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

CALAFCO Legislative Update

Dear Members of the Commission:

The 2015-16 Legislative session ended on August 31, 2016, which was the last day for bills to pass to the Governor. September 30, 2016 is the last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.

Pamela Miller, the CALAFCO Executive Director, has provided an update on legislation and related matters (see below). It was another challenging year for LAFCOs, with a number of successes. CALAFCO thanks members for the position letters.

Legislative Update

CALAFCO Sponsored Bills:

Both of the CALAFCO sponsored bills were signed by the Governor - **AB 2910** (Omnibus) and **SB 1266** (JPAs). AB 2910 includes a number of important clean-ups and also authorizes LAFCO to approve the dissolution of a healthcare district without an election under specific conditions.

CALAFCO Support Bills:

AB 2032 (Linder) was signed by the Governor. The bill contains clean up language to last year's CALAFCO sponsored bill on disincorporation (AB 851).

SB 817 (Roth) was passed out of the Assembly with minor amendments and is now back in the Senate. However, this bill has not yet been assigned, and is currently stalled.

CALAFCO Oppose Bills:

AB 2414 (Garcia), which requires Riverside LAFCO to approve the expansion of the Desert Healthcare District, passed the Senate floor on August 29th and is going back to the Assembly for concurrence of the amendments made while on the Senate side.

AB 2471 (Quirk), which requires Alameda LAFCo to dissolve the Eden Healthcare District, was moved to the inactive file in August (on the Senate floor) at the request of the author. The author has indicated he would kill the bill if all parties involved were satisfied with the direction/scope of Alameda LAFCo's special study.

Other Bills:

AB 2470 (Gonzalez), which requires the expansion of water service to tribal lands in San Diego without annexation, is headed to the Governor's desk for signature.

SB 1262 (Pavley), which focuses on water supply planning is headed to the Governor's desk for signature.

SB 1263 (Wieckowski), which pertains to water system permitting would provide the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) additional authority to deny permits for new systems. This bill contains the CALAFCO requested amendments, and is headed to the Governor's desk for signature.

SB 552 (Wolk) is the clean-up bill to last year's SB 88 and adds a provision for the SWRCB to assign an administrator to a water system should the SWRCB feel it is necessary. This bill also contains CALAFCO's requested technical amendment to SB 88. The bill passed the Senate floor on August 29th and is now on its way to the Governor for signature.

Little Hoover Commission Hearing on Special Districts – August 25

On August 25th, the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) held its first of two hearings on special districts. Pamela Miller attended the hearing on behalf of CALAFCO. The hearing covered a wide range of issues, including property taxes, LAFCos, reserve funds, public engagement, healthcare districts, State Responsibility Area fees, and more. The hearing is now available at the [Commission's YouTube site](#).

According to LHC staff, the second hearing in October will focus on the climate change readiness of special districts, especially those with large infrastructure needs.

Further, the LHC is conducting a roundtable workshop in November on healthcare districts, at which the CALAFCO Executive Director and your Executive Officer have been invited to attend.

This is an informational item; no action by the Commission is required.

Sincerely,

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