	12,262	2.72%	\$5,653	\$4,164	\$1,489
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	55,107	12.22%	\$25,407	\$20,688	\$4,719
CITY OF TULARE	60,627	13.45%	\$27,952	\$22,816	\$5,136
CITY OF VISALIA	126,864	28.14%	\$58,490	\$47,887	\$10,603
CITY OF WOODLAKE	7,377	1.64%	\$3,401	\$2,858	\$543
COUNTY OF TULARE	144,743	32.11%	\$66,733	\$54,421	\$12,312

TOTAL 450,840 100.00% \$207,857 \$169,409 \$38,448

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AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS
CARRYOVER SCENARIOS

Carryover applied FY : \$25000

	POPULATION (Census 1/1/2013)	PERCENT OF POPULATION	PROPOSED 14/15 CONTRIBUTION	13/14 CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
CITY OF DINUBA	22,614	5.02%	\$9,924	\$8,606	\$1,318
CITY OF EXETER	10,422	2.31%	\$4,574	\$3,910	\$664
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	10,824	2.40%	\$4,750	\$4,059	\$691
CITY OF LINDSAY	12,262	2.72%	\$5,381	\$4,164	\$1,217
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	55,107	12.22%	\$24,184	\$20,688	\$3,496
CITY OF TULARE	60,627	13.45%	\$26,607	\$22,816	\$3,791
CITY OF VISALIA	126,864	28.14%	\$55,676	\$47,887	\$7,789
CITY OF WOODLAKE	7,377	1.64%	\$3,237	\$2,858	\$379
COUNTY OF TULARE	144,743	32.11%	\$63,522	\$54,421	\$9,101

TOTAL 450,840 100.00% \$197,857 \$169,409 \$28,448

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Carryover applied: \$50000

	POPULATION (Census 1/1/2013)	PERCENT OF POPULATION	PROPOSED 14/15 CONTRIBUTION	13/14 CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
CITY OF DINUBA	22,614	5.02%	\$8,670	\$8,606	\$64
CITY OF EXETER	10,422	2.31%	\$3,996	\$3,910	\$86
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	10,824	2.40%	\$4,150	\$4,059	\$91
CITY OF LINDSAY	12,262	2.72%	\$4,701	\$4,164	\$537
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	55,107	12.22%	\$21,129	\$20,688	\$441
CITY OF TULARE	60,627	13.45%	\$23,245	\$22,816	\$429
CITY OF VISALIA	126,864	28.14%	\$48,641	\$47,887	\$754
CITY OF WOODLAKE	7,377	1.64%	\$2,828	\$2,858	-\$30
COUNTY OF TULARE	144,743	32.11%	\$55,496	\$54,421	\$1,075

TOTAL 450,840 100.00% \$172,857 \$169,409 \$3,448

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AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS
CARRYOVER SCENARIOS

Carryover applied: \$75000

	POPULATION (Census 1/1/2013)	PERCENT OF POPULATION	PROPOSED 14/15 CONTRIBUTION	13/14 CONTRIBUTION	DIFFERENCE
CITY OF DINUBA	22,614	5.02%	\$7,416	\$8,606	-\$1,190
CITY OF EXETER	10,422	2.31%	\$3,418	\$3,910	-\$492
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	10,824	2.40%	\$3,550	\$4,059	-\$509
CITY OF LINDSAY	12,262	2.72%	\$4,021	\$4,164	-\$143
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	55,107	12.22%	\$18,073	\$20,688	-\$2,615
CITY OF TULARE	60,627	13.45%	\$19,883	\$22,816	-\$2,933
CITY OF VISALIA	126,864	28.14%	\$41,606	\$47,887	-\$6,281
CITY OF WOODLAKE	7,377	1.64%	\$2,419	\$2,858	-\$439
COUNTY OF TULARE	144,743	32.11%	\$47,470	\$54,421	-\$6,951
TOTAL	450,840	100.00%	\$147,857	\$169,409	-\$21,552

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AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS
CARRYOVER SCENARIOS

Contribution History

	FY					FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
	FY 2001/02	2002/03	FY 2003/04	FY 2004/05	FY 2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	
CITY OF DINUBA	\$9,838	\$6,716	\$4,325	\$3,455	\$0	\$6,584	\$8,929	\$6,904	\$6,068	\$5,235	\$4,764	\$8,855	\$8,641	
CITY OF EXETER	\$5,404	\$3,627	\$2,336	\$1,873	\$0	\$3,534	\$4,850	\$3,704	\$2,788	\$2,629	\$2,295	\$4,193	\$3,982	
CITY OF FAMERSVILLE	\$4,827	\$3,467	\$2,229	\$1,802	\$0	\$3,494	\$4,751	\$3,613	\$2,747	\$2,655	\$2,351	\$4,355	\$4,136	
CITY OF LINDSAY	\$5,681	\$4,064	\$2,566	\$2,052	\$0	\$3,764	\$5,101	\$3,857	\$3,071	\$2,880	\$2,613	\$4,849	\$4,685	
CITY OF PORTERVILLE	\$23,626	\$15,675	\$10,133	\$8,177	\$0	\$15,181	\$20,624	\$17,765	\$15,790	\$12,833	\$12,028	\$22,124	\$21,057	
CITY OF TULARE	\$26,235	\$17,408	\$11,192	\$9,020	\$0	\$16,881	\$23,478	\$19,308	\$17,610	\$14,423	\$13,164	\$24,175	\$23,166	
CITY OF VISALIA	\$60,715	\$36,375	\$23,674	\$19,274	\$0	\$36,694	\$50,702	\$40,643	\$37,780	\$30,487	\$27,635	\$50,736	\$48,475	
CITY OF WOODLAKE	\$4,042	\$2,666	\$1,691	\$1,350	\$0	\$2,453	\$3,332	\$2,552	\$1,785	\$1,915	\$1,616	\$2,957	\$2,819	
COUNTY OF TULARE	\$90,577	\$55,677	\$35,561	\$28,291	\$0	\$51,257	\$70,071	\$49,113	\$43,361	\$35,779	\$31,728	\$58,012	\$55,307	
TOTAL	\$230,945	\$145,675	\$93,707	\$75,294	\$0	\$139,841	\$191,838	\$147,459	\$131,000	\$108,834	\$98,195	\$180,257	\$172,267	
Surplus Applied	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$0	

2014/2015 LAFCO WORK PROGRAM

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Introduction

Overview of LAFCO

The Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is responsible for coordinating logical and timely changes in local government boundaries, for conducting special studies which review ways to reorganize, simplify and streamline governmental structure, and for preparing Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence for each city and special district within Tulare County. The Commission's efforts are directed to seeing that services are provided efficiently and economically while agricultural and open-space lands are protected. LAFCO is independent of the government of Tulare County or any of the cities; however, funding to operate the agency is required to be provided by the county and the cities.

State law first established LAFCOs in each county in 1963. LAFCOs were given regulatory authority over local boundary changes. The agencies currently function under the provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. Government Code Section 56375 sets forth the powers and duties of the commission. It gives LAFCO the authority to "review and approve or disapprove with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally" proposals concerning the formation of cities and special districts, annexation or detachment of territory to cities and special districts, and other changes in jurisdiction or organization of local governmental agencies. In reviewing proposals, LAFCO is required to consider certain factors such as the conformity with city or county plans, current levels and need for future services, the social, physical and economic effects on the community, the effect on existing agricultural lands and open space, the timely availability of adequate water supplies, and the extent to which each proposal will assist the receiving city and the County in achieving its fair share of the regional housing needs.

LAFCO must consider the effect that any proposal will produce on existing agricultural lands. By guiding development towards vacant urban land and away from agricultural preserves, LAFCO assists with the preservation of Tulare County's valuable agricultural resources. LAFCO also works to discourage urban sprawl, a pattern of development characterized by inefficient delivery of important urban services and unnecessary loss of agricultural land. By discouraging sprawl, LAFCO discourages the misuse of land resources and promotes a more efficient system of local government agencies.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires each LAFCO to adopt an annual budget. The 2014/15 Work Program for the Tulare County LAFCO outlines the anticipated work to be accomplished by LAFCO during the fiscal year and is prepared to accompany the annual budget.

Description of Region

Tulare County, comprised of 12,595 km², is located in the southern portion of the San Joaquin Valley. The Valley is bounded on the west by the Coast Range and on the east by the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Valley extends from Sacramento on the north, to the Tehachapi Mountains on the south. The San Joaquin Valley is the richest farmland in the world.

Tulare County has approximately one third of its land area in the Valley. The remaining portion is in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This offers an abundance of scenic and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The land in the Valley produces a wide variety of agricultural products. Tulare County ranks first in the nation in total agricultural income.

The population of Tulare County is concentrated in the Valley area. There are eight incorporated cities, which account for 68% of the total county approximate population of 456,347 (DOF – 7/1/13). The eight cities are: Dinuba, Exeter, Farmersville, Lindsay, Porterville, Tulare, Visalia and

Woodlake. There are also numerous special districts in the county, including various Community Service Districts, Irrigation Districts, Hospital Districts, Cemetery Districts, Public Utility Districts, and Resource Conservation Districts.

Organization of LAFCO

The Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission is composed of two county supervisors selected by the Board of Supervisors, two city council representatives selected by the mayors in the county, and one public member selected by the other four members. Commission members serve four-year terms. There is an alternate member for each category – city, county, and public. Tulare County LAFCO does not have special district members; however, the law does provide for the addition of two special district members and one alternate if the Commission so orders or the special districts petition for such representation.

LAFCO Commissioners

Steve Worthley, Chair	County representative
Juliet Allen, Vice Chair	Public representative
Rudy Mendoza	City representative
Allen Ishida	County representative
Cameron Hamilton	City representative
Mike Ennis	Alternate, County representative
Janet Hinesly	Alternate, City representative
Dennis Mederos	Alternate, Public representative

LAFCO Executive Officer

Ben Giuliani

LAFCO Staff

Cynthia Echavarria, Staff Analyst
Doreen Alvez, LAFCO Clerk
Andrea Apolinario, LAFCO Clerk
Lisa Tennenbaum, LAFCO Counsel

LAFCO Abbreviations and Acronyms

CALAFCO	<i>California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions</i>
C-K-H	<i>Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act Of 2000</i>
CSD	<i>Community Services District</i>
GC	<i>Government Code</i>
LAFCO	<i>Local Agency Formation Commission</i>
MSR	<i>Municipal Service Review</i>
PUD	<i>Public Utility District</i>
SOI	<i>Sphere of Influence</i>

LAFCO Work Program Elements

SUBCATEGORY: 100 ADMINISTRATION

WORK ELEMENT: **100.01 LAFCO Administration**

PURPOSE: To manage and coordinate LAFCO staff work in Tulare County, including development and implementation of the budget, work program, and Policies and Procedures Manual.

PREVIOUS WORK: This is an ongoing function of LAFCO.

PRODUCTS:

1. Administration and support of LAFCO work functions.
2. Representation at statewide and local planning meetings.
3. Development of LAFCO Policies and Procedures Manual.
4. Maintain LAFCO files and records.
5. Prepare LAFCO meeting agendas, schedules and minutes.
6. Prepare annual budget and work program.
7. Maintain membership in CALAFCO.

DISCUSSION:

The administration program provides direction and management of the various routine and special projects that comprise the LAFCO Work Program. This includes: project scheduling; budget preparation and monitoring; personnel recruitment and training; records maintenance; review of legislation affecting LAFCOs; and development of LAFCO Policies and Procedures consistent with C-K-H requirements and commission directives.

Although the Executive Officer is a position shared with TCAG, the Executive Officer is available to perform work for the Commission at least 50% of his/her work time, and more if needed. As a result, 6 months of LAFCO E.O. time has been allocated in the LAFCO Work Program.

LAFCO staff also maintains membership in the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), which provides statewide coordination of LAFCO activities, representation before the State Legislature and other bodies, training opportunities for member LAFCOs, and a structure for sharing information among LAFCOs and other governmental agencies throughout the State. Memberships in the American Planning Association and Association of Environmental Professionals are also included.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$55,000	(6.0 Staff Person Months)
Board Directors fees:	\$1,000	
Publications and Notices	\$1,000	
County Counsel:	\$5,000	
COWCAP Charged:	\$8,000	
Memberships:	\$3,045	
Rent	\$11,446	
Insurance	\$1,700	
Prof. & Specialized:	\$400	
Service from Other Dept.	\$2,500	
Total:	\$89,091	
Revenue (source):	\$0	(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):	\$89,091	(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):		(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 100 ADMINISTRATION
 WORK ELEMENT: **100.02 Office Expenses/Fixed Assets**
 PURPOSE: To procure and manage the assets of LAFCO.

PREVIOUS WORK: Purchase supplies and equipment.
 Purchase Liability Insurance.
 Maintenance of LAFCO website.
 Publish public notices.

- PRODUCTS:
1. Procurement of supplies and equipment.
 2. Maintenance of existing equipment.
 3. Inventory of LAFCO assets.
 4. Continuation of Internet service.
 5. Payment of rent, telephone, mail, printing, data processing and other overhead services.
 6. Ongoing maintenance of LAFCO website.

DISCUSSION:

LAFCO is required by GC Section 56300(f)(1) to establish and maintain, or otherwise provide access to notices and other commission information for the public through an internet website.

The address for the Tulare County LAFCO website is www.co.tulare.ca.us/lafco/. The site provides general information regarding LAFCo, Tulare County LAFCo commissioners and staff, meeting and application deadline schedules, and allows access to agendas and minutes. The site will also be used to post notices, agendas, minutes, and disclosures as required by Sections 56100.1, 56150, 56300, and 56661.

Because LAFCO is an independent agency, LAFCO maintains a general liability insurance policy. LAFCO reimburses the County for office space and other operational expenses as part of the work program.

BUDGET:

Office Expense:	\$1,500
Telecomm	\$300
ADP Payroll/Personnel:	\$150
Utilities:	\$2,000
Custodial Services:	\$1,500
Property	\$80
Mail	\$1,000
Printing	\$500
Alarm	\$37
GIS	\$1,000
Worker's Compensation	\$1,300
Total	\$9,367

(Reserve Funds)
 \$9,367 (County & Cities Contribution)

(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 100 ADMINISTRATION

WORK ELEMENT: **100.03 Training and Travel**

PURPOSE: Travel to various local, regional and statewide meetings as required.
Training for staff related to the operations of LAFCO and legislative activity affecting LAFCOs.

PREVIOUS WORK: This is an ongoing work element.

PRODUCTS:

1. Representation at statewide and local LAFCO meetings.
2. Staff training and educational seminars.
3. Commissioner training and education seminars.

BUDGET:

Training (Commissioners & Staff):	\$3,000
Transportation/Travel (Commissioners & Staff)	\$5,750
Total:	\$8,750

Revenue (source):	(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):	\$8,750 (County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):	(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 101 SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECTS

WORK ELEMENT: **101.02 Municipal Service Reviews**

PURPOSE: To prepare Municipal Service Reviews (MSR's) pursuant to GC §56430.

- PRODUCTS:
1. Group 1 MSRs adopted March 2006
 2. Group 2 MSRs adopted May 2006
 3. Group 3 MSRs adopted March 2007
 4. City of Dinuba MSR updated June 2012
 5. City of Visalia MSR updated February 2013
 6. City of Tulare MSR updated October 2013

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with GC §56430, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence, LAFCOs are required to conduct a review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the Commission. To address this requirement, a program for conducting municipal service reviews (MSR's) was initiated by LAFCO during the 2003/04 fiscal.

Through a contract with Omni-Means consultants, Tulare County's eight cities and 19 of the special districts were to be reviewed and MSR's presented to LAFCO in 3 groups. Group 1, consisting of Visalia, Farmersville, Tulare and surrounding districts were approved by the Commission in March 2006. Group 2, consisting of Dinuba, Woodlake and surrounding districts were approved by the Commission in May 2006. Group 3, consisting of Exeter, Lindsay and Porterville and surrounding districts were approved by the Commission in March 2007. The geographic scope of MSRs has been expanded to include developed communities within and adjacent to the subject agency's current SOI.

Due to the reduced level of casework LAFCO Staff will be able to complete the MSR updates without the use of a consultant. Thus, no funds will be allocated for consultant services for FY 14/15.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$55,000	(6.0 Staff Person Month)
Total:	\$55,000	
Revenue (source):		(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):	\$55,000	(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):		(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 101 SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECTS

WORK ELEMENT: **101.03 Cities and Special District Inventory Update**

PURPOSE: To maintain the LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory.

PREVIOUS WORK: LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (October 1975)
 LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised January 1981)
 LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory (Revised June 1998)

PRODUCTS: 1. Updated LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory.

DISCUSSION: The Tulare County LAFCO Cities and Special District Inventory is a listing of the various agencies in Tulare County and provides information about each agency, including: date formed, address, phone number, contact person, functions performed, and method of financing. The Inventory also includes a brief description of each type of agency and a map depicting the agency's sphere of influence. For Community Service Districts and County Service Areas the inventory will also describe the latent powers each district was authorized to perform, but had not performed as of January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2009 (respectively). The full-published revision has been completed. However, this Work Program allocation is intended for the continual updating of contact and map information in the Inventory with a major update anticipated in FY 10/11. Some updates were made during FY 13/14.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$9,167	(1.0 Staff Person Months)
Total:	\$9,167	
Revenue (source):		(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):	\$9,167	(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):		(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 101 SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECTS

WORK ELEMENT: **101.04 Sphere of Influence Updates**

PURPOSE: To prepare updates to agencies' Spheres of Influence and provide an efficient method to review and amend the Spheres of Influence for all agencies within Tulare County LAFCO's jurisdiction.

PREVIOUS WORK: In 2011; Alpine Village-Sequoia Crest CSD, Ducor CSD, East Orosi CSD, Patterson Tract CSD, Ponderosa CSD, Three Rivers CSD, Tract 92 CSD, Porter Vista PUD, CSA #1, Strathmore FPD and Woodlake FPD. Lindmore ID (2011) Lindsay-Strathmore ID (2011) Sultana (2011) Ivanhoe (2011) City of Dinuba (2012) Lindmore Irrigation District (2012) Lindsay-Strathmore Irrigation (2012) Allensworth CSD (2012) Sultana CSD (2012) Three Rivers CSD (2012)

- PRODUCTS:
1. SOI Updates for the Cities of Visalia, Tulare, Porterville, Farmersville, Woodlake and Exeter are anticipated for FY 2014/15
 2. SOI Reviews (and updates as needed) for Tulare County principal districts

DISCUSSION:

Pursuant to GC Section 56425(g), all Spheres of Influence must be reviewed and updated, as necessary, on or before January 1, 2008 and every five years thereafter.

Tulare County LAFCO Resolution 96-02 provides that, whenever possible, the Sphere of Influence of each city and those Special Districts that provide urban services to unincorporated communities within the County should reflect a twenty-year growth area with additional areas for communities of interest (Section 56425 (a) (4)). This boundary shall be reviewed and, if necessary, updated no more than once every five years. The updates should be sufficient to accommodate projected growth for twenty years from the date of adoption.

By an informal understanding with the cities, this work element has been put on hold pending completion of ongoing negotiations between the cities and the County. However, some cities will be proposing projects during FY 2014/15 that require expansion of their SOI; thus, this element will be resumed in FY 2014/15. The MSR schedule in Work Element 101.02 will guide the update of agencies' spheres of influence.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$18,333	(2 Staff Person Months)
Total:	\$18,333	

Revenue (source):		(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):	\$16,011	(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):	\$2,322	(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 101 SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECTS

WORK ELEMENT: **101.05 Island Annexation Program**

PURPOSE: To assist municipalities undertaking island annexations pursuant to GC §56375.3.

PREVIOUS WORK: 1. Assisted Cities of Porterville, Visalia and Tulare

PRODUCTS: 1. Continue to support city staff in their island annexation programs.

DISCUSSION: Amendments to CKH in 2000 provide a window for municipalities to annex county islands within their boundaries using streamlined procedures. Eligible islands must have been created prior to January 1, 2000. Up to the program expiration date of January 1, 2014, protest hearings and election procedures may be waived by LAFCo, providing that the annexing city adopt a resolution supporting the annexation, and providing the annexation application meets the criteria spelled out in GC §56375.3. To date, the Cities of Visalia, Porterville and Tulare have annexed a total of 42 islands containing 10,883 residents, 3,525 housing units and 1,683 acres of land.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$0	(0 Staff Person Month)
Total:	\$0	
Revenue (source):		(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):		(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):	\$0	(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 101 SPECIAL PLANNING PROJECTS

WORK ELEMENT: **101.06 Special Projects**

PURPOSE: To fulfill LAFCO's obligation to perform special governmental organization studies pursuant to GC 56375.

PREVIOUS WORK: Special District Financial Analysis

PRODUCTS: This is an on-going work element. Products could include district consolidation and formation studies.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with GC §56375, LAFCO has the authority to conduct a variety of studies related to effective and efficient provision of public services. This includes special district formation and consolidation studies. As a result of LAFCO Policy Amendments, a Financial Impact Study is now required to be prepared for the activation of latent powers, in certain instances. It is possible that LAFCO will be required to provide Staff time for the preparation of such a study.

The work element accounts for staff and consultant resources required to respond to the need for such special studies as may be authorized by LAFCO during the fiscal year.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$13,750	(1.5 Staff Person Month)
Total:	\$13,750	
Revenue (source):		(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):	\$13,750	(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):		(Planning & Engineering Fees)

SUBCATEGORY: 102 CASE PROCESSING

WORK ELEMENT: **102.01 LAFCO Case Processing**

PURPOSE: To process applications submitted by LAFCO.

PREVIOUS WORK: In FY 2013/14 (as of April 4), staff has processed 6 cases (annexations, detachments, sphere of influence amendments and extension of services agreements)

PRODUCTS: This is an ongoing work element. Staff will continue to process case applications as they are submitted. For fiscal year 2014/15, based on feedback from local agencies, staff is estimating processing 6 cases.

BUDGET:

Estimated staff costs:	\$13,750	(1.5 Staff Person Months)
Total:	\$13,750	

Revenue (source):		(Reserve Funds)
Revenue (source):		(County & Cities Contribution)
Revenue (source):	\$13,750	(Planning & Engineering Fees)

LAFCO Work Program Summary

Activity Description	Work Element Number	Revenue Source and Amount				Expenditures
		Reserve Funds	Income from Other Agencies	Planning & Engineering Services	Fees Paid by County for Incorporation	
LAFCO Administration	100.01	\$0	\$89,091	\$0		\$89,091
Office Expenses / Fixed Assets	100.02	\$0	\$9,367	\$0		\$9,367
Training and Travel	100.03	\$0	\$8,750	\$0		\$8,750
Municipal Service Reviews	101.02	\$0	\$55,000	\$0		\$55,000
Cities & Special District Inventory Update	101.03	\$0	\$9,167	\$0		\$9,167
Sphere of Influence Updates	101.04	\$0	\$16,011	\$2,322		\$18,333
Island Annexation Program	101.05	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0
Special Projects	101.06	\$0	\$13,750	\$0		\$13,750
LAFCO Case Processing	102.01	\$0	\$0	\$13,750		\$13,750
Subtotals	NA	NA	\$201,136	\$ 16,072	NA	\$217,208
Contingency	NA	NA	\$21,721	\$0	NA	\$21,721
TOTALS		\$0	\$222,857	\$16,072	NA	\$238,929

Total Staff Person Months = 18.0

(Executive Director – 6.0; Staff Analyst – 9; Clerk and Extra Help- 3)

TULARE CO. LAFCO- 7-YEAR STRATEGIC WORK PROGRAM

<i>FY</i>	<i>MSR</i>	<i>SOI UPDATE</i>	<i>SPECIAL PROJECTS</i>	<i>Pending Proposals, Possible Future Projects, Annual Work Elements</i>
2013/14	Tulare, Porterville, Exeter			<i>Possible Future Projects</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levee Districts • Traver, Seville CSD formations • Formation of Yokohl CSD & CWD • Incorporations: Goshen, Earlimart, Allensworth • Ag Mitigation Policy • Implementation of MSR's <i>Annual Work Elements</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Processing • Island Annexations • SOI Amendments • City-Special Districts Inventory • SOI Policy Update
2014/15	Woodlake, Farmersville, Lindsay	Cities (except Dinuba)		
2015/16	Group 1 and 2 Districts	Group 1 and 2 Districts		
2016/17	Group 3 and 4 Districts	Group 3 and 4 Districts		
2017/18	Visalia, Dinuba			
2018/19	Tulare, Porterville, Exeter			
2019/20	Woodlake, Lindsay, Farmersville			

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

In The Matter of the 2014/15)
Proposed Budget for the Tulare County) RESOLUTION NO. **14-XX**
Local Agency Formation Commission)

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56381 requires that on or before the 1st day of May, the Local Agency Formation Commission must prepare and transmit to the Board of Supervisors; to each city; and to the clerk and chair of the city selection committee, if any, its proposed budget for the following fiscal year.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 56381, this Local Agency Formation Commission on April 2, 2014, considered the Fiscal Year 2014/15 proposed budget as recommended by the Executive Officer.

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

1. The proposed Fiscal Year 2014/15 budget, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted.
2. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to forward said proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors; to each city; and to the clerk and chair of the city selection committee, if any, in accordance with the requirements of Government Code Section 56381.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-XXX
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The foregoing resolution was adopted upon the motion by Commissioner _____, and seconded by Commissioner _____, at a regular meeting held on this 2nd day of April 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

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April 2, 2014

TO: LAFCO Commissioners, Alternates, Counsel

FROM: Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Proposed Draft Amendment to Policy C-2.9 (Waiver of Public Notice & Hearing) and Policy B-2 (Processing Fees)

Background

Government Code section 56383 allows the Commission to establish a schedule of fees for services rendered. One of the requirements is that the fees shall not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service. Certain types of changes of organization require far less staff time to analyze and process than a typical change of organization. These types of changes of organization typically align with changes of organization that qualify for a waiver of public hearing and notice.

Discussion

Draft Policy C-2.9 was reviewed by the Commission at the March 5th meeting. Based on Commission feedback, additional flexibility was added in the determination of what projects may qualify for a waiver of public notice and hearing which would then also qualify in a reduction of processing fees. The following statement was added:

notwithstanding subsections a through c, additional proposals based on their unique characteristics may be determined at the pre-consultation meeting (Policy B-1) to qualify for a waiver of public hearing and notice

Policy B-1 requires pre-consultation meetings for all proposals to discuss the details and issues surrounding the proposal and applicable state law and local policies that pertain to the specific proposal.

Staff is proposing to reduce fees by 50% for simple changes of organization that qualify for a waiver of public notice and hearing. In addition to the cost savings from waiving the public notice and hearing, these types of non-controversial changes of organization require much less staff time to analyze and process than a typical change of organization.

Attached is the draft amended policy for waiver of public notice and hearing. A statement would also be added in the processing fees policy (Policy B-2) as follows:

The fee for a change of organization shall be reduced by 50% if it qualifies for a waiver of public notice and hearing pursuant to Policy C-2.9.

This draft policy amendment was distributed to local agency staff on February 20th. Comments in support have been received from City of Porterville and Visalia staff. The draft policy was also reviewed at the City Manager's meeting on March 13th.

Recommendation

Approve amended Policy C-2.9 (Waiver of Public Notice & Hearing) and Policy B-2 (Processing Fees).

Attachments:

Proposed Amended Policy C-2.9
Resolution

2.9 Waiver of Public Notice & Hearing

- A. Certain proposals may qualify for waiver of public notice and hearing and may be placed on the Consent Calendar. The requirements are as follows:
 - I. The proposal is for an annexation, a detachment or a reorganization consisting solely of annexations and/or detachments and,
 - II. The territory is uninhabited and,
 - III. There is 100% signed consent of landowners or the petition accompanying the proposal is signed by all of the owners of land within the affected territory and,
 - IV. An affected agency has not submitted a written demand for notice and-hearing within 10 days of the mailing of the Notice of Filing pursuant to GC §56668(b) and,
 - V. For cities and urban districts*, all of the following must apply to the proposal:
 - a. must not create or further envelop a County island (as defined in Policy C-10)
 - b. must not contain any land under Williamson Act contract
 - c. must consist of land that is developed*
 - d. notwithstanding subsections a through c, additional proposals based on their unique characteristics may be determined at the pre-consultation meeting (Policy B-1) to qualify for a waiver of public hearing and notice**

**For purposes of this policy, 'urban districts' are defined as districts which will provide urban services such as domestic water and/or wastewater collection and 'developed' is defined by GC §56375.3(b)(4).*

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

In the Matter of the Amendment of)
Policy and Procedure C-2.7, Waiver of) **RESOLUTION NO. 14-004**
Public Notice and Hearing and)
Policy and Procedure B-2, Processing Fees)

Upon motion of Commissioner x, seconded by Commissioner x, Tulare County LAFCO Policy C-2.7 (Waiver of Public Notice and Hearing) and Policy B-2 (Processing Fees) are hereby amended to reduce processing fees by 50% for changes of organization that qualify for a waiver of public notice and hearing, at a regular meeting held on this 2nd day of April 2014, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSTAIN:
- PRESENT:
- ABSENT:

Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer

CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Tuesday, March 25, 2014

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

Current Text: Amended: 4/15/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 4/15/2013

Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/13/2013)

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 1521 (Fox D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/16/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/16/2014

Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Summary: Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year, current law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a vehicle license fee property tax compensation fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2014-15 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

AB 1527 (Perea D) Public water systems: drinking water.

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/17/2014

Last Amended: 3/17/2014

Status: 3/20/2014-Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Calendar: 3/25/2014 Anticipated Hearing ASSEMBLY RLS., Not in daily file.

Summary: Would authorize an assuming water system, as defined, to voluntarily consolidate with another water system. This bill would define "assuming water system" as a water system that will obtain legal ownership of another water system or systems, and that has a permit to operate from the State Department of Public Health, and would define "subsumed water system" as the water system that will transfer legal ownership to the assuming water system.

Position: Oppose unless amended

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres, Sustainable Community Plans

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill attempts to relieve the liability assumed by certain water agencies when consolidating with another water agency. In its current format, the consolidation process is noted as being done by the DPH and no mention of the LAFCo process and appears to be inclusive of all water systems, public, mutual and private. Furthermore the bill seems to give permission to only the "assuming" system/agency to be agreeable to the consolidation.

AB 1729 (Logue R) Local government: agricultural land: subvention payments.

Current Text: Amended: 3/20/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2014

Last Amended: 3/20/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Summary: Would appropriate \$40,000,000 to the Controller from the General Fund for the 2014-15 fiscal year to make subvention payments to counties to reimburse counties for property tax revenues not received as a result of these contracts. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations related to the preservation of agricultural land.

Position: Support

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

AB 1961 (Eggman D) Land use: planning: Sustainable Farmland Strategy.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Status: 3/3/2014-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and AGRI.

Calendar: 4/2/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN

Summary: Would require each county with significant agricultural land resources, as defined, to develop, on or before January 2, 2018, a sustainable farmland strategy. The bill would require the Sustainable Farmland Strategy to include, among other things, a map and inventory of all agriculturally zoned land within the county, a description of the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, to retain agriculturally zoned land where practical and mitigate the loss of agriculturally zoned land to nonagricultural uses or zones, and a page on the county's Internet Web site with the relevant documentation for the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, as specified.

Position: Watch

Subject: Ag/Open Space Protection, LAFCo Administration

AB 2156 (Achadjian R) Local agency formation commissions: studies.

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2014

Last Amended: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

Calendar: 4/2/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN

Summary: Would include joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities among the entities from which a local agency formation commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans, for purposes of conducting the studies described above, and also would include joint powers agreements in the list of items the commission may request in conducting those studies. The bill would specifically define "joint powers agency" and "joint powers authority" for purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Position: Support

Subject: CKH General Procedures, LAFCo Administration, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres

AB 2762 (Committee on Local Government) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/24/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-Read first time. To print.

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 does not apply to pending proceedings for a change or organization or reorganization for which the application was accepted for filing prior to January 1, 2001, as specified. The act authorizes these pending proceedings to be continued and completed under, and in accordance with, the law under which the proceedings were commenced. This bill would repeal those provisions relating to pending proceedings for a change or organization or reorganization for which an application was accepted for filing prior to January 1, 2001, and make other conforming changes.

Position: Support

Subject: CKH General Procedures

SB 56 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 6/11/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/7/2013

Last Amended: 6/11/2013

Status: 2/3/2014-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Summary: Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, existing law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. 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 69 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 9/12/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/10/2013

Last Amended: 9/12/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was RLS. on 9/12/2013)

Summary: Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill would also modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing 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: Tax Allocation

SB 1001 (Knight R) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2014

Status: 2/27/2014-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organizations, including, among other things, the encouragement of orderly growth and development, and logical formation and modification of the boundaries of local agencies, as specified. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

Position: Watch

Subject: CKH General Procedures

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

Current Text: Amended: 5/24/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Last Amended: 5/24/2013

Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

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 a group of non-English-speaking people, as defined, comprises at least 25% of the population within the lead agency's jurisdiction and the project is proposed to be located at or near an area where the group of non-English-speaking people comprises at least 25% of the residents of that area. 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: As amended, 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 25% 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 642 (Rendon D) Publication: newspaper of general circulation: Internet Web site.

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

Introduced: 2/20/2013

Status: 1/24/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was JUD. on 3/11/2013)

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: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration

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

AB 677 (Fox D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 1/6/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2013

Last Amended: 1/6/2014

Status: 1/17/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was L. GOV. on 1/7/2014)

Summary: Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill would also modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing 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: Watch

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

AB 1593 (Dahle R) Public cemetery districts: Auburn Public Cemetery District.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/3/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/3/2014

Status: 3/17/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Summary: Would authorize the Auburn Public Cemetery District in Placer County to use their cemeteries for up to a total of 400 interments each, not to exceed 40 interments each per calendar year, to inter nonresidents and nonproperty taxpayers, if specified conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: Other

AB 2455 (Williams D) The Santa Rita Hills Community Services District.

Current Text: Amended: 3/10/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2014

Last Amended: 3/10/2014

Status: 3/11/2014-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Calendar: 4/9/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN

Summary: The Community Services District Law specifies the procedures for district formation, procedures for the selection of district governing board members, the powers and duties of the board, and the procedures for changing those powers and duties. Current law requires the board of directors of each district to consist of 5 members . This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2035, the board of directors of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District to consist of 3 members . This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special District Principle Acts

CALAFCO Comments: This bill as amended reduces the size of the governing Board of this district from five to three members.

SB 633 (Pavley D) CEQA.

Current Text: Amended: 8/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 8/6/2013

Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/6/2013)

Summary: Would, for purposes of the new information exception to the prohibition on requiring a subsequent or supplemental EIR, specify that the exception applies if 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. The bill would authorize the office, by July 1, 2015, to draft and transmit to the secretary revisions to the guidelines to include as a categorical exemption projects involving minor temporary uses of land and public gatherings that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

SB 731 (Steinberg D) Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.

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

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 9/9/2013

Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was L. GOV. on 9/11/2013)

Summary: Would provide that aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project, as defined, on an infill site, 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 submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the secretary to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise and transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

SB 772 (Roth D) Drinking water: County Water Company of Riverside water system: liability.

Current Text: Amended: 1/6/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2013

Last Amended: 1/6/2014

Status: 2/3/2014-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

Summary: Would exempt the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Eastern Municipal Water District from liability for claims by past or existing County Water Company of Riverside customers or those consuming water provided through the County Water Company of Riverside water system concerning the operation and supply of water from the County Water Company of Riverside water system during the interim operation period, as specified, for any good faith, reasonable effort using ordinary care to assume possession of, and to operate and supply water to , the County Water Company of Riverside water system. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill would exempt the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Eastern Municipal Water District from liability for injuries or damages arising out of the delivery of water to County

Water Company of Riverside customers, as specified. As amended this bill no longer references Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCo) to take on the responsibility of monitoring private water companies. As a result of removing any and all references to LAFCo, CALAFCO has removed its opposition to the bill and now has a Watch position.

SB 1122 (Pavley D) Sustainable communities: Strategic Growth Council.

Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2014

Last Amended: 3/24/2014

Status: 3/24/2014-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Calendar:

4/2/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

Summary: Would authorize the Strategic Growth Council to develop and implement regional grant programs to support the implementation of sustainable communities strategies, alternative transportation plans, or other regional greenhouse gas emission reduction plans within a developed area. The bill would require the council, in consultation with specified public agencies, to establish standards for integrated modeling systems and measurement methods, and standards for the use of moneys awarded.

Position: Watch

Subject: Sustainable Community Plans



News from the Board of Directors **CALAFCO QUARTERLY**

March 2014

2014 Staff Workshop Update

The 2014 Staff Workshop is scheduled for **April 23 - 25, 2014** at the



Building Bridges to the Future: Collaboration and Cooperation

DoubleTree by Hilton in the Berkeley Marina. Our host for the workshop is Alameda LAFCo with support from the Bay area LAFCos, and the theme is ***Building Bridges to the Future: Collaboration and Cooperation***. The program is strong with a special luncheon speaker, Dr. Frances Malamud-Roam, co-author of the book titled, *The West without Water: What Past Floods, Droughts, and Other Climatic Clues Tell Us about Tomorrow*. Registration is open and can be accessed through the CALAFCO website. Early registration discounted rates are available through March 21st, and hotel reservations should be made by March 31st for the best rates.

2014 Annual Conference Update

Mark your calendars for **OCTOBER 15 - 17, 2014** in Ontario! The host and program committees are under way beginning to plan another great annual conference. The theme for the conference is ***LAFCO The Next 50 Years: Shaping Communities of Tomorrow - Innovative Ideas Today***. Under the leadership of San Bernardino LAFCo's Commissioner Jim Curatalo, Executive Officer Kathy Rollings-McDonald, and Asst. EO Sam Martinez, the host committee is busy planning an exciting mobile workshop, pre-con activities, and even a few special surprises! The program committee, led by Marjorie Blom and Paul Novak, have begun the work of searching out speakers and selecting the highest value topics for another fantastic program. More information will follow.



CALAFCO U Courses for 2014

On February 13 in Ontario, CALAFCO held its first of four sessions for 2014. The session's topic was ***Navigating the New Protest Provisions: Charting Future Changes***. The schedule for the rest of the year is noted below (and can be found on the 2014 Calendar of Events, located on the CALAFCO website). All remaining sessions will be held at the CALAFCO offices in Sacramento:

- ◆ **June 16** - *LAFCO Best Practices*
- ◆ **August 11** - *Ag Mitigation*
- ◆ **December 8** - *Legal Interpretations of C-K-H*

CALAFCO Board Actions

During their regular meeting on February 7, the Board addressed several administrative issues including:

- ◆ The Board considered the 2014-15 dues. CALAFCO Bylaws call for the dues to automatically increase annually by the state CPI, unless the Board takes action otherwise. After careful consideration, the Board did not take any action on this matter, which means the LAFCo member dues for the FY 2014-15 will be increased by the projected CPI of 1.5%.

- ◆ The Board adopted the CALAFCO 2014 Legislative Policies with the amendments as recommended by the Legislative Committee. The policies are available on the website. The Board also ratified the policies adopted by the Legislative Committee that codified existing practices of determining which legislative bills CALAFCO will track, and the respective priorities given to those bills.
- ◆ Accepted the 2014 Conflict of Interest Statements from all appropriate Board and staff.
- ◆ The Board began a conversation regarding the events sponsorship and Associate Member models currently in place within CALAFCO, and further discussion and consideration will be given to these two areas in the future.
- ◆ The November 7, 2014 scheduled Board meeting has been changed to November 14, 2014 and will be in Sacramento.
- ◆ The Board gave great consideration to the Legislative Committee's recommendations regarding the prioritization of CALAFCO's 2014 legislative platform, including potential future legislation regarding §56133 (service outside boundaries), Protest Provisions Phase II, Rev & Tax Code Section 99, Disincorporations, and JPAs. After much discussion, the Board made the decision to move forward with the exploration of legislation to address the antiquated legislation that governs disincorporations through an already-established sub-committee of the Leg. Committee; directed the Leg. Committee to explore potential legislative options around JPAs having greater accountability for public service delivery through LAFCo; and approved a sub-committee headed by Mike Ott and San Diego LAFCo to begin exploring the continuation of cleaning up the protest provisions within C-K-H. The Board determined that CALAFCO is not the appropriate entity to lead the changes needed in the Rev. & Tax Code, and suggested the Leg. Committee seek out the most appropriate entity. Furthermore, the Board, after much dialogue, decided that it was in the best interest of the overall membership of the Association to leave §56133 in its current form and not seek any amendments. The Board directed the Executive Director and Legal Counsel to draft a letter to the membership explaining this decision in detail, which will be completed and distributed by mid-March.

Legislative Activities

The legislature is in full swing of year two of the current two-year cycle. The deadline for bill introduction has passed and bills are now moving through the committee process. The draft C-K-H Omnibus bill is being prepared for stakeholder review, and contains ten items that address non-substantive issues within C-K-H. CALAFCO tracked bills are all located on the CALAFCO website and the report is updated daily. Top bills being tracked include:

- **AB 1521** – VLF - (Fox) *CALAFCO Support* – This bill addresses inhabited annexations, making whole those addressed currently in SB 69 (Roth) and future annexations. Eventually SB 69 is to be amended to address only incorporations, and at some point both bills will be joined.
- **AB 1527** – Drinking Water - (Perea) *CALAFCO Watch* – This bill mirrors AB 2238 (Perea, 2012), in its amended format of June 20, 2012, at which time CALAFCO had a Support position. Per the author’s office, this bill is being used as a placeholder as a vehicle for something that takes a stronger stand on the consolidation of water districts. Given the uncertainty of the intention, CALAFCO’s current position is Watch.
- **AB 1961** – Sustainable Farmland Strategy – (Eggman) *CALAFCO Watch* – this bill requires counties with at least 4% of their land designated as ag land to create a sustainable farmland strategy (SFS), and requires these counties to work with LAFCOs to assure plans/policies are compatible to the SFS. The bill further requires OPR to create guidelines for LAFCOs on their role in the preservation of agriculturally zoned lands when considering annexations.
- **AB 2156** – JPAs - (Achadjian) *CALAFCO Watch* – This bill would include JPAs among the agencies that LAFCo can obtain information from and include in MSRs. CALAFCO is working with the author’s office on potential language that aligns with what the Leg. Committee approved as potential legislation.
- **SB 69** - VLF – (Roth) *CALAFCO Support* – This bill contains the same language as SB 56 which stalled in the Senate in 2013. SB 69 was a gut/amend late on the last night of the 2013 session, and as a result CALAFCO did not take a position until the most recent Leg. Committee meeting.
- Spot bills being watched include **AB 1729** (Logue) and **SB 1001** (Knight).

The next meeting of the Leg. Committee is scheduled for March 21 in Ontario.