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August 10, 2011 (Agenda)

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Agenda Item 13

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission  
 651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor  
 Martinez, CA 94553

**CALAFCO Board of Directors – Proposed Amendments to Government Code Section 56133**

Dear Commissioners:

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Government Code Section 56133, LAFCO has the authority to approve the extension of municipal service beyond a local agency’s boundary, and in some instances, beyond an agency’s sphere of influence (SOI).

Over the past year, the CALAFCO Legislative Committee has worked with a number of LAFCO Executive Officers to craft language that would allow a LAFCO, subject to making certain findings, to approve out of agency service extensions, based on additional factors.

In March 2011, the CALAFCO Legislative Committee unanimously recommended proposed changes to 56133 to the CALAFCO Board of Directors. In April 2011, the CALAFCO Board unanimously adopted the proposed language.

**DISCUSSION**

The intent is for CALAFCO to seek legislation in 2012 to make the changes to the statute. Prior to working with the Legislature and stakeholders, CALAFCO is providing its members an opportunity to review and comment on the proposal (attached).

Three substantive changes are proposed. The **first** and most significant change expands LAFCO’s existing authority in approving new and extended services beyond an agency’s SOI irrespective of public health and safety threats. In order to do so, LAFCO must make three findings at a noticed public hearing. These findings involve determining the extension 1) was contemplated in a municipal service review; 2) will not result in adverse impacts on open space and agricultural lands or growth; and 3) does not anticipate a later change of organization based on local policy. The **second** change clarifies LAFCO’s sole authority in determining the

application of the statute. The **third** change deemphasizes the approval of contracts and emphasizes the approval of service extensions.

The CALAFCO Board and Legislative Committee believe the proposed amendments will provide LAFCOs with more flexibility in accommodating out of agency service extensions beyond a local agency's SOI. It is important to note that the public health and safety criteria remain an option for approving out of agency service.

The proposed amendments provide assurances that the extension of out of agency service could be approved at LAFCO's discretion. In the past, Contra Costa LAFCO has evaluated out of agency service requests on a case-by-case basis. The proposed amendments would not affect that process.

CALAFCO's goal is to have unanimous support of the proposed amendments by all members, prior to working on the specific legislation this fall.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Consider the proposed amendments to Government Code section 56133; provide input as desired; and consider whether or not to take a position on the proposal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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June 21, 2011

**TO:** LAFCo Executive Officers  
**FROM:** CALAFCO Legislative Committee  
**REPORT BY:** Keene Simonds, Napa LAFCo  
**SUBJECT:** **Board-Approved Amendments to Government Code Section 56133**

On April 29, 2011, the CALAFCO Board unanimously approved a proposal from the Legislative Committee to amend Government Code (G.C.) Section 56133 and its provisions governing the LAFCo approval process for cities and special districts to provide new and extended outside services. Three substantive changes underlie the Board-approved amendments. The first change expands LAFCos' existing authority in approving new and extended services beyond agencies' spheres of influence irrespective of public health and safety threats. The second change clarifies LAFCos' sole authority in determining the application of the statute. The third change deemphasizes the approval of contracts or agreements in favor of emphasizing the approval of service extensions.

The Board-approved amendments would – if passed into law – significantly expand LAFCos' individual discretion in administering G.C. Section 56133. Markedly, enhancing discretion highlights the Legislative Committee's principal motive in proposing the amendments given the current statute limits LAFCos' ability to accommodate new and extended services beyond spheres of influence that are otherwise logical given local conditions unless addressing public health or safety threats. The Legislative Committee, nevertheless, recognizes the importance of establishing specific safeguards to help uniformly guide LAFCos in exercising their expanded discretion consistent with our collective responsibilities to facilitate orderly and efficient municipal growth and development. Most notably, this includes explicitly tying the expanded discretion with the municipal service review process.

Additional materials are attached to this communication further detailing the Board-approved amendments to G.C. Section 56133. This includes a one-page informational flyer summarizing the key changes with implementing examples as well as addressing frequently asked questions that have been raised in the two plus years the Legislative Committee has expended on this important rewrite. The Legislative Committee welcomes your questions and comments. Towards this end, to help expedite follow up, these regional coordinators are available to discuss the Board-approved amendments as well as make presentations to individual LAFCos if interested:

**Northern:** Scott Browne, Nevada  
Steve Lucas, Butte

**Coastal:** Neelima Palacherla, Santa Clara  
Keene Simonds, Napa

**Central:** Marjorie Blum, Stanislaus  
Ted Novelli, Amador

**Southern:** Kathy McDonald, San Bernardino  
George Spiliotis, Riverside

Thank you again for your attention to this matter and the Legislative Committee looks forward to working with you on any questions or comments.

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Attachments: 1) Informational Flyer on the Board-Approved Amendments to G.C. Section 56133  
2) Board Approved Amendments to G.C. Section 56133 (Track-Changes)  
3) Legislative History of G.C. Section 56133

June 2011

## The Proposal: Three Changes ...

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## Why the Changes ...

The CALAFCO Board and Legislative Committee believes the three changes proposed for G.C. Section 56133 will measurably strengthen a LAFCo's ability to effectively regulate outside service extensions in concert with our evolving role in regional growth management. Specifically, if passed into law, the changes will provide LAFCo more flexibility in accommodating service extensions lying beyond spheres of influence that are otherwise sensible given local conditions while clarifying the determination of when the statute and its exemptions apply rests solely with LAFCo. The changes would also strike unnecessary references to "contract or agreement approval" given these documents are generally prepared only after the proposed service extensions have been considered and approved by LAFCo. Examples showing how these changes could be implemented follow.

- LAFCo would have the authority, subject to making certain findings, to approve new or extended outside services beyond spheres of influence for public facilities, such as fire stations and schools, where the connection to the affected agency's infrastructure is a potential option.
- LAFCo would have the authority, subject to making certain findings, to approve new or extended outside services beyond spheres of influence for private uses supporting permitted intensity increases, such as residential construction or commercial additions.
- LAFCo would avoid delays and other transaction costs tied to disagreements with agencies regarding the constitution of "new" and "extended" services as well as determining when exemptions apply. Notably, this includes determining when a contract service proposed between two public agencies qualifies for exemption if it is "consistent with the level of service contemplated by the existing provider."

## FAQs

**Does providing LAFCo with more flexibility to approve services beyond spheres of influence undermine LAFCo's ability to curb sprawl?**

No. The proposed changes include measured safeguards to protect against inappropriate urban development by requiring LAFCo to make three specific findings (consistency with a municipal service review, no adverse agricultural or growth inducing impacts, and no expectation of future annexation) at noticed hearings before approving new or extended services beyond spheres.

**Will these changes create new pressures on LAFCo to accommodate development beyond agencies' spheres they would otherwise reject?**

The proposed changes do not effect LAFCo's existing right and duty to deny outside service requests deemed illogical and inconsistent with their policies.

**How long has CALAFCO been discussing the proposal?**

The Legislative Committee has spent two plus years working on the proposal before Board approval in April 2011.

## Questions or Comments

The following regional coordinators are available for questions or comments on the proposed changes to G.C. Section 56133. The regional coordinators are also available to make presentations to interested LAFCos.

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- Ted Novelli, Amador
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(b) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional ~~boundaries-boundary~~ but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization.

(c) If consistent with adopted policy, ~~the~~ commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional ~~boundaries-boundary~~ and outside its sphere of influence under any of the following circumstances:

(1) ~~to~~ To respond to an existing or impending threat to the public health or safety of the residents of the affected territory if both of the following requirements are met:

(+A) The entity applying for ~~the contract~~ approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.

(±B) The commission has notified any alternate service provider, including any water corporation as defined in Section 241 of the Public Utilities Code, or sewer system corporation as defined in Section 230.6 of the Public Utilities Code, that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.

(2) To support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties subject to approval at a noticed public hearing that includes all of the following determinations:

(A) The extension of service or service deficiency was identified and evaluated in a municipal service review prepared by the commission pursuant to section 56430.

(B) The effect of the extension of service would not result in adverse impacts on open space or agricultural lands or result in adverse growth inducing impacts.

(C) A later change of organization involving the subject property and the affected agency is not feasible or desirable based on the adopted policies of the commission.

(d) The executive officer, within 30 days of receipt of a request for approval by a city or district ~~of a contract~~ to extend services outside its jurisdictional boundary, shall determine whether the request is complete and acceptable for filing or whether the request is incomplete. If a request is determined not to be complete, the executive officer shall immediately transmit that determination to the requester, specifying those parts of the request that are incomplete and the manner in which they can be made complete. When the request is deemed complete, the executive officer shall place the request on the agenda of the next commission meeting for which adequate notice can be given but not more than 90 days from the date that the request is deemed complete, unless the commission has delegated approval of ~~those~~ requests made under this section to the executive officer. The commission or executive officer shall approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the ~~contract for~~ extended services. If the extended services are ~~contract is~~ disapproved or approved with conditions, the applicant may request reconsideration, citing the reasons for reconsideration.

(e) This section does not apply to ~~contracts or agreements solely involving~~ two or more public agencies where the commission determines the public service to be provided is an alternative to, or substitute for, public services already being provided by an existing public service provider and where the level of service to be provided is consistent with the level of service contemplated by the existing service provider.

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(h) This section does not apply to an extended service that a city or district was providing on or before January 1, 2001.

(i) This section does not apply to a local publicly owned electric utility, as defined by Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, providing electric services that do not involve the acquisition, construction, or installation of electric distribution facilities by the local publicly owned electric utility, outside of the utility's jurisdictional boundaries.

(j) The application of this section rests solely within the jurisdiction of the commission in the county in which the extension of service is proposed.

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Amended, Statutes of 1994, chapter 654, section 2, AB 3350 (Gotch). One-year clean up of the Gotch Bill. Changing effective date of grandfathering clause to effective date of original Gotch Bill. Effective September 20, 1994.

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Amended, Statutes of 1997, chapter 175, section 1, AB 637 (Alby)  
Exempts local publicly owned power utility where no acquisition or construction of electrical facilities outside agency boundaries. Effective January 1, 1998.

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Amended, Statutes of 1999, chapter 779, section 1, SB 807 (Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources). Health or safety threats outside spheres.

**New formant with sub-sections.**

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Amended, Statutes of 2000, chapter 761, section 47 AB 2838 (Hertzberg). The Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000. Effective January 1, 2001.

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Amended, Statutes of 2002, chapter 548, section 6, AB 2227. Harman. Change of grandfathering date. Effective January 1, 2003.

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Amended, Statutes of 1994, chapter 654, section 2, AB 3350 (Gotch). One-year clean up of the Gotch Bill. Changing effective date of grandfathering clause to effective date of original Gotch Bill. Effective September 20, 1994.

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Amended, Statutes of 1997, chapter 175, section 1, AB 637 (Alby)  
Exempts local publicly owned power utility where no acquisition or construction of electrical facilities outside agency boundaries. Effective January 1, 1998.

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*project that will support or induce development, the city or district shall first request and receive written approval from the commission in the affected county. This section shall not apply to an extended service that a city or district was providing on January 1, 1994. This section does not apply to a local publicly owned electric utility, as defined by Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, providing electric services, which do not involve the acquisition, construction, or installation of electric distribution facilities by the local publicly owned electric utility, outside of the utility's jurisdictional boundaries.*

Amended, Statutes of 1999, chapter 779, section 1, SB 807 (Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources). Health or safety threats outside spheres.

**New formant with sub-sections.**

*(a) A city or district may provide new or extended services by contract or agreement outside its jurisdictional boundaries only if it first requests and receives written approval from the commission in the affected county.*

*(b) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries but within its sphere of influence in anticipation of a later change of organization.*

*(c) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries and outside its sphere of influence to respond to an existing or impending threat to the public health or safety of the residents of the affected territory if both of the following requirements are met:*

*(1) The entity applying for the contract approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.*

*(2) The commission has notified any alternate service provider, including any water corporation as defined in Section 241 of the Public Utilities Code, or sewer system corporation as defined in Section 230.6 of the Public Utilities Code, that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.*

*(d) This section does not apply to contracts or agreements solely involving two or more public agencies. This section does not apply to contracts for the transfer of nonpotable or nontreated water. This section does not apply to contracts or agreements solely involving the provision of surplus water to agricultural lands and facilities, including, but not limited to, incidental residential structures, for projects that serve conservation purposes or that directly support agricultural industries. However, prior to extending surplus water service to any project that will support or induce development, the city or district shall first request and receive written approval from the commission in the affected county. This section does not apply to an extended service that a city or district was providing on January 1, 1994. This section does not apply to a local publicly owned electric utility, as defined by Section 9604 of the Public Utilities Code, providing electric services that do not involve the acquisition, construction, or installation of electric distribution facilities by the local publicly owned electric utility, outside of the utility's jurisdictional boundaries.*

Amended, Statutes of 2000, chapter 761, section 47 AB 2838 (Hertzberg). The Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000. Effective January 1, 2001.

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(1) *The entity applying for the contract approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety of the public or the affected residents.*

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(d) The executive officer, within 30 days of receipt of a request for approval by a city or district of a contract to extend services outside its jurisdictional boundary, shall determine whether the request is complete and acceptable for filing or whether the request is incomplete. If a request is determined not to be complete, the executive officer shall immediately transmit that determination to the requester, specifying those parts of the request that are incomplete and the manner in which they can be made complete. When the request is deemed complete, the executive officer shall place the request on the agenda of the next commission meeting for which adequate notice can be given but not more than 90 days from the date that the request is deemed complete, unless the commission has delegated approval of those requests to the executive officer. The commission or executive officer shall approve, disapprove, or approve with conditions the contract for extended services. If the contract is disapproved or approved with conditions, the applicant may request reconsideration, citing the reasons for reconsideration.

(e) This section does not apply to contracts or agreements solely involving two or more public agencies where the public service to be provided is an alternative to, or substitute for, public services already being provided by an existing public service provider and where the level of service to be provided is consistent with the level of service contemplated by the existing service provider. This section does not apply to contracts for the transfer of nonpotable or nontreated water. This section does not apply to contracts or agreements solely involving the provision of surplus water

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Amended, Statutes of 2002, chapter 548, section 6, AB 2227. Harman. Change of grandfathering date. Effective January 1, 2003.

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*(c) The commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries and outside its sphere of influence to respond to an existing or impending threat to the public health or safety of the residents of the affected territory if both of the following requirements are met:*

*(1) The entity applying for the contract approval has provided the commission with documentation of a threat to the health and safety*

*of the public or the affected residents.*

*(2) The commission has notified any alternate service provider, including any water corporation as defined in Section 241 of the Public Utilities Code, or sewer system corporation as defined in Section 230.6 of the Public Utilities Code, that has filed a map and a statement of its service capabilities with the commission.*

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