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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood *PLA*
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

The Commission approved hosting the 2016 Annual Conference in Santa Barbara County at the February 6, 2016 meeting. As reported last month, at this point the hotel has not changed its \$199 per night room rate. Locating the 2016 Annual Conference in Santa Barbara County may be dependent of this rate which is higher than historic rates in the past.

At the July 11, 2014 meeting, the CALAFCO Board of Directors received a report on the progress of negotiations with the Doubletree. Commissioner Welt will be able to report on the Board's response. As I reported last month, in my discussions with CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller, I have tried to emphasize that Santa Barbara is a "world class location" for a conference and as a result room prices are higher than less desirable locations. However, the downside is that some LAFCO's around the State may not be able to attend the conference if room rates are not reduced or an alternate site is selected.

At this point the CALAFCO Board of Directors will need to make a decision regarding settling for the \$199 per night room rate or looking elsewhere in the Coastal Region for the 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference.

I will report on the progress, if any, of conference site negotiations and other options for hosting the conference, at the September 4th meeting.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.