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TO: Each Member of the Commission

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SUBJECT: **Report on 2016 CALAFCO Legislative Committee Activities**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

Legislative Proposals:

- 1) As part of last month's legislative update, I mentioned that proposal to amend the Joint Exercise of Power Act (JPA) is a priority for CALAFCO this year. CALAFCO is having conversations with the author's office and stakeholders almost daily in an effort to come to agreement on language that will not be strongly opposed upon introduction.

CALAFCO staff has been working with Senator Maguire's office in an effort to get JPA legislation introduced. The proposed language is now focused only on the JPA's formed to provide municipal services. Again, for your information, I have included CALAFCO's December 2015 Legislative Proposal on JPA's as **Exhibit A**.

- 2) A second bill of interest is Assembly Bill 1362 (Gordon). AB 1362 was introduced last year and was recently amended, according to the author: "*as an option, to allow county-wide mosquito and vector control groups to use the city selection committee to appoint members to their county boards.*" *As currently drafted, it is meant to be permissive for districts. The proposal would not only seek to increase local oversight and accountability, but also allow for reduced sized boards in circumstances where the existing law results in 26-35 member boards.*" The added language allows the City Selection Committee to appoint up to the total number of trustees that would have been appointed through the current process (each agency self-appointing). I have included a copy of AB 1362 as **Exhibit B**.

- 3) Lastly, there is a proposal to amend Government Code Section 56877 relating to dissolution of a special district and the requirements for an election. The consensus of CALAFCO Legislative Committee members is that the amended language is not necessary. The proposed language comes from the San Diego area and is an issue between two water districts. The current and proposed language is as follows:

Current Text of 56877

“When a change of organization or a reorganization includes the annexation of inhabited territory to a district and the assessed value of land within the territory equals one-half or more of the assessed value of land within the district, or the number of registered voters residing within the territory equals one-half or more of the number of registered voters residing within the district, the commission may determine as a condition of the proposal that the change of organization or reorganization shall also be subject to confirmation by the voters in an election to be called, held, and conducted within the territory of the district to which annexation is proposed”.

Proposed New Language for 56877

“When a change of organization or a reorganization involves the dissolution of a district and the governing board of the district proposed to be dissolved submits a unanimous Resolution of Objection, the commission may determine as a condition of approval that the change of organization or reorganization shall be subject to confirmation by the voters in an election to be called, held, and conducted within the territory of the district that is subject to dissolution.”

CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting:

The next meeting of the CALAFCO Legislative Committee will be held in Sacramento on Friday, February 29, 2016, in Sacramento. Staff will provide a verbal update on the meeting at the March 3, 2016 Commission meeting.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A CALAFCO JPA Proposal
Exhibit B Assembly Bill 1362 (Gordon)

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.