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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: LAFCO Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Highlights of 2022 Annual CALAFCO Conference

Several Commissioners and LAFCO staff attended the 2022 Annual CALAFCO Conference in Newport Beach (October 19-21). The conference was well attended with approximately 223 attendees, guests, and speakers representing 47 of the 58 LAFCOs.

The conference theme was *50+1 Years – A Golden Era* and provided timely and informative sessions. The conference started with an optional mobile workshop – *“It’s a Shore Thing: Navigating Municipal Service Delivery Within Coastal Areas.”*

General sessions included *Building on the Basics of LAFCO (LAFCO 101)*, *“Municipal Service Reviews: It’s a Brand-New Ballgame”*, and *“How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Fire District Consolidations”*. Breakout sessions included *“Recruitment and Succession Planning: Preparing for Future LAFCO Leaders, Today”*, *“Dangerous Currents! Recognizing and Avoiding Conflict of Interest”*, *“Grand Juries & LAFCO: Why Can’t We Be Friends”*, and *“The Definitive Session on Pensions: LAFCO’s Two-fold Responsibility to Take Care of Its Own and Review Agencies”*.

In addition, there were *regional roundtables*, the *CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting*, *Regional Caucus and Elections*, *CALAFCO Board of Directors* meeting, the *CALAFCO Awards Ceremony*, a *“Mock-commission Hearing”* regarding dissolution of a fire district, and a *Legislative Update*.

Also, we are pleased to announce that Commissioner McGill was re-elected to the CALAFCO Board of Directors with no challengers. Congratulations!

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

The 2023 CALAFCO Conference will be held in Monterey (October 18 – 22).