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October 10, 2024 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on the Final 2024 CALAFCO Conference Material**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

The 2024 CALAFCO Conference Planning Committee Program has finalized the Conference Program. A summary of the Sessions are attached as **Attachment A**.

Registration closed completely on September 30, 2024. Three Commissioners and staff are planning to attend the Conference. Staff has registered 3 Commissioners (Stark, Freeman, & Richardson) and 3 staff. Santa Barbara LAFCO's Regular voting delegate is Commissioner Freeman and the Alternate delegate is Executive Officer Prater.

Attachments

Attachment A – CALAFCO Conference Schedule

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The CALAFCO Conference Program Planning Team is excited to unveil the schedule for next month's event.

Check it out:

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES	
Wednesday, October 16	
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration
7:15 AM – 12:30 PM	Mobile Workshop: The Road to Glacier Point - Mariposa County & Yosemite National Park's Collaborative Service Provision <i>Learn how Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park are collaborating on service provision through intergovernmental efforts and the engagement of local stakeholders.</i> Buses Load at 7:15 AM at the Port Cochere, and depart Promptly at 7:30 AM.
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	LAFCO 101 <i>Government codes? Statutory requirements? Legal ramifications? If any of these have you scratching your head sometimes, fear not because this "LAFCo 101" session will not only give you an inside scope on becoming a LAFCo expert in these areas but will also be entertaining beyond belief.</i> <i>Don't take our word for it and check this session out – you won't be disappointed.</i>

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH	
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Conference Opening
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	GENERAL SESSION: In the Halls and Behind the Walls: When Legislation Turns Political <i>What most of us know about the legislative process is a straight-forward two-house flow that we were taught during our high school civics classes. But what happens to that process when a bill turns political? Join us as veteran lobbyists share their war stories regarding a recent bill concerning the County Water Authority Act and learn what really occurs in the Capitol when competing interests scramble in an attempt to affect a bill's outcome.</i>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	GENERAL SESSION: Equity in Action: LAFCO'S Role in Environmental Justice <i>Join us for a dynamic session where we will explore how LAFCOs can champion environmental justice. Delve into the history and legislation that shape this crucial work and learn how LAFCOs can drive sustainable growth and foster inclusive decision-making to create healthier environments for everyone. Discover strategies for ensuring fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all communities in the planning and provision of public services. Come ready to share your ideas and collaborate on actionable solutions!</i>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Optional Dinner Buffet (Requires pre-purchased ticket)
7:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 th	
6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Regional Caucus Meetings and Elections
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Regional & Attorney Roundtables
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Networking Buffet Lunch
1:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions

	<p>Connecting the Drops: Private Water Systems in California <i>We all know LAFCOs have purview over cities and special districts, but what about private water systems? Gain a better understanding on how they operate and the challenges they face. Learn how LAFCOs can play a role in their future and hear a true story about how one private water system wasn't too big to fail.</i></p>
	<p>Consolidations: Beyond the LAFCO Process, the Commissioners' Role Location: Salon V <i>Consolidations on the horizon? This session will go beyond the staff processing of an application and focus on the role commissioners can take to promote and support consolidations/reorganizations and further LAFCO's goal to promote the efficient provision of services.</i></p>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions
	<p>What Would You Do? <i>This fun and interactive session will present situations that came before LAFCO Boards and presented unusual challenges and issues. The panelists will present an overview of a situation faced by their commissioners and allow for discussion of the conflicting LAFCO goals, what the commission decided and the results of the decision.</i></p>
	<p>What Does that LAFCO Hat Look Like? <i>As we all know, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act directs commissioners to make decisions on behalf of the public as a whole and not for their home agency when they serve on LAFCO. But what does it mean for commissioners to be "independent"? Hear from seasoned commissioners on how they interpret that general direction in statute and share how they approach proposals while they wear their "LAFCO hat."</i></p>
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	Pre-Dinner Reception
6:15 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner Banquet and Awards Ceremony

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18th	
6:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<p>GENERAL SESSION: Preparing for Future LAFCO Leaders, TODAY!</p> <p><i>A LAFCO career is such a lucrative profession if you think about it – once you discover or stumble upon it of course. In fact, most employees end their careers with LAFCO after 10, 20, 30+ years under their belts. But how do you replace someone with that much experience? How do you find the right candidate to pass the torch to? This session goes over succession planning and how to gain/retain LAFCO talent.</i></p>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>GENERAL SESSION: Empowering Water Policy Champions Through Education, Collaboration, and Inclusive Fellowship</p> <p><i>Hear from water experts and elected officials to expand your knowledge about California water policy to promote timely and equitable actions that serve to develop a robust economy, healthy communities, and a resilient environment for all Californians.</i></p>
12:00 PM	<p>Conference Adjourns</p>

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