

# LAFCO

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## Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission


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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood   
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: October 3, 2013 Strategic Planning Retreat

### **I. Presentation: Most Proud:**

- Taking care of people's business – orderly development
- Goleta
- Protecting health & safety
- Septic system annexations
- Speed to handle emergency order
- Orderly process
- Annexation to city of SB
- Helping people on day-to-day basis
- Commissioners respectful of their authority
- Commission taking more responsibility for action; taking ownership
- Interest in statewide basis
- Difficulty in balancing representation vs. neutrality
- Trying to do the public's work
- Camaraderie
- LAFCO's decisions are final
- SOI of Santa Barbara and Goleta – LAFCO listened; neutral.
- Executive more communicative than other boards
- Presentation of agricultural lands
- Forum where all 3 types of Gov't come together
- Role of public member
- SB LAFCO 20-year report
- Communicating with constituents
- Helping people through complicated process

### **II. Role Conversation: How does SBLAFCO want to be known?**

- Make process more user friendly

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**Commissioners:** Roger Aceves, Chair ♦ Doreen Farr ♦ Craig Geyer ♦ Jeff Moorhouse ♦ Bob Orach ♦ Bob Short  
Janet Wolf ♦ John Fox ♦ Steve Lavagnino ♦ Jim Richardson ♦ Roger Welt **Executive Officer:** Paul Hood

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

- How we communicate with public
- Getting information from other entities to inform our decisions
- Better flow within county
- Education curve – for key shareholders – LAFCO training manual
- Elected officials – key staff
- Accomplish MSR and SOI updates

### **III. Public Value – How do we want to be known?**

- LAFCO has a value-added position to cities, Special Districts, and County.
- MSR as a tool to caution/endorse service delivery options of agencies
- Baseline
- Having a conversation with each local gov't.

### **IV. Discussion: Current/Challenging Issues for SBLAFCO:**

- Value Added Issue Areas
- Balance between providing space for growth with:
  - Protecting the environment
  - Cost of service and delivery
  - Protect ag lands
  - Broad patterns & trends as growth occurs - Santa Inez Sanitary (8)
  - Water- Delivery and re-use (8)
  - Ag. Area uniqueness/ differences (4)
  - Relations with tribes/ Tribal consolidation area (1)
  - Gov't to Gov't Discussion of city and county plans. (8)
  - University (2)

### **V. Website Updates:**

- Pictures
- Live stream of meetings as well as archive of past meetings
- Maps of each jurisdiction/ SOI maps at Public Works
- APN search for agencies serving parcel
- Track hits to site
- Comments/ contact page
- Member agencies

### **VI. Assignments and next steps:**

- Website – Proposal from county and research other LAFCO sites – Paul and Jacquelyne
- Mission – Paul
- Work Plan MSRS: 5 year plan – Paul
- Integrating MSR into EO work plan w/in 1 year – Paul
- Consent Calendar & Rosenberg's Rules
- Bring sections of the policy manual to the commission – Paul
- Reimbursement policy – Bill