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**Agenda Item #10**

## CALAFCO Update

Dear Commissioners:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) continues to have challenges. As previously reported, there was an effort by CALAFCO to dissolve the CALAFCO Legislative Committee. 34 LAFCOs, including Contra Costa, sent letters expressing concern with dissolution of the Legislative Committee. Ultimately, the CALAFCO Board voted to retain the CALAFCO Legislative Committee.

In October and November 2024, several LAFCOs sent letters expressing concerns with CALAFCO dues and prioritization of CALAFCO's mission. One LAFCO gave notice to CALAFCO that they will not renew their membership as of July 1, 2025.

On December 23, 2024, a letter was sent to the CALAFCO Board of Directors noting concerns with the CALAFCO Board and leadership. There are 58 LAFCOs in California. The letter was signed by 17 LAFCO Executive Officers who serve 21 LAFCOs throughout the State. The letter includes a number of concerns, noting that "*CALAFCO leadership has lost focus on its core mission*" and that "*CALAFCO's focus on the interests of the membership must be restored in order to build lost trust and to ensure the Association's survival.*" The letter also expressed concerns regarding lack of outreach and transparency, appointment of the CALAFCO regional executive officers by the CALAFCO Executive Director, and communication and building relationships with the membership. Subsequently, the CALAFCO Executive Director vacated her position. In the interim, José Henriquez, Executive Officer, Sacramento LAFCO is temporarily serving as the CALAFCO Executive Director.

On January 10, 2025, the CALAFCO Board of Directors met to discuss the future of CALAFCO. Another CALAFCO Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2025. The tentative agenda includes a Closed Session and a Regular meeting. The designated time of these meetings is not yet confirmed. Once LAFCO staff has confirmed meeting dates, we will share this information with Commissioners.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss and provide comments regarding the future of CALAFCO.

Sincerely,

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