

MEMORANDUM

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
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Agenda Item 15a

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: LAFCO Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Highlights of 2019 Annual CALAFCO Conference

Commissioners, guests and LAFCO staff attended the 2019 Annual CALAFCO Conference in Sacramento (October 30-November 1). The conference was well attended with approximately 280 attendees, guests and speakers representing 48 of the 58 LAFCOs.

The conference theme was *Connecting California* and provided timely sessions. General sessions included “*Stress-testing LAFCOs and Local Agencies in Changing Times, It Takes a Village: State, County and LAFCO Collaboration to Solve a Local Problem, Leading Your LAFCO Into the Next Decade With Courage and Independence* and *LAFCO Legislative Update: 2019 Legislative Impacts on LAFCO*.”

Breakout sessions included *Water, Water Everywhere But Not a Drop to Drink, The Legislative Menu: Plan it Rather Than be Served On It, Innovations in Service Delivery: Doing Government Differently, MSRs: You Get Out What You Put In, Housing is a Municipal Service: Opportunities and Challenges for LAFCOs in Addressing the Housing Call, and What’s Your Story? Crafting and Communicating a Compelling LAFCO Narrative*.

The conference drew expert speakers including representatives from the Governor’s Office of Planning & Research, Public Policy Institute of California Water Policy Center, State Water Resources Control Board, State Assembly Member Mike Gipson, Curt Pringle - Former Speaker and Member of the California State Assembly, business professionals from BioFiltro and ESRI, Mark Arax – Award Winning Journalist and Best-Selling Author, and LAFCO Commissioners, staff and local government officials from around the State.

The conference included a mobile workshop to the Port of West Sacramento and the Farmers Rice Cooperative, which included visits to the newly redeveloped Bridge District and to the West Sacramento Community Center (a LEED certified facility). The conference also included a LAFCO 101 session, regional caucus meetings and elections, the annual CALAFCO business meeting, the annual awards ceremony, CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting, and a CALAFCO legislative update.

I am pleased to announce that Contra Costa LAFCO Commissioners were named “*Most Effective Commission*” at the annual CALAFCO conference. Also, Commissioner McGill was appointed as Chair of the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

All conference material is available on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.

The 2020 CALAFCO Conference will be held in Monterey (October 21 – 23).