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July 10, 2019

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 Agenda Item 15

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

Legislative Report - Update and Position Letters

Dear Members of the Commission:

This year marks the first year of a two-year legislative session in Sacramento. Presently, CALAFCO is sponsoring two bills: **AB 1253 (Rivas)** which, among other things, establishes one-time grant funding for LAFCOs to prepare reorganization studies in conjunction with the 2017 Little Hoover Commission report relating to special districts; and the **annual omnibus bill – AB 1822 (Assembly Local Government Committee)**.

CALAFCO has also embarked on a two-year process with other state associations to rewrite the protest provisions. In addition, CALAFCO is tracking various bills that have direct and indirect impact on LAFCOs (see Attachment 1 – CALAFCO Legislative Report).

Regarding, **AB 1253**, CALAFCO’s request for \$1.5 million (grant funding) did not make it into the budget. Consequently, CALAFCO will need to request an appropriation from the General Fund. At this time, it is unclear how the new Governor will approach these requests. The bill author would prefer to make this a 2-year bill and work to get it in the budget next year. The bill is now parked in Senate Governance & Finance Committee where it would stay until next year. CALAFCO is meeting with the Strategic Growth Council and the Department of Conservation, who may lend their support. In the upcoming weeks, the CALAFCO Legislative Committee and Board of Directors will discuss the path forward for this bill.

On June 19th, CALAFCO issued an urgent call for legislative action requesting that each LAFCO send a letter supporting **AB 1822** - the CALAFCO sponsored omnibus bill which passed out of the Legislature on June 18th and was sent to the Governor. In response to CALAFCO’s request, and in accordance with the Commission’s policy (see below), a letter supporting **AB 1822** was sent to the Governor on June 24th. On June 26th, the Governor signed the bill.

Contra Costa LAFCO’s legislative policy provides our LAFCO with flexibility to respond to urgent legislation that affects LAFCO. Specifically, the policy provides that in “*situations when proposed*

legislation affecting LAFCO cannot be considered by the full Commission due to timing, the Executive Officer, in consultation with the LAFCO Chair (or Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair), is authorized to provide written or email comments communicating the Commission's position if the position is consistent with the adopted legislative policies of the Commission. The Chair or Vice Chair would review the letter or email prior to it being submitted. The Executive Officer will forward the email or letter to the Commission as soon as possible. The item will be placed on the next regular LAFCO meeting agenda as either "informational" or for discussion purposes."

Another bill of critical importance is AB 600 (*Chu*) which deals with drinking water service extensions. In May 2019, CALAFCO, Contra Costa LAFCO and other LAFCOs sent letters opposing this bill, which would allow extension of service in lieu of annexation which is contrary to LAFCO's statutory purpose to ensure orderly growth. The bill contains numerous flaws, in that it conflicts with Government Code Section 56133(b), does not ensure the provision of adequate, safe drinking water, does not address engineering and financial issues associated with the provision of water, does not take into account local circumstances and conditions, and creates confusion and contradictions in LAFCO law. Despite the LAFCO community's best efforts, the bill made its way to the Senate floor. Another CALAFCO call for legislative action is likely forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION – Receive legislative update.

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment 1 – CALAFCO Legislative Report

Attachment 2 - Letter Requesting Governor's Signature - AB 1822

CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Wednesday, July 03, 2019

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[AB 508](#) (Chu D) Drinking water: consolidation and extension of service: domestic wells.
Current Text: Amended: 6/6/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/13/2019

Last Amended: 6/6/2019

Status: 6/12/2019-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
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Calendar:

7/3/2019 8:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, Chair

7/10/2019 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

Summary:

The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board, before ordering consolidation or extension of service, to, among other things, make a finding that consolidation of the receiving water system and subsumed water system or extension of service to the subsumed water system is appropriate and technically and economically feasible. This bill would modify the provision that authorizes consolidation or extension of service if a disadvantaged community is reliant on a domestic well described above to instead authorize consolidation or extension of service if a disadvantaged community, in whole or in part, is reliant on domestic wells that consistently fail to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Water

CALAFCO Comments: This bill allows the SWRCB to order an extension of service in the case a disadvantaged community has at least one residence that are reliant on a domestic well that fails to provide safe drinking water. It allows members of the disadvantaged community to petition the SWRCB to initiate the process. It allows the owner of the property to opt out of the extension. The bill also places limitations on fees, charges and terms and conditions imposed as a result of the extension of service. Finally, the extension of service does not require annexation in the cases where that would be appropriate.

[AB 600](#) (Chu D) Local government: organization: disadvantaged unincorporated communities.
Current Text: Amended: 4/29/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/14/2019

Last Amended: 4/29/2019

Status: 6/24/2019-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chapters
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Calendar:

7/5/2019 #54 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS - THIRD READING FILE

Summary:

Under current law, an application to annex a contiguous disadvantaged community is not required if, among other things, a local agency formation commission finds that a majority of the registered voters within the disadvantaged unincorporated community are opposed to the annexation, as specified. This bill would additionally provide that an application to annex a contiguous disadvantaged community is not required if the commission finds that a majority of the registered voters within the affected disadvantaged unincorporated community would prefer to address the service deficiencies through an extraterritorial service extension.

Attachments:
[CALAFCO Oppose letter 05 07 19](#)
[LAFCo Oppose letter template 05 07 19](#)
[CALAFCO Oppose Letter REV April 19, 2019](#)
[LAFCo Oppose letter template REVISED](#)
[CALAFCO Oppose Letter April 16, 2019](#)

[LAFCo Oppose letter template](#)

Position: Oppose

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Water

CALAFCO Comments: As amended on April 29, the bill still has a number of issues. The bill still allows for an extension of service in lieu of annexation.

The bill adds (8)(C) to Government Code Section 56375. As written, this section creates confusion and contradicts §56375(8)(A). It appears the intention is to prohibit LAFCo from approving the annexation of two or more contiguous disadvantaged communities within five years that are individually less than ten acres but cumulatively more than ten acres. If so, then this language conflicts with §56375(8)(A), which allows for commission policies to guide the commission in determining the size of the area to be annexed. Further, the term “paragraph” as used in this section creates uncertainty as to what section or subsection is actually being addressed.

The bill does nothing to address the engineering and financial issues that must be solved in order to ensure sustainable service. Further it does not allow for local circumstances and conditions to be considered by offering a “one size fits all” approach.

[AB 1253](#) ([Rivas, Robert D](#)) **Local agency formation commissions: grant program.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Status: 6/18/2019-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council, until July 31, 2025, to establish and administer a local agency formation commissions grant program for the payment of costs associated with initiating and completing the dissolution of districts listed as inactive, the payment of costs associated with a study of the services provided within a county by a public agency to a disadvantaged community, as defined, and for other specified purposes, including the initiation of an action, as defined, that is limited to service providers serving a disadvantaged community and is based on determinations found in the study, as approved by the commission. The bill would specify application submission, reimbursement, and reporting requirements for a local agency formation commission to receive grants pursuant to the bill. The bill would require the council, after consulting with the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions, to develop and adopt guidelines, timelines, and application and reporting criteria for development and implementation of the program, as specified, and would exempt these guidelines, timelines, and criteria from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. The bill would make the grant program subject to an appropriation for the program in the annual Budget Act, and would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2026. This bill contains other existing laws.

Attachments:

[LAFCo Support Letter Template](#)

[CALAFCO Support letter Feb 2016](#)

Position: Sponsor

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, LAFCo Administration, Municipal Services, Special District Consolidations

CALAFCO Comments: This is a CALAFCO sponsored bill following up on the recommendation of the Little Hoover Commission report of 2017 for the Legislature to provide LAFCos one-time grant funding for in-depth studies of potential reorganization of local service providers. Last year, the Governor vetoed AB 2258 - this is the same bill. The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) will administer the grant program. Grant funds will be used specifically for conducting special studies to identify and support opportunities to create greater efficiencies in the provision of municipal services; to potentially initiate actions based on those studies that remove or reduce local costs thus incentivizing local agencies to work with the LAFCo in developing and implementing reorganization plans; and the dissolution of inactive districts (pursuant to SB 448, Wieckowski, 2017). The grant program would sunset on July 31, 2024.

The bill also changes the protest threshold for LAFCo initiated actions, solely for the purposes of actions funded pursuant to this new section. It allows LAFCo to order the dissolution of a district (outside of the ones identified by the SCO) pursuant to Section 11221 of the Elections code, which is a tiered approach based on registered voters in the affected territory (from 30% down to 10% depending).

The focus is on service providers serving disadvantaged communities. The bill also requires LAFCo pay back grant funds in their entirety if the study is not completed within two years and requires the SGC to give preference to LAFCOs whose decisions have been aligned with the goals of sustainable communities strategies.

We were unsuccessful in getting the \$1.5 M into the budget so the request will be an appropriation from the General Fund.

AB 1389 (Eggman D) Special districts: change of organization: mitigation of revenue loss.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Status: 5/3/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/14/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

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Summary:

Would authorize the commission to propose, as part of the review and approval of a proposal for the establishment of new or different functions or class of services, or the divestiture of the power to provide particular functions or class of services, within all or part of the jurisdictional boundaries of a special district, that the special district, to mitigate any loss of property taxes, franchise fees, and other revenues to any other affected local agency, provide payments to the affected local agency from the revenue derived from the proposed exercise of new or different functions or classes of service.

Position: Watch

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This bill allows LAFCo, when approving a proposal for new or different functions or class of service for a special district, to propose the district provide payments to any affected local agency for taxes, fees or any other revenue that may have been lost as a result of the new service being provided.

AB 1628 (Rivas, Robert D) Environmental justice.

Current Text: Amended: 6/14/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Last Amended: 6/14/2019

Status: 6/26/2019-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (June 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Calendar:

7/8/2019 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

Current law requires the Secretary for Environmental Protection, on or before January 1, 2002, to convene a Working Group on Environmental Justice composed of various representatives, as specified, to assist the California Environmental Protection Agency in developing by July 1, 2002, an agencywide environmental justice strategy. Current law requires the Office of Planning and Research to be the coordinating agency in state government for environmental justice programs. Current law requires the Director of State Planning and Research to consult with specified entities, including the Secretary for Environmental Protection. Current law defines "environmental justice" for these purposes. This bill would require the director to additionally consult with the Attorney General and the Bureau of Environmental Justice in the Environment Section of the Department of Justice.

Position: Watch With Concerns

Subject: Environmental Justice

CALAFCO Comments: Recently amended, this bill changes one of the factors considered by LAFCo in the review of an application pertaining to environmental justice. Specifically it changes the definition of "environmental justice" to: "(A) The availability of a healthy environment for all people.(B) The prevention, reduction, and elimination of pollution burdens for populations and communities experiencing the adverse effects of that pollution, so that the effects of the pollution are not disproportionately borne by those populations and communities. (C) Government entities conducting direct outreach and providing capacity-building assistance and technical assistance to populations and communities most impacted by pollution. (D) Including populations and communities most impacted by pollution as active partners in the decisions or activities that affect their environment or health, and incorporating recommendations from those populations and communities into environmental and land use decisions."

It is unclear how LAFCo is to actually consider several of these definition factors.

AB 1751 (Chiu D) Water and sewer system corporations: consolidation of service.

Current Text: Amended: 6/26/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Last Amended: 6/26/2019

Status: 6/26/2019-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on EQ.

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Calendar:

7/3/2019 8:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ALLEN, Chair

Summary:

Current law authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation of public water systems where a public water system or state small water system serving a disadvantaged community consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water, as provided. This bill, the Consolidation for Safe Drinking Water Act of 2019, would authorize a water or sewer system corporation to file an application and obtain approval from the commission through an order authorizing the water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a public water system or state small water system that has fewer than 3,300 service connections and serves a disadvantaged community, or to implement rates for the subsumed water system.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: This bill allows for water (public or state small) or sewer systems corps to file an application for consolidation with the SWRCB.

AB 1822 (Committee on Local Government) Local Government: omnibus.

Current Text: Chaptered: 6/26/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 3/11/2019

Last Amended: 4/8/2019

Status: 6/26/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 20, Statutes of 2019.

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Summary:

Current law requires a commission to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each city and each special district within the county and enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within each sphere. Current law requires the commission, in order to prepare and update spheres of influence in accordance with this requirement, to conduct a service review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area designated by the commission, as specified. Current law defines "sphere of influence" to mean a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency. Current law defines the term "service" for purposes of the act to mean a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a general function of the special district, as specified. This bill would revise the definition of the term "service" for these purposes to mean a specific governmental activity established within, and as a part of, a function of the local agency.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support letter April 16, 2019](#)
[LAFCo Support letter template](#)

Position: Sponsor
Subject: LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: This is the annual Omnibus bill.

SB 272 (Morrell R) Fire Protection District Law of 1987.

Current Text: Amended: 4/4/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2019

Last Amended: 4/4/2019

Status: 5/3/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was GOV. & F. on 2/21/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

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Summary:

The Fire Protection District Law of 1987 provides that whenever a district board determines that it is in the public interest to provide different services, to provide different levels of service, or to raise additional revenues within specific areas of the district, it may form one or more service zones by adopting a resolution that includes specified information, fixing the date, time, and place for public hearing on the formation of the zone, publishing notice, as specified, hearing and considering any protests to the formation of the zone at the hearing, and, at the conclusion of the hearing, adopting a resolution ordering the formation of the zone. If a resolution adopted after the public hearing would substantially expand the provision of services outside of an existing service zone and the extension of service would result in those persons in the expanded area paying charges for the expansion of services, this bill would provide that the resolution does not become effective unless approved by a majority of the voters within the expanded service area.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, the bill amends the Health & Safety code regarding the formation of zones within a fire protection district by requiring the district hold an election, regardless of the protest level, if the district wants to substantially expand (as defined in the bill) services outside the zone. This is unrelated to 56133. CALAFCO will retain a Watch position.

SB 414 (Caballero D) Small System Water Authority Act of 2019.

Current Text: Amended: 6/25/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amended: 6/25/2019

Status: 7/2/2019-VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Local Government] (PASS)

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Calendar:

7/10/2019 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

Would create the Small System Water Authority Act of 2019 and state legislative findings and declarations relating to authorizing the creation of small system water authorities that will have powers to absorb, improve, and competently operate noncompliant public water systems. The bill, no later than March 1, 2020, would require the state board to provide written notice to cure to all public agencies, private water companies, or mutual water companies that operate a public water system that has either less than 3,000 service connections or that serves less than 10,000 people, and are not in compliance, for the period from July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019, with one or more state or federal primary drinking water standard maximum contaminant levels, as specified.

Position: Support

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is very similar to AB 2050 (Caballero) from 2018. Several changes have been made. This bill is sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District and the CA

Municipal Utilities Assoc. The intent is to give the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authority to mandate the dissolution of existing drinking water systems (public, mutual and private) and authorize the formation of a new public water authority. The focus is on non contiguous systems. The SWRCB already has the authority to mandate consolidation of these systems, this will add the authority to mandate dissolution and formation of a new public agency.

LAFCo will be responsible for dissolving any state mandated public agency dissolution, and the formation of the new water authority. The SWRCB's appointed Administrator will act as the applicant on behalf of the state. LAFCo will have ability to approve with modifications the application, and the new agency will have to report to the LAFCo annually for the first 3 years.

SB 646 (Morrell R) Local agency utility services: extension of utility services.

Current Text: Enrolled: 7/1/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Last Amended: 5/7/2019

Status: 6/27/2019-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

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Summary:

The Mitigation Fee Act, among other things, requires fees for water or sewer connections, or capacity charges imposed by a local agency to not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service for which the fee or charge is imposed, unless a question regarding the amount of the fee or charge imposed in excess of the reasonable cost of providing the service or materials is submitted to and approved by 2/3 of the electors voting on the issue. The Mitigation Fee Act defines the term "fee" for these purposes. This bill would revise the definition of "fee" to mean a fee for the physical facilities necessary to make a water connection or sewer connection, and that the estimated reasonable cost of labor and materials for installation of those facilities bears a fair or reasonable relationship to the payor's burdens on, or benefits received from, the water connection or sewer connection.

Position: Neutral

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: UPDATE AS OF THE 4/11/19 AMENDMENTS: These amendments address all of our concerns and the bill now only addresses fees.

This bill does 3 things. (1) Seeks to add a provision to 56133 that requires LAFCo to approve an extension of service regardless of whether a future annexation is anticipated or not. It further requires the service provider to extend the provision of service to a property owner regardless of a whether there is a pending annexation or pre-annexation agreement. The newly proposed subsection directly contradicts subsection (b). (2) Changes the definition of "fee" by requiring the new few "is of proportional benefit to the person or property being charged." There is no reasonable definition or application of "proportional benefit". (3) Narrows the scope of application of Section 56133 to water or sewer service; and prohibits the service provider to charge higher fees and charges to those outside the jurisdictional boundaries.

AB 213 (Reyes D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/15/2019

Status: 6/26/2019-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Calendar:

7/8/2019 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)
SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

Would, for the 2019–20 fiscal year, require the vehicle license fee adjustment amount to be the sum of the vehicle license fee adjustment amount in the 2018–19 fiscal year, the product of that sum and the percentage change in gross taxable assessed valuation within the jurisdiction of that entity between the 2018–19 fiscal year to the 2018–19 fiscal year, and the product of the amount of specified motor vehicle license fee revenues that the Controller allocated to the applicable city in July 2010 and 1.17.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by the League, this bill will reinstate ERAF funding for inhabited annexations. This bill is the same as AB 2268 (Reyes) from last year.

[AB 818](#) (Cooley D) Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustment amounts.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Status: 5/17/2019-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/3/2019)(May be acted upon Jan 2020)

Desk	Policy	2 year	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Current property tax law, for the 2006–07 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, requires the vehicle license fee adjustment amount to be the sum of the vehicle license fee adjustment amount for the prior fiscal year, if specified provisions did not apply, and the product of the amount as so described and the percentage change from the prior fiscal year in the gross taxable valuation within the jurisdiction of the entity. Current law establishes a separate vehicle license fee adjustment amount for a city that was incorporated after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012. This bill would establish a separate vehicle license fee adjustment amount for a city incorporating after January 1, 2012, including an additional separate vehicle license fee adjustment amount for the first fiscal year of incorporation and for the next 4 fiscal years thereafter.

Attachments:

[LAFCo Support letter template](#)

[CALAFCO Support March 2019](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by the League, this bill will reinstate ERAF funding for cities incorporating after 2018. This is the same bill as AB 2491 from 2018.

[AB 1304](#) (Waldron R) Water supply contract: Native American tribes.

Current Text: Amended: 5/6/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Last Amended: 5/6/2019

Status: 6/13/2019-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Current law provides for the establishment and operations of various water districts. This bill would specifically authorize a water district, as defined, to enter into a contract with a Native American tribe to receive water deliveries from an infrastructure project on tribal lands. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2025.

Position: Watch

Subject: Municipal Services, Water

CALAFCO Comments: This bill amends the water code to allow a Native American tribe to sell/deliver water to a water district (as defined in the water code section 20200). The bill sunsets on January 1, 2025.

SB 379 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Enrolled: 7/1/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Status: 6/27/2019-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2019, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support March 2019](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This is one of three annual validating acts.

SB 380 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Enrolled: 7/1/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Status: 6/27/2019-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2019, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support March 2019](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This is one of three annual validating acts.

SB 381 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Enrolled: 7/1/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Status: 6/27/2019-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

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Summary:

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2019, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support March 2019](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This is one of three annual validating acts.

AB 134 (Bloom D) Safe Drinking Water Restoration.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 12/5/2018

Last Amended: 5/20/2019

Status: 6/25/2019-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to report to the Legislature by July 1, 2025, on its progress in restoring safe drinking water to all California communities and to create an internet website that provides data transparency for all of the board’s activities described in this measure. The bill would require the board to develop metrics to measure the efficacy of the fund in ensuring safe and affordable drinking water for all Californians.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

AB 530 (Aguiar-Curry D) The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District.

Current Text: Enrolled: 7/2/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2019

Last Amended: 4/22/2019

Status: 7/1/2019-Bill in its final form passes. NULL Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.

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Summary:

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District Act creates the Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District and grants to the district various powers relating to the treatment and disposal of sewage. The current act provides for the election of a board of directors for the district and administrative procedures for the operation of the district. Violation of regulations adopted by the board is a misdemeanor. This bill would make various administrative changes to the act, including removing the requirement that the district appoint a clerk and changing the posting requirements for regulations.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special District Powers, Special Districts Governance

CALAFCO Comments: This bill makes administrative changes to this special act district. It also allows for an extension of service pursuant to 56133 (keeping that LAFCo process intact).

AB 948 (Kalra D) Coyote Valley Conservation Program.

Current Text: Amended: 6/18/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Last Amended: 6/18/2019

Status: 6/26/2019-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (June 26). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Calendar:

7/8/2019 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, PORTANTINO, Chair

Summary:

Would authorize the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority to establish and administer the Coyote Valley Conservation Program to address resource and recreational goals of the Coyote Valley, as defined. The bill would authorize the authority to collaborate with state, regional, and local partners to help achieve specified goals of the program. The bill would authorize the authority to, among other things, acquire and dispose of interests and options in real property.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter 06 27 19](#)

Position: Support

AB 1053 (Dahle R) Fallen Leaf Lake Community Service District.

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Last Amended: 3/25/2019

Status: 5/22/2019-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

Would prohibit, on and after January 1, 2020, the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District from providing any services or facilities except fire protection, including medical response and emergency services, and parks and recreation services or facilities.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: CALAFCO will watch this bill to determine if the outcome of the State Audit on this district will have an impact on all CSDs.

AB 1457 (Reyes D) Omnitrans Transit District.

Current Text: Amended: 5/24/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Last Amended: 5/24/2019

Status: 6/25/2019-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on GOV. & F. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (June 25). Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

Would create the Omnitrans Transit District in the County of San Bernardino. The bill would provide that the jurisdiction of the district would initially include the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucaipa, and specified portions of the unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino. The bill would authorize other cities in the County of San Bernardino to subsequently join the district.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Oppose unless amended letter April 2019](#)

Position: Neutral

CALAFCO Comments: This is a special act district formation. The bill takes what is currently a JPA and transforms it into a special district. CALAFCO has been working with the author and sponsor on amendments and the May 24 version addresses the vast majority of concerns. CALAFCO continues to work with the author and sponsor on minor technical amendments which are supposed to be taken in the Senate Governance & Finance Committee.

SB 654 (Moorlach R) Local government: planning.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Status: 3/14/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organizations, including, among other things, the encouragement of orderly growth and development, and the logical formation and modification of the boundaries of local agencies, as specified. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill. The author indicates he has no plans to use this for LAFCo law.

SB 780 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2019.

Current Text: Amended: 7/1/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/28/2019

Last Amended: 7/1/2019

Status: 7/1/2019-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:

7/10/2019 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

Current law requires the governing body of a public agency, within 70 days after the commencement of the agency's legal existence, to file with the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the secretary, and also with the county clerk of each county in which the public agency maintains an office, a specified statement of facts about the agency. Current law requires this information to be updated within 10 days of a change in it. Current law requires the Secretary of State and each county clerk to establish and maintain an indexed Roster of Public Agencies that contains this information. This bill would instead require the Secretary of State and each county clerk to establish and maintain an indexed Registry of Public Agencies containing the above-described information.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This is the Senate Governance & Finance Committee's annual Omnibus bill.

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June 24, 2019

The Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
 State of California
 State Capitol Building
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request to Sign AB 1822
Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) respectfully requests that you sign **Assembly Bill 1822** (Assembly Local Government Committee) which is now before you for action. **AB 1822** makes changes and clarifications to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (“CKH”).

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which governs the work of local agency formation commissions. These changes are necessary as commissions implement the Act and small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. **AB 1822** makes several minor technical changes, corrects obsolete and incorrect code references, and makes minor updates to outdated sections. Without making any policy changes, the revised language greatly clarifies the laws and eliminates outdated and confusing language thereby creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

Because this legislation helps insure that the CKH remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state, and clearer to all who use the Act, we respectfully urge you to sign **AB 1822**.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Butt, Chair
 Contra Costa LAFCO

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