

Date November 7, 2013 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission  
105 East Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara CA 93101

**Consideration of a Proposal by Ventura LAFCO for a Regional Meeting of the Coastal Region LAFCOs**

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission support the Proposal for a Meeting of the Coast Region LAFCOs.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner and CALAFCO Board member Welt was the recipient of an October 14, 2013 letter from Ventura LAFCO Chair Gail Pringle suggesting that there be a Regional Meeting of Coastal Region LAFCOs. The request is a follow-up to a discussion at the 2013 CALAFCO Annual Conference that suggested that CALAFCO could further increase its value to its members by spearheading educational and networking forums at the regional level. Although Commissioner Welt will not be able to attend the November 7, 2013 meeting, he has expressed support for the Regional LAFCO Meeting. Commissioner Welt has a CALAFCO Board of Directors morning meeting in Sacramento on October 8, 2013, and will be in transit.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



PAUL HOOD  
Executive Officer

## Paul Hood

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**From:** Pamela Miller <pmiller@calafco.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2013 10:42 AM  
**To:** 'Juliana Inman'; Roger Welt; John Leopold ; Mike McGill  
**Cc:** pbann@aol.com; Paul Hood; Lou Ann Teixeira ; Pat McCormick; Mary Jane Griego  
**Subject:** CALAFCO Regional Meeting - Request from Ventura LAFCo  
**Attachments:** Ventura LAFCo Letter re Regional Meetings.pdf

Good morning CALAFCO Coastal Region Board Members.

It's good to know that there was some very thought-provoking and constructive dialogue that resulted from our annual conference this year. Many good ideas have resulted from such conversations during and after the conference. One such example is the attached letter from Ventura LAFCo, addressed to you.

The letter will also be presented to the full Board at your November meeting as part of my conference final report. The suggestion of a regional meeting I believe is a good one - and aligns with your strategic plan goals and objectives. I agree that such a session should not replace the annual conference or staff workshop or CALAFCO U opportunities, but rather supplement them and be an additional value created by CALAFCO for our membership. Ensuring this will require careful and strategic planning, but it an idea I feel worthy of discussion and consideration at the Board.

Ventura LAFCo has suggested a pilot meeting within their region - your Coastal region. I am not sure what the design, content, schedule, etc. would look like at this point, and careful thought to budgeting but I am interested in your initial thoughts on the idea as the Coastal region Board representatives.

Looking forward to your feedback.

Regards,

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October 14, 2013

Coastal Region Members of the Board of Directors  
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Sent Via Electronic Mail

Subject: Regional Meeting of the Coastal LAFCos

Dear Ms. Inman, Mr. Leopold, Mr. McGill and Mr. Welt:

One of the items on the Ventura LAFCo meeting agenda last month was a discussion regarding the recent CALAFCO Conference and Peter Detwiler's paper titled "California Within Limits: Research Notes for a History of California's Local Boundary Laws". Those who attended the Conference shared their impressions and all agreed that it was informative and interesting. I therefore want to thank you and the other members of the CALAFCO Board of Directors for hosting such a valuable event.

As part of our discussion, it was suggested that CALAFCO could further increase value to its members by spearheading educational and networking forums at the regional level. The discussion ultimately led to a consensus to send this letter requesting your support for the establishment of a meeting of the Coastal Region LAFCos to share our collective knowledge and ideas regarding common challenges. As you no doubt agree, there are many examples of such challenges including limited water supplies, conversion of agricultural lands and lack of affordable housing.

If carefully planned, regional meetings also have the potential to provide benefits similar to the statewide CALAFCO conferences at a lower cost. By this we do not mean that regional meetings should replace the statewide conferences but merely to acknowledge that many LAFCos are facing significant budget reductions. For some LAFCos, a regional workshop may indeed be the only CALAFCO educational event that they can attend.

Our suggestion is for CALAFCO to host one pilot meeting located somewhere near the geographic center of the Coastal Region in an area with convenient airport access. If the level of interest in the pilot warrants, perhaps it could be continued on an annual basis. As part of our request, we would also like to see a dedicated source of funding for regional forums included the next CALAFCO budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and we look forward to hearing from you through Kim Uhlich, Ventura LAFCo Executive Officer at (805) 654-2866 or [kim.uhlich@ventura.org](mailto:kim.uhlich@ventura.org).

Sincerely,

Gail Pringle,  
Chair

c: Commission Members, Ventura LAFCo  
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