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**May 10, 2023  
 Agenda Item 10**

May 10, 2023

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission  
 40 Muir Road, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
 Martinez, CA 94553

**Legislative Report - Update and Position Letter**

Dear Members of the Commission:

CALAFCO is sponsoring its annual omnibus bill (AB 1753) which was introduced on March 2, 2023. The bill passed out of the Assembly on April 27<sup>th</sup> and now sits in the Senate where it had its first reading.

Currently, CALAFCO is also tracking three “Priority 2” bills and four “Priority 3” bills as listed below:

*Priority 2 Bills:*

- a. AB 68 (Ward) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: density, Subdivision, and utility approvals.
- b. AB 918 (Garcia) Health care district: County of Imperial
- c. SB 360 (Blakespear) California Coastal Commission: member voting

*Priority 3 Bills:*

Brown Act:

- d. AB 557 (Hart) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences
- e. AB 817 (Pacheco) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body
- f. SB 411 (Portantino) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership
- g. SB 537 (Becker) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences

The next CALACO Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2023.

In late March 2023, CALAFCO issued an urgent call for legislative action requesting that each LAFCO send a letter of support for AB 1753 (annual CALAFCO omnibus bill). Contra Costa LAFCO’s legislative policy provides LAFCO with flexibility to respond to urgent legislation that affects LAFCO. 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."*

In accordance with our local policies, LAFCO staff worked with the LAFCO Chair and submitted a letter of support for AB 1753 (Attachment 2).

**RECOMMENDATION** – Informational item – no action needed

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment  
Letter of Support – AB 1753

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April 3, 2023

Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair  
Assembly Local Government Committee  
1021 O Street, Ste. 6350  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT of AB 1753, Local Government: Reorganization Omnibus Bill**

Dear Chair Aguiar-Curry:

The Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is pleased to support the Assembly Local Government Committee Bill AB 1753, sponsored by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), which makes technical, non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (“the Act”).

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which governs the work of LAFCos. These changes are necessary as Commissions implement the Act, and to correct small inconsistencies and clarifications needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. **AB 1753** makes minor technical corrections to language used in the Act.

Contra Costa LAFCo is grateful to your Committee, staff, and CALAFCO, all of whom worked diligently on this language to ensure there are no substantive changes while creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders. This legislation helps insure the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state. We appreciate your Committee’s authorship and support of this bill, and your support of the mission of LAFCos.

Sincerely,

Federal Glover, Chair  
Contra Costa LAFCo

- cc: Members, Assembly Local Government Committee
- Jimmy MacDonald, Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
- William Weber, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus
- René LaRoche, Executive Director, CALAFCO