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Local Agency Formation Commission
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Schedule to Hear and Adopt LAFCO Budget for FY 2009-2010

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission adopt the following budget schedule:

- Review and adopt a Proposed Budget at the April 2 LAFCO meeting.
- Distribute the Proposed Budget to the County, cities and independent special districts for their review.
- Consider and adopt the Final Budget at the June 4 LAFCO meeting.

It is further recommended the staff be directed to advise the Commission of any changes that might adversely affect LAFCO's ability to fulfill its responsibilities in the coming fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

The Commission is responsible for adopting an annual budget. Government Code Section 56381 which creates a specific budgetary process for LAFCO provides that:

(a) The commission shall adopt annually, following noticed public hearings, a proposed budget by May 1 and final budget by June 15.

At a minimum, the proposed and final budget shall be equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year unless the commission finds that reduced staffing or program costs will nevertheless allow the commission to fulfill the purposes and programs of this chapter.

The commission shall transmit its proposed and final budgets to the board of supervisors; each city; clerk and chair of the city selection committee; each independent special district; and clerk and chair of the independent special district selection committee.

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For accounting purposes LAFCO is a stand-alone Operating Fund in the County financial system and participates in the County Treasurer's investment pool. The relationship between the County and LAFCO is a cooperative one and the LAFCO staff complies with County accounting procedures for ease of processing LAFCO deposits and payments.

When the Final Budget is adopted the County Auditor, after crediting the year end available fund balance and projected processing fee income, allocates LAFCO's net budget to all participating local agencies. The County, the cities and the independent special districts fund in equal thirds the net cost of the LAFCO budget.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer