**AGENDA**

AMADOR LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

6:00 P.M. – THURSDAY APRIL 20, 2017
810 COURT STREET, JACKSON
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS

Please Note: All LAFCO meetings are recorded. Anyone who wishes to address the Commission must speak from the podium and should print their name on the Meeting Speaker list, which is located on the podium.

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Meeting Materials are available for Public Review at the LAFCO desk, located at the County Planning Department, 810 Court Street, Jackson, and posted on the Amador LAFCO website.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017

5. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS TO APRIL 20, 2016

6. PUBLIC FORUM – PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may address the Commission on any subject within the jurisdiction of LAFCO which is not on the agenda. No action may be taken at this meeting. There is a five (5) minute limit.

7. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18
   (public hearing)

The Commission will consider the staff draft proposed budget, make any desired changes, direct staff to transmit the proposed budget to agencies and set the hearing for adoption of the final budget.

8. LEGISLATION REPORT

The commission will review bills pending before the legislature that may affect LAFCO and may take a position on pending legislation.

9. OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS

a. Correspondence
b. Commissioner Announcements
c. Executive Officer’s Report

d. Budget Reports (in the review binder at the dais)
e. Project Status Report

1. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The next regular LAFCO meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2017. This meeting may be cancelled by the Commission.

Roseanne Chamberlain
Executive Officer

All persons are invited to testify and submit written comments to the Commission. If you challenge a LAFCO action in court you may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing or submitted as written comments prior to the close of the public hearing. All written materials received by staff 48 hours before the hearing will be distributed to the Commission. If you wish to submit written material at the hearing, please supply 10 copies.

NOTE: State law requires that a participant in LAFCO proceedings who has a financial interest in the decision and who has made a campaign contribution to any Commissioner in the past year must disclose the contribution. If you are affected, please notify commission staff before the hearing.

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE POSTING BEFORE:
APRIL 21, 2017
MINUTES
February 16, 2017

This meeting was available via live audio streaming and was digitally recorded.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call**

   The February 16, 2017, meeting of the Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), held at the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, was called to order by Chairman Vinciguerra at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

   Members Present:
   - Jim Vinciguerra, Chairman
   - Pat Crew, County Member
   - Dominic Atlan, City Member
   - Brian Oneto, County Member (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)

   Staff Present:
   - Roseanne Chamberlain, Executive Officer
   - Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission
   - William Chamberlain, Legal Counsel

3. **Approval of Agenda for February 16, 2017**

   **Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Crew, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of December 15, 2016**

   **Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Atlan, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried unanimously to approve the Minutes for December 15, 2016, as submitted.

5. **Approval of Claims to February 16, 2017**

   **Motion:** It was moved by Commissioner Atlan, seconded by Commissioner Crew, and carried unanimously to approve the Approval of Claims – Meeting Final, as submitted.

6. **Public Forum – Public Comment**

   There were no comments.
7. **Election of Officers: Chairman & Vice-Chairman**

*Motion:* It was moved by Commissioner Atlan and seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra to nominate Commissioner Crew for the position of Chairman.

*Motion:* It was moved by Commissioner Crew and seconded by Commissioner Atlan to nominate Commissioner Vinciguerra for the position of Vice-Chairman.

Both motions were jointly carried unanimously.

8. **Adoption of Policies Related to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities**

Executive Officer Chamberlain reported that she had held a meeting with city managers (Ione and Plymouth did not attend) and county planning staff. There was a consensus that the policies as presented in the meeting packet would be helpful and beneficial. Therefore, Ms. Chamberlain recommended that the Commission approve the policies as presented.

She further added that certain areas of the county have been identified as possible disadvantaged unincorporated communities (DUCs), and that further analysis will be undertaken to make a final determination. Many of the areas identified are either commercial or contain too few parcels to qualify as DUCs, so it does not appear likely that there will be any DUCs near cities. Also, these areas will be clarified as the MSR updates begin. Commissioner Crew mentioned River Pines as a Legacy Community.

Commissioner Oneto related that when the carbon tax monies were divided up by the state, very little of it went to rural counties based on the DUC definition the state used. Ms. Chamberlain replied that the definition of DUCs under the LAFCO policies is unrelated to the definitions used in the carbon tax money division.

*Motion:* It was moved by Commissioner Vinciguerra, seconded by Commissioner Atlan, and carried unanimously to adopt the Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities Policies as presented.

9. **Designation of Signature Authority**

Executive Officer Chamberlain stated that currently the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Executive Officer are already given signature authority under past authorization and adopted LAFCO Policies. One other Commissioner has been authorized to sign as a back-up, although that third signer is rarely needed. Ms. Chamberlain suggested that Chairman Oneto remain as that third signatory as his presence in the county building makes it convenient to find him if needed.

The Commission approved by consensus that Vice-Chair Vinciguerra and Commissioner Oneto remain as authorized signatories.

10. **Meeting Schedule for 2017**

Executive Officer Chamberlain reported that she did not believe a March meeting would be necessary. In answer to a question from Commissioner Crew, Ms. Chamberlain stated that the Supervisor’s Board Room is reserved for the third Thursday of every month, but that a meeting can be cancelled at any time.
By consensus, the Commission agreed to leave the Commission Meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m., and that the March meeting will be cancelled.

11. Other Business, Reports

a. Correspondence – There was one letter from the Executive Officer to Ranch House Estates in the meeting packet.

b. Commissioner Announcements – Commissioner Oneto reported that Shakeridge Road may be closed for quite a while until it can be repaired.


d. Budget Report – in the review binder at the dais.

e. Legislation and Project Status Report – Executive Officer Chamberlain reported that she is talking with River Pines PUD regarding solid waste pickup, which would entail an authorization of a new service and annexation of land outside its Sphere of Influence. The land is in El Dorado County, but River Pines is already providing service to those parcels.

11. Adjournment

The next regular LAFCO meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2017, as the March meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Chairman Crew adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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Pat Crew, Presiding Officer
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

ATTEST:
Nancy Mees, Clerk to the Commission
**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS - PACKET DRAFT**

**AGENDA OF April 20, 2017**

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS TO April 20, 2017 Agenda Item 5**

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$8,118.02

**Note: Denotes any invoices paid prior to Commission Approval, per Policy 2.3.7**

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**CHAIR:**

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Presiding Officer

**ATTEST:**

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Nancy Mees
CLERK TO THE COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: ALL COMMISSIONERS, ALTERNATES
FROM: ROSEANNE CHAMBERLAIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SUBJECT: PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2016-17
DATE: MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2017

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY:

Government Code §56381 provides that the Commission shall annually adopt a proposed budget at a public hearing no later than May 1. The proposed budget is then transmitted to the county, cities, districts and others. The statutes specify that the final budget shall be no less than the previous year unless the Commission makes certain findings. The staff recommended proposed budget for 201-18 is slightly more than the previous year’s budget appropriation.

LAFCO’s projected Fund Balance of $51,211 from cost savings in operating expenses will again significantly reduce agency contributions. These cost reductions result from meeting cancellations and staff efficiencies (relying more on admin support and reducing Executive Officer’s hours).

Staff recommends that $56,000 be carried forward to reduce agency payments (same amount as last year). Over the last 8 years, LAFCO has successfully kept the agency payments relatively low and level, avoiding increases in the recession years by cost containment and prudently using reserves. LAFCO’s budget is increased slightly ($5K) above last year and total agency payments will be increased slightly ($4K) from last year.

Staff also recommends the remaining fund balance be carried over as a general reserve.

WORK PLAN

The 17-18 Proposed Budget includes the following work plan:

- Continue to process applications expeditiously and accurately
- Continue to adopt, update and/or affirm the spheres of influence for all agencies
- Complete boundary research and verification for districts (cities complete)
- Create and post to the website reliable GIS maps for all LAFCO agencies
- Continue to update the LAFCO website to enhance public access and reduce staff time for public inquiries (MSR, meeting materials are available)
• Continue to shift administration work to trained support staff to decrease cost of the Executive Officer
• Write clear procedures for LAFCO processes, including changes of organization (most admin procedures are complete)
• Purge and organize and create digital back up of hard copy records (resolutions and some project documents are complete)
• Continue to assist special districts and others with operational and organizational assistance
• Continue to assist County and City staff with research and support

The budget provides funding for 10 LAFCO meetings. However, as the economy continues to improve, staff expects additional projects to be submitted and meetings will be held to ensure timely hearing any complete applications. If more meetings are needed, project fees and operating contingency will enable them.

Two commissioners and staff are budgeted to attend to attend the CALAFCO annual conference in San Diego (October 25-27). If additional commissioners are available to attend, money would be available to cover the expense from operating contingency. No funding is committed to staff attending the CALAFCO staff workshop. Historically, staff only attended when conference funds remained after the annual conference. The commission may wish to consider increasing the conference line item for additional commissioners to attend and for participation at the staff workshop.

Limited legal services are funded. The legal defense reserve is fully funded with $10,000 added this year to our current $61K fund.

REVENUES AVAILABLE AND FUND BALANCES

The year-end fund balance calculations are attached and are based on account balances as of March 21, 2017. A final fund balance will be known after the close of the fiscal year. Fund Balance projections are shown on the attached spreadsheet.

POLICY DIRECTION & ASSUMPTIONS

The staff proposed budget is based on policy directions given in past years as follows:

• Use a portion of fund balance to offset and reduce the agencies’ cost share
• Provide for a general reserve to help even out the cities’ and county’s cost for LAFCO over future years.
• Provide an operating contingency and general reserve for emergencies or extraordinary work
• Augment the Legal Defense Fund (101738) with $10K, to bring the total from about $60K to $70K
• Allow those who are available to attend the CALAFCO annual conference for training

A long-range planning session to identify a work program and goals beyond the annual work plan has been deferred in past years. While this is not included in this budget, such an effort may be possible without significant expenditure and would improve the financial effectiveness of LAFCO.

PLANNED BUDGET SCHEDULE:

The LAFCO budget process has 4 steps: adoption of a proposed budget, distribution to agencies, second hearing for adoption of final budget, formal transmittal of final budget to the agencies and to the Auditor for apportionment. Unless the Commission directs otherwise, I will follow the successful process used each year since 2007, as shown below.

• Adopt of the proposed budget on April 20, 2017
• Transmit the proposed budget to agencies the week of April 24th and post to the LAFCO Web site
• Review by the cities, counties, public
• Adopt the final budget either May 18th (no other agenda items) or June 15th with other likely agenda items
• Transmit the Final to Auditor and Agencies the week following adoption.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Review, make any desired changes, and approve a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18
2. Approve the proposed work plan and give additional direction to staff as needed.
3. Direct staff to transmit the budget materials to cities, districts and others as specified in Government Code Section 56381.
4. Direct staff to schedule adoption of the final budgets.

Attachments: Staff Draft Proposed Budget
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Projected Year End Actual Revenues $120,026
Less Projected Actual Expenses $68,815
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April 10, 2017

Amador County Planning Commission
Susan Grijalva, Planning Director
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

RE: Item 1 - Tentative Subdivision Map #147 Pine Acres North, proposing the division of approximately 44.2 acres (APNs 038-170-014-000; 038-180-040-000; 038-180-042-000; 038-180-054-000)

This comment does not object to the requested extension of time for the tentative subdivision map, but to provide information regarding the adjacent Pine Acres CSD.

This district provides road maintenance and related services. The sphere of influence for the district is coterminous with its legal boundaries, indicating that no additional areas outside the district are planned to receive services from Pine Acres CSD. Road maintenance and related services as may be needed within the proposed tentative subdivision area would be expected to be provided by an alternate service provider such as Amador County.

Sincerely,

Roseanne Chamberlain
Executive Officer

Cc: Pine Acres CSD
April 20, 2017

Assemblymember Tom Lackey
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2174
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT of AB 979 as Amended

Dear Assemblymember Lackey:

The Amador Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is pleased to support your bill AB 979, as amended on April 6, 2017. Co-sponsored by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), this bill facilitates streamlining the process of seating special district representation on LAFCos.

Under current law, special districts may acquire representation on a LAFCo if a majority of all special districts in the county adopt a Board resolution supporting such action, with all of them having to be adopted within a one-year period. This can be a time intensive process requiring resources and an organized effort. AB 979 simplifies this process by mirroring the existing election process for appointment of LAFCo commissioners through the independent special districts selection committee. The change would allow special district representation on LAFCo to be achieved through a more streamlined process while still allowing for each district to vote on the matter.

Simplifying the LAFCo representation process would empower special districts in the 28 counties with no special district representation to more effectively consider their participation on LAFCo. Our LAFCo is one that does not currently have special district representation, but we believe special district representation on LAFCo provides a more diverse and balanced decision-making foundation to the LAFCo process.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 979 and thank you for authoring this important piece of legislation.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Crew
Chair of the Commission, Amador LAFCo

cc: Members, Assembly Local Government Committee
Misa Lennox, Associate Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
William Weber, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
Pamela Miller, Executive Director, California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
Kyle Packham, Legislative Director, California Special Districts Association
Priority 1

AB 464 (Gallagher R) Local government reorganization.
Current Text: Amended: 3/14/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/13/2017
Last Amend: 3/14/2017
Status: 3/15/2017-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Location: 2/27/2017-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, current law requires that an applicant seeking a change of organization or reorganization submit a plan for providing services within the affected territory that includes, among other requirements, an enumeration and description of the services to be extended to the affected territory and an indication of when those services can feasibly be extended. This bill would specify that the plan is required to also include specific information regarding services currently provided to the affected territory, as applicable, and make related changes.

Position  Subject
Sponsor  Annexation Proceedings

CALAFCO Comments: This bill makes a fix to Gov. Code Sec. 56653 based on the court finding in the case of The City of Patterson v. Turlock Irrigation District. The court found that because the services were already being provided via an out of area service agreement, the application for annexation was deemed incomplete because it was not a new service to be provided. By making the fix in statute, any pending/future annexation for a territory that is already receiving services via an out of area service agreement will not be in jeopardy.

As amended, corrections were made to: 56653(b)(3) reading "proposed" rather than "provided", and in Government Code Section 56857 an exemption added pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 9608 for territory already receiving electrical service under a service area agreement approved by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 9608.

AB 979 (Lackey R) Local government.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Status: 2/17/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
Location: 2/16/2017-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, provides the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts and makes related findings and declarations. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those findings and declarations.

Position  Subject
Sponsor  CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: Currently in spot bill form, this bill is co-sponsored by CALAFCO and CSDA. The intent is to amend code Sec. 56332.5 to streamline the process of seating special districts on LAFCo by mirroring current statute 56332 (the process for electing special district representatives into the special district seats). Keeping the process voluntary, it allows for voting by mail whether or not the district wants to have special districts represented on LAFCo. Further, it will allow for the consolidation of that question with the independent special district selection committee appointment to a countywide redevelopment agency oversight board pursuant to Health and Safety Code 34179 (jj)(3).
Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, among other things, authorizes a local agency formation commission to establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges for proceedings taken pursuant to the act, as specified. This bill would revise that provision to authorize a local agency formation commission to establish a schedule of fees and a schedule of service charges pursuant to the act.

**Position**

**Subject**

**Sponsor**

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the annual Omnibus bill. The bill currently has one item and will be amended soon to include five (5) additional items.

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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 a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2017–18 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**

**Subject**

**Support**

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is identical to SB 817 (Roth, 2016), SB 25 (Roth, 2013) and SB 69 (Roth, 2014) with the exception of the chaptering out language included in the 2016 version (which addressed the companion bill AB 2277 (Melendez, 2016)). The bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2017/18 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.
(Wieckowski D) Local government: organization: districts.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/15/2017
Status: 2/23/2017-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Location: 2/23/2017-S. GOV. & F.

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, as specified, and defines various terms for these purposes. This bill would define the term “inactive district” for purposes of that act.

Position  
None at this time
Subject  
CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill. According to the author’s office, they have been working with the State Controller’s office on the clean-up of inactive districts (both dependent and independent). CALAFCO was not contacted by the author’s office, but has talked with them since the bill’s introduction. CALAFCO understands the author has submitted amendments to Leg Counsel although we have not yet seen those amendments. We are working with the author’s office to properly define “inactive district” and to help streamline the process of the dissolution of districts identified as inactive where it makes sense to take that action.

CALAFCO will continue to work with the author’s office and other stakeholders and watch for amendments.

Priority 3

AB 267  
(Waldron R) Community services districts.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/1/2017
Status: 2/2/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 4.
Location: 2/1/2017-A, PRINT

Summary: Current law provides for the organization and powers of community services districts, including the continuation of any community services district, improvement district of a community services district, or zone of a community services district, that was in existence on January 1, 2006. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position  
Watch
Subject  

CALAFCO Comments: According to the author’s office this is a spot bill.

AB 577  
(Caballero D) Disadvantaged communities.
Current Text: Amended: 3/9/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Last Amend: 3/9/2017
Status: 3/13/2017-Re-referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.
Location: 2/27/2017-A, E.S. & T.M.

Summary: Current law defines a disadvantaged community as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income for various purposes, that include, but are not limited to, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, eligibility for certain entities to apply for funds from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, and authorization for a community revitalization and investment authority to carry out a community revitalization plan. This bill would expand the
definition of a disadvantaged community to include a community with an annual per capita income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual per capita income.

Position
Watch
Subject
Disadvantaged Communities

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, this bill is intended to expand the definition of disadvantaged communities to include multi-family households. According to the author’s office this will be a two-year bill. CALAFCO will retain a Watch position until any amendments are in print.

AB 645

(Quirk D) Local government: organization: dissolution.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2017
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Status: 3/2/2017-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Location: 3/2/2017-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Under current law, if a change of organization consists of a dissolution, the commission is required to order the dissolution subject to confirmation of voters if, among other things, the proposal was not initiated by the commission and if a subject agency has not objected to the proposal, the commission has found that, for an inhabited territory protests have been signed by either 25% of the number of landowners within the affected territory who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the territory or 25% of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing or owning land within the affected territory. This bill would decrease that threshold to 10% of the number of landowners within the affected territory who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the territory or 10% of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing or owning land within the affected territory.

Position
Watch
Subject
CKH General Procedures,
Disincorporation/dissolution, Special
District Consolidations

CALAFCO Comments: According to the author’s office this is a spot bill pending the outcome of the Alameda LAFCo special study on Eden Healthcare District. Update: The author’s office indicates they will hold off moving this bill. CALAFCO will continue to Watch.

AB 892

(Waldron R) Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.
Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2017
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Last Amend: 3/23/2017
Status: 3/27/2017-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Location: 3/23/2017-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Current law, upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions, requires a district to provide service of water at substantially the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to the Indian tribe’s lands that are not within a district, as prescribed. This bill would authorize, rather than require, a district to provide this service of water. The bill would apply this authorization to all Indian tribes whose lands are owned by the tribe.

Position
Watch
Subject
Water

AB 1728

(Committee on Local Government) Health care districts: board of directors.
Current Text: Introduced: 3/22/2017
Introduced: 3/22/2017
Status: 3/23/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee April 22.
Location: 3/23/2017-A. PRINT

Summary: Each health care district has a board of directors with specific duties and powers respecting the creation, administration, and maintenance of the district, including purchasing, receiving, having, taking, holding, leasing, using, and enjoying property. This bill would require the board of directors to adopt an annual budget in a public meeting, on or before September 1 of each year, that conforms to generally accepted accounting and budgeting procedures for special
districts, establish and maintain an Internet Web site that lists contact information for the district, and adopt annual policies for providing assistance or grant funding, if the district provides assistance or grants.

**Position**

Watch

Subject

Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, this bill requires healthcare districts to adopt annual budgets, establish and maintain a website (and prescribes the required site content), and adopt policies for grant funding.

**SB 80**

(Wieckowski D) California Environmental Quality Act: notices.
Current Text: Amended: 2/14/2017 [Text]
Introduced: 1/11/2017
Last Amended: 2/14/2017
Status: 3/29/2017-Action From E.Q.: Do pass.To APPR.. Location: 3/29/2017-S. APPR.,

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Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to mail certain notices to persons who have filed a written request for notices. The act provides that if the agency’s offer to provide the notices by email, upon filing a written request for notices, a person may request that the notices be provided to him or her by email. This bill would require the lead agency to post those notices on the agency’s Internet Web site. The bill would require the agency to offer to provide those notices by email. Because this bill would increase the level of service provided by a local agency, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position**

Watch

Subject

CEQA

**SB 206**

(Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017 [Text]
Introduced: 2/1/2017
Location: 3/23/2017-A. DESK

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Summary: Would enact the First Validating Act of 2017, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

**Position**

Support

Subject

LAFCo Administration

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

**SB 207**

(Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017 [Text]
Introduced: 2/1/2017
Location: 3/23/2017-A. DESK

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Summary: Would enact the Second Validating Act of 2017, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

**Position**

Support

Subject

LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.
SB 208
(Committee on Governance and Finance) Validation.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017
Introduced: 2/1/2017
Location: 3/23/2017-A. DESK
Summary: Would enact the Third Validating Act of 2017, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.
Position: Support
Subject: LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 365
(Dodd D) Regional park and open-space districts: County of Solano.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2017
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Status: 3/30/2017-Withdrawn from committee. Ordered to second reading.
Location: 3/30/2017-S. SECOND READING
Calendar: 4/3/2017 #9 SENATE SEN SECOND READING FILE - SENATE BILLS
Summary: Current law authorizes proceedings for the formation of a regional park and open-space or regional open-space district in specified counties in the state to be initiated by resolution of the county board of supervisors adopted after a noticed hearing, and specifies the contents of the resolution. This bill, in addition, would authorize the formation of a regional district in the County of Solano to be initiated by resolution of the county board of supervisors after a noticed hearing. The bill would specify the contents of the resolution, including the calling of an election, as prescribed.
Position: Oppose
Subject: LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: This bill calls for the formation of a regional park and open space district which will circumvent the LAFCo formation process. CALAFCO discussed our concerns with the author’s office, who has made it clear they will not be considering any potential amendments unless requested by Solano LAFCo.

SB 435
(Dodd D) Williamson Act: payments to local governments.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2017
Introduced: 2/15/2017
Status: 3/21/2017-Set for hearing April 19.
Location: 2/23/2017-S. GOV. & F.
Calendar: 4/19/2017 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair
Summary: Would, under the Williamson act, reduce the amount per acre paid to a city, county, or city and county under these provisions to $2.50 for prime agricultural land, $0.50 for all other land devoted to open-space uses of statewide significance, and, for counties that have adopted farmland security zones, $4 for land that is within, or within 3 miles of the sphere of influence of, each incorporated city.
Position: Watch
Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson
CALAFCO Comments: According to the author’s office, this bill (originally sponsored by the CA Farm Bureau but no longer) is intended to ensure ongoing subvention funding for counties and cities to enter into contracts with owners of agricultural land that commit to protecting and preserving the property as resource land and farmland. The current language is placeholder language and at present the author is working with the Dept. of Conservation and stakeholder groups to determine a reasonable path forward for the reinstatement of the Williamson Act funding.
CALAFCO will watch the bill for pending amendments.
SB 634
(Wilk R) Santa Clarita Valley Water District.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/17/2017
Status: 3/28/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on GOV. & F. (Ayes 7, Noes 0.) (March 28).
Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Location: 3/28/2017-S. GOV. & F.

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Summary: Current law, the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law, created the Castaic Lake Water Agency and authorizes the agency to acquire water and water rights, including water from the State Water Project, and to provide, sell, and deliver water at wholesale for municipal, industrial, domestic, and other purposes. This bill would repeal the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

Position
Oppose Unless Amended

Subject
Special District Consolidations

CALAFCO Comments: This bill consolidates two independent water districts in Los Angeles and does not include the LAFCo process. CALAFCO shared our concerns with the author's office and continues to be in conversations.
CALAFCO's position requests amendments to deal with variables via legislation and keep the LAFCo process intact.

SB 693
(Mendoza D) Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017  Text
Introduced: 2/17/2017
Status: 3/21/2017-Set for hearing April 19.
Location: 3/9/2017-S. GOV. & F.

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Calendar: 4/19/2017 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary: Would specifically authorize the establishment of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District, by petition or resolution submitted to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission before January 1, 2020, subject to specified existing laws governing recreation and park districts, including their formation, except as provided. The bill would authorize specified city councils and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to appoint the initial board of directors of the district.

Position
Watch

Subject
LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This bill forms the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District while leaving the LAFCo process intact. CALAFCO will keep watching to ensure it stays that way.