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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: LAFCO Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Highlights of 2014 Annual CALAFCO Conference

Commissioners and LAFCO staff attended the 2014 Annual CALAFCO Conference in Ontario (October 15-17) hosted by San Bernardino LAFCO. The conference was well attended by approximately 265 participants representing 47 of the 58 LAFCOs.

The workshop theme was *The Next 50 Years... Shaping Communities for Tomorrow with Innovative Ideas Today*. The workshop provided a number of timely general sessions, as well as breakout sessions and regional roundtable discussions. General sessions focused on groundwater basins, cyber security, and a legislative update. The breakout sessions covered GIS technology, water supply and analysis, shared services/collaboration, mineral resources, joint powers authorities, performance evaluations, regional councils of government, how to effectively engage the public in LAFCO actions, and spheres of influence. Conference material is available on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.

The conference also included the annual CALAFCO Business Meeting, Achievement Awards Ceremony, and Regional Caucus Meeting and Election. We are pleased to announce that Commissioner Mike McGill was reelected to the CALAFCO Board of Directors as the Coastal Region Special District representative. See attached letter from CALAFCO thanking Commissioner McGill for his continued dedication to CALAFCO and thanking Commissioners and LAFCO staff for their participation at the 2014 annual conference.

The annual CALAFCO conference provides hands-on training focusing on timely issues of significance, as well as day-to-day LAFCO operations. In addition, the conference offers a valuable opportunity to network with other LAFCOs around the State.

LAFCO staff thanks the Commission for the opportunity to attend.