LAFCO MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Each Member of the Commission

FROM:

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Executive Officer

SUBJECT:

Report on 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

The 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference will be held in Santa Barbara County. The Commission approved hosting the 2016 Annual Conference at the February 6, 2016 meeting. At this point the hotel has not changed its \$199 per night room rate. The rate is considerable higher than previous and future conferences, as set forth below:

2015 - Sacramento, Hyatt = \$126

2014 – Ontario, Doubletree = \$99

2013 - Squaw Valley, Resort at Squaw Creek = \$169

2012 - Monterey, Hyatt = \$149

2011 – Napa, Silverado CC = \$159

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. 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 desireable 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.

I will report on the progress of negotiations with the hotel, and other options for hosting the conference, at the August 7th meeting.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.