

## CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Wednesday, May 06, 2015

May 13, 2015  
 Agenda Item 13a

---

1

---

### [AB 402](#) ([Dodd D](#)) **Local agency services: contracts.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2015

**Last Amended:** 5/5/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIN, Chair

**Summary:**

Would allow a local agency formation commission to authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundary to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, subject to approval at a publicly noticed hearing where the commission makes specified determinations. The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, LAFCo Administration, Service Reviews/Spheres

**CALAFCO Comments:** As written, this bill expands LAFCo's existing authority to approve new and extended services beyond agencies' spheres of influence inclusive of public health and safety threats, only if LAFCo can make three findings at noticed public hearings. These findings involve determining the extension: (1) was evaluated in a municipal service review; (2) will not result in adverse impacts on open-space and agricultural lands or growth; and (3) a later change of organization is not expected or desired based on local policies. Further, the bill clarifies LAFCo's sole authority in determining the application of the statute, and deemphasizes the approval of contracts and emphasizes the approval of service extensions.

CALAFCO previously considered (over an extensive period of time) amending GC §56133, and twice (in 2011 and again in 2013) the CALAFCO Board of Directors decided not to pursue those amendments. This is not a CALAFCO sponsored bill. Assembly member Dodd is a former Napa LAFCo Commissioner.

### [AB 448](#) ([Brown D](#)) **Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Status:** 4/22/2015-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current property tax law requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenue to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally provides that each jurisdiction shall be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction's portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support Letter March 2015](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, this bill is identical to AB 1521 (Fox) from last year. This bill reinstates the VLF payment (through ERAF) and changes the way that the growth in the VLF

adjustment amount (property tax in lieu of VLF) is calculated starting in FY 2015-16 to include the growth of assessed valuation, including in an annexed area, from FY 2004-05 to FY 2015-16. Beginning in FY 2016-17, the VLF adjustment amount would be the jurisdiction's annual change in the assessed valuation

**AB 851 (Mayes R) Local government: organization: disincorporations.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/13/2015

**Status:** 4/23/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 22). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 requires a local agency or school district that initiates proceedings for a change of local government organization or reorganization, by submitting a resolution of application to a local agency formation commission, to also submit a plan for providing services within the affected territory, as specified. This bill would, in the case of a disincorporation or reorganization that includes a disincorporation, require the plan for services to include specific provisions, including, among others, an enumeration and description of the services currently provided by the city proposed for disincorporation.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support Mar 2015](#)

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, Disincorporation/dissolution

**CALAFCO Comments:** Sponsored by CALAFCO. As introduced, this bill addressed the long-outdated statutes relating to disincorporation. Although many other areas of CKH have been updated over the past 52 years, the areas pertaining to disincorporations remain in their original format as written in 1963.

This bill does the following: (1) Clarifies the expectation for assignment of responsibility for debt that will continue in existence after disincorporation; (2) Establishes the parameters and requirements for the submission of the Plan for Service for a disincorporation proposal which outlines existing services, the proponent's plan for the future of those services, and whether or not a bankruptcy proceeding has been undertaken; (3) Establishes the responsibilities of LAFCOs in preparing a Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis for disincorporations, the determination of the transfer of property tax revenues previously received by the proposed disincorporating City, and the determination of the transfer of debt to a successor agency or agencies. Further, the bill retains LAFCOs existing authority to impose terms and conditions on a proposed disincorporation as well as the election requirements necessary for approval of disincorporation. The proposed disincorporation statutory changes use the incorporation provisions as a template to propose changes in the disincorporation process.

**AB 1532 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: omnibus.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 3/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 3/23/2015

**Status:** 4/6/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/6/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHEIN, Chair

**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, requires a local agency formation commission to notify specified state agencies having oversight or regulatory responsibility over, or a contractual relationship with, a local health care district when a proposal is made for any of specified changes of organization affecting that district. This bill would update obsolete references to a "hospital" district and replace outdated references to the State Department of Health Services with references to the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Health Care Services.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support Letter March 2015](#)

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the annual Omnibus bill for the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Reorganization Act of 2000. This bill makes nonsubstantive technical clean-up corrections to the Act.

**SB 25 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 4/20/2015-April 20 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support\\_March 2015](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies

**CALAFCO Comments:** Identical to SB 69 (Roth) from 2014, the bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2014/15 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

**SB 239 (Hertzberg D) Local services: contracts: fire protection services.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/23/2015

**Status:** 4/29/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0. Page 815.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law permits a city or district to provide extended services, as defined, outside its jurisdictional boundaries only if it first requests and receives written approval from the local agency formation commission in the affected county. Under current law, the commission may authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside both its jurisdictional boundaries and its sphere of influence under specified circumstances. This bill would permit a public agency to exercise new or extended services outside the public agency's current service area pursuant to a fire protection reorganization contract, as defined, only if the public agency receives written approval from the local agency formation commission in the affected county.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO OpposeLetter\\_April 2015](#)

**Position:** Oppose

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, Municipal Services

**CALAFCO Comments:** While amendments for fire protection service extensions have been moved into the proper section of 56133, there are still a number of problems with the policies proposed. As amended, this bill still circumvents local District Board and LAFCo authority on service extensions relating to fire protection services by allowing unions the authority to approve/disapprove the service contracts. The bill calls for a Fire Protection Reorganization Contract to be submitted with the application, thereby confusing a service extension with a reorganization. It is required for applications that (1) Transfer greater than 25% of the service area or (2) Changes the employment status of more than 25% of employees of any affected agencies. Prior to submitting the application for service extension, all affected agency employee unions must approve the request and conduct a public hearing. The bill requires contents of the Contract Plan to include: (1) Cost of providing services to be extended; (2) Cost to customers; (3) an ID of existing service providers; (4) Financing plan; (5) Alternatives to the extension; and (6) A comprehensive Fiscal Analysis. It further requires the CFA to include (1) Cost to provide services for three years; (2) Cost comparison; (3) Estimated revenue for

three years; and (4) Cost/revenue effects to any affected agency.

The bill also outlines determinations the commission must make that include the provider of services for the extension of service will build a "reasonable reserve" during the three years following the effective date of the contract. This new requirement is highly subjective and ambiguous as it is undefined and sets a precedent.

The amendments do little to address CALAFCO's primary concerns that this is not only bad policy, but unnecessary in that 56133 already addresses service extensions. Further, the bill continues to remove discretion from elected and appointed Boards of public agencies as well as from state agencies by requiring pre-approval of unions that are already fully protected by the Meyers Milias Brown Act (MMBA). The bill also requires a California state agency to apply for, and request LAFCo approval prior to undertaking an action that involves the provision of services outside of a public agency's current service area under contract or agreement. This sets another precedent. Finally, the bill addresses only one type of service provider, which fails to address the concern of why the provision of fire protection services, by contract or agreement, outside of a public agency's boundaries, requires a different level of review than other types of equally vital services or demands a heightened or weighted review from any commenter or affected agency.

**SB 272 (Hertzberg D) The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/6/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/7/2015 #58 SENATE SENATE BILLS-THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:**

Would require each local agency, in implementing the California Public Records Act, to create a catalog of enterprise systems, as defined, to make the catalog publicly available upon request in the office of the clerk of the agency's legislative body, and to post the catalog on the local agency's Internet Web site. The bill would require the catalog to disclose a list of the enterprise systems utilized by the agency, and, among other things, the current system vendor and product. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration, Public Records Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** As amended, this bill requires all local agencies (including LAFCo) to create a catalogue of enterprise systems used by that agency and make that catalogue available to the public. For purposes of the bill, the author defines enterprise systems as a system that both (1) is a multi-departmental system or system containing information collected about the public; AND (2) a system of record for that agency. Further, the bill defines a system of record as a system that serves as an original source of data within an agency. The bill requires certain pieces of information be disclosed including (1) Current system vendor; (2)Current system product; (3) A brief statement of the system's purpose; (4) A general description of categories, modules, or layers of data; (5) The department that serves as the system's primary custodian; (6) How frequently system data is collected; and (7) How frequently system data is updated.

**AB 3 (Williams D) Isla Vista Community Services District.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amended:** 5/5/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHN, MAIENSCHN,

Chair

**Summary:**

Would authorize the establishment of the Isla Vista Community Services District by requiring the board of supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to place the question of whether the district should be established on the ballot at the next countywide election. By imposing new duties on the County of Santa Barbara, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Attachments:**

- [CALAFCO Oppose Unless Amended Letter April 2015](#)
- [CALAFCO Letter of Concern Dec 2014](#)

**Position:** Oppose unless amended

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration, Special District Powers

**CALAFCO Comments:** As amended, this bill gives legislative authority for the creation of the Isla Vista Community Services District (CSD). Addressed in the amendments are the services that would be provided, but not the formation process, governance or financing mechanisms. This authority would completely bypass the LAFCo process in the creation of this special district. CALAFCO issued a letter of concern on the intent language on December 20, 2014.

**[AB 707](#) ([Wood D](#)) **Agricultural land: Williamson Act contracts: cancellation.****

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/6/2015

**Status:** 4/30/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (April 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would provide that the authority for the landowner and the Department of Conservation to agree on the cancellation value of the land does not apply to a contract between a landowner and a city or county if that contract includes an additional cancellation fee, as specified .

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag Preservation - Williamson

**CALAFCO Comments:** As written, this bill repeals the provision that allows cancellation of the valuation of the land.

**[AB 168](#) ([Maienschein R](#)) **Local government finance.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 1/22/2015

**Status:** 1/23/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 22.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a qualifying city becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** Tax Allocation

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill. No information is available on the author's intent at this time.

**[AB 369](#) ([Steinorth R](#)) **Local government.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2015

**Status:** 2/18/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered

1st House	2nd House	Conc.
-----------	-----------	-------

**Summary:**

The Planning and Zoning Law establishes in each city and county a planning agency with the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of that law. Current law sets forth the Legislature's findings and declarations regarding the availability of affordable housing throughout the state. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those findings and declarations.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill. No information is available at this time regarding the author's intent for the bill. CALAFCO will monitor for amendments.

**AB 541 (Dahle R) Big Valley Watermaster District Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/23/2015

**Status:** 5/1/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/5/2015)

Desk	2 year	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would create a watermaster district with unspecified boundaries within the Counties of Lassen and Modoc to be known as the Big Valley Watermaster District. The bill would generally specify the powers and purposes of the district. The bill would prescribe the composition of the board of directors of the district. The bill would require the district to provide watermaster service on behalf of water right holders whose place of use under an appointed decree, as defined, is a parcel of real property within the district.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration, Special District Powers, Water

**AB 568 (Dodd D) Reclamation District No. 108: hydroelectric power.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/24/2015

**Status:** 4/29/2015-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/11/2015 3 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 437 ASSEMBLY UTILITIES AND COMMERCE, RENDON, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes Reclamation District No. 1004, in conjunction with the County of Colusa, to construct, maintain, and operate a plant, transmission lines, and other necessary or appropriate facilities for the generation of hydroelectric power, as prescribed. Current law requires proceeds from the sale of electricity to be utilized to retire any time warrants issued for construction of the facilities and otherwise for the powers and purposes for which the district was formed. This bill would grant the above-described hydroelectric power authority to Reclamation District No. 108.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special District Powers

**AB 656 (Garcia, Cristina D) Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/4/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/24/2015

**Last Amended:** 5/4/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would specifically authorize a mutual water company and a public agency to participate in joint powers agreement for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling, technical support, and other similar services for the purpose of reducing risk liability .

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** As written, the bill gives the ability to two or more mutual water companies, or a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement. The bill limits



the purpose of such a joint powers agreement to either risk-pooling or the provision of technical support, continuing education, safety engineering, operational and managerial advisory assistance to be provided to the members of that joint powers agency.

**SB 13 (Pavley D) Groundwater.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amended:** 4/23/2015

**Status:** 4/30/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** While this bill has no direct affect on LAFCos, the formation of groundwater management agencies and groundwater management is of interest, therefore CALAFCO will watch the bill.

**SB 181 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

**Status:** 4/30/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIEIN, Chair

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Letter of Support\\_Mar 2015](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**SB 182 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

**Status:** 4/30/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/13/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIEIN, Chair

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Letter of Support\\_Mar 2015](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**SB 183 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

**Status:** 4/16/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Letter of Support\\_Mar 2015](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

**SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/16/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-Set for hearing May 11.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/11/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law requires the legislative body of a local entity to annually file with the auditor a list of lots or parcels of land subject to specified fees or charges for water, sanitation, storm drainage, or sewerage system services and facilities and the amounts of the installments of the fees or charges to be entered against the affected lots or parcels of land. Current law requires the auditor to enter on the assessment roll the amounts of installments of these fees or charges. Current law defines the auditor, for the purposes of these provisions, as the financial officer of the local entity. This bill would clarify that the above-described provisions relating to the authority and duties of the auditor apply only to the county auditor. This bill makes changes to the duties and processes of the County Recorder. The bill would also make changes to the Subdivision Map Act and the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is the Senate Governance & Finance Committee's annual Omnibus bill. This bill is intended to make technical, non-substantive changes to the Government Code outside of CKH.

**SB 226 (Pavley D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/5/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2015

**Last Amended:** 5/5/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

The bill would provide that a court shall use the Code of Civil Procedure for determining rights to groundwater, except as provided by the special procedures established in the bill. This bill would require the process for determining rights to groundwater to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. The bill would provide that it applies to Indian tribes and the federal government. The bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified. This bill contains other existing laws and other provisions.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** Water



**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill to address groundwater rights relating to the new Sustainable Groundwater Management Agencies.

**SB 393 (Nguyen R) Local agencies.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Status:** 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, establishes the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the above-described law.

**Position:** Placeholder - monitor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is a spot bill. According to the author's office, it has been introduced by the Senator on behalf of the Republican Caucus as a local government spot bill (Senator Nguyen is the Vice Chair of the Senate Gov & Finance Comm). CALAFCO will monitor.

**SB 422 (Monning D) Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/14/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/14/2015

**Status:** 4/30/2015-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes the Santa Clara County Open-Space Authority to take by eminent domain any property necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of the authority, with the exception of lands in active ranching, lands in agricultural production, and lands in timberland production zones that are not threatened by imminent conversion to developed uses. This bill would, in addition, authorize the authority to acquire , but not to take by eminent domain interests in real property that are outside of the authority's jurisdiction, necessary to the full exercise of its powers.

**Subject:** Special District Powers

**SB 485 (Hernandez D) County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Status:** 4/24/2015-Set for hearing May 6.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/6/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

**Summary:**

The County Sanitation District Act authorizes a sanitation district to acquire, construct, and complete certain works, property, or structures necessary or convenient for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal. This bill would authorize specified sanitation districts in the County of Los Angeles, to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion, management, and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff, the discharge of the water to the stormwater drainage system, and the beneficial use of the water. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Subject:** Special District Powers

**SB 552 (Wolk D) Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: drinking water standards.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/16/2015

**Status:** 5/5/2015-Set for hearing May 11.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

**Calendar:**

5/11/2015 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require, by January 1, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a report identifying specific funding and enforcement mechanisms necessary, to ensure that disadvantaged communities have water systems that are in compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. The bill would require the report to identify specific legislative and administrative actions necessary to bring disadvantaged communities into compliance with safe drinking water standards.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities, Water

Total Measures: 24

Total Tracking Forms: 24

5/6/2015 11:50:53 AM

# M E M O R A N D U M

---

**CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**  
651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor ♦ Martinez CA 94553 ♦ (925) 335-1094 ♦ Fax (925) 335-1031

---

May 13, 2015

**TO:** Each Member of the Commission

**FROM:** Contra Costa LAFCO Staff

**SUBJECT:** Highlights of 2015 Annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop

LAFCO staff attended the 2015 Annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Grass Valley (April 15-17) hosted by Nevada LAFCO. The workshop was well attended by approximately 107 participants and guests representing over 40 of the 58 LAFCOs.

The workshop theme was *After the Gold Rush: Forging the Future, Preserving the Past*, and provided various practical and hands-on courses, general (G) and breakout (B) sessions, staff roundtables and CALAFCO legislative and business updates (see below). Contra Costa LAFCO staff hosted the Clerks Roundtable and participated on a panel (How LAFCOs Utilize Consultants).

- Governor Brown's Plans for Forging California's Future (G)
- Staff Roundtables (B)
- Spheres and CEQA (B)
- Fiscal Health of Fire Protection Districts (B)
- Fostering Meaningful Public Input in the LAFCO Process (B)
- Performance Measures (B)
- Getting to the Nitty Gritty of Consolidation Options (B)
- How Websites are Managed Throughout the State (B)
- Reading and Understanding Public Agency Audits (B)
- Improving Your Presentation Skills (B)
- Effectively Dealing with Difficult Behaviors (B)
- Processing Applications, Start to Finish (B)
- How LAFCOs Utilize Outside Consultants (B)
- Legislative Collaboration – Panel Discussion with Other State Associations (G)
- CALAFCO Organizational & Legislative Update (G)
- Debrief/Evaluation (G)

The staff workshop provided hands-on training focusing on day-to-day LAFCO operations and timely issues of significance. The workshop also provided a valuable opportunity to network with other LAFCO professionals. CALAFCO has posted workshop handouts on the CALAFCO website at [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org).

LAFCO staff thanks the Commission for the opportunity to attend. CALAFCO also thanks the Commission for allowing Contra Costa LAFCO staff to participate in the annual staff workshop (see attached letter).

Attachment – Letter from CALAFCO

cc: Sharon Anderson, LAFCO Legal Counsel  
Nat Taylor, LAFCO Planner  
Kate Sibley, LAFCO Clerk

**2014-2015  
Board of Directors**

**Chair**

JOHN LEOPOLD  
Santa Cruz LAFCo

**Secretary**

GAY JONES  
Sacramento LAFCo

**Treasurer**

JOSH SUSMAN  
Nevada LAFCo

JULIE ALLEN  
Tulare LAFCo

CHERYL BROTHERS  
Orange LAFCo

JAMES CURATALO  
San Bernardino LAFCo

LARRY R. DUNCAN  
Butte LAFCo

MARY JANE GRIEGO  
Yuba LAFCo

JULIANA INMAN  
Napa LAFCo

MICHAEL KELLEY  
Imperial LAFCo

DR. WILLIAM KIRBY  
Placer LAFCo

MICHAEL R. MCGILL  
Contra Costa LAFCo

RICKY SAMAYOA  
Yuba LAFCo

ROGER WELT, PHD  
Santa Barbara LAFCo

**Staff**

PAMELA MILLER  
Executive Director

MARJORIE BLOM  
Executive Officer

CLARK ALSOP  
Legal Counsel

STEPHEN LUCAS  
Deputy Executive Officer

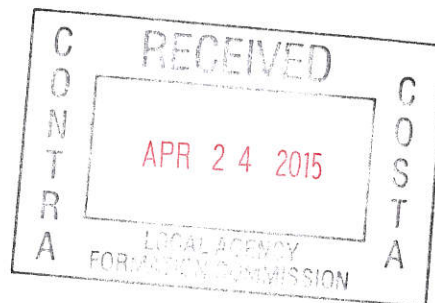
DAVID CHURCH  
Deputy Executive Officer

PAUL NOVAK  
Deputy Executive Officer

JENI TICKLER  
Executive Assistant

April 20, 2015

Contra Costa LAFCo  
651 Pine Street, 6th Floor  
Martinez, CA 94553



Dear Chair and Contra Costa LAFCo Commission,

On behalf of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), I would like to thank your commission for allowing your staff the opportunity to attend the CALAFCO 2015 annual staff workshop, held in Grass Valley April 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>.

We know how lean budgets and resources continue to be, and understand that prioritizing expenditures can be difficult. Ensuring your staff has access to ongoing professional development and specialized educational opportunities allows them the opportunity to better serve your commission and fulfill the mission of LAFCo. The sharing of information and resources among the LAFCo staff statewide serves to strengthen their network and creates opportunities for rich and value-added learning that is applied within each LAFCo.

Thank you again for supporting your staff's participation in the CALAFCO 2015 staff workshop. We truly appreciate your membership and value your involvement in CALAFCO.

Yours sincerely,

Pamela Miller  
Executive Director

1215 K Street, Suite 1650  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Voice 916-442-6536  
Fax 916-442-6535

[www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org)