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Local Agency Formation Commission
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Legislative Update - AB 2698 (LAFCO Omnibus Bill), AB 2624 (Sustainable Communities Grants) and AB 2238 (Public Drinking Water Systems)

Dear Members of the Commission:

Recommendation

It is recommended the Commission receive this report.

Introduction

This letter reports on bills in the current legislative session.

Assembly Bill 2698 (LAFCO Omnibus Bill) Became Law

The Commission position supporting the bill was communicated to legislators, the Governor and CALAFCO. The bill was chaptered on July 9, 2012

In reporting on AB 2698, referred to as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Omnibus Bill, the staff noted that the Assembly Local Government Committee and CALAFCO find it expeditious to combine into one "omnibus bill" needed but minor, non-controversial requests for legislation.

The changes in AB 2698 were reviewed by counties, cities, special districts, building industry, environmental organizations and others interest groups. Proposals that would evoke controversy or opposition were not included in the bill.

AB 2698 makes the following changes affecting local government reorganizations:

- Reorganizes protest provisions contained in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Act).

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

- Repeals an outdated exemption contained in the Act for the Goleta West Sanitary district that expired January 1, 2003.
- Revises and recasts provisions related to the initiation of a change of organization or reorganization that affects more than one special district, as specified.
- Authorizes the waiver of protest proceedings under specific circumstances, and sets forth procedures that apply to those waivers, including the mailing of specified notices.
- Makes other technical and conforming changes.

Assembly Bill 2624 (Smyth) - Sustainable Communities Grants

This bill died in the Senate Appropriations Committee suspense file. It would have made LAFCOs eligible to apply directly for Strategic Growth Council grants.

Assembly Bill 2238 (Perea) - Public drinking water systems

This bill is in the third reading in the Senate. It requires the State Department of Health to consider recommendations in Municipal Service Reviews before issuing grants to local agencies for water system improvements. CALAFCO supports the bill because it makes use of MSRs and requires state consultation with the local LAFCO. There are no LAFCO mandates in the bill.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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