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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission
of Orange County

FROM: Commissioner/CALAFCO Board Member
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: CALAFCO Update

BACKGROUND

The following staff report provides an update on key recent activities of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO).

CALAFCO Sponsored Legislation

For the current legislative session, the CALAFCO Board of Directors approved the co-sponsoring of legislation for the following:

- 2022 Omnibus Bill – makes non-substantive changes to the CKH Act.
Status: Proposed amendments are currently being reviewed by the Assembly Local Government Committee.
- LAFCO Protest Provisions – three-year working group effort with multiple stakeholders (CALAFCO, CSDA, CSAC, CA League of Cities, and legislature consultants) to consolidate protest proceedings provisions for clarity and change protest threshold for a Commission-initiated dissolution.
Status: Proposed bill in print as SB 938, and additional details are provided in Agenda Item No. 8b.
- Amendments to 56133 – a joint effort with San Diego LAFCO to amend Government Code Section 56133 to clarify LAFCO's authority involving the extension of services outside an agency's jurisdictional boundary.
Status: CALAFCO was unable to secure a bill author for 2022 and will discuss whether or not to co-sponsor the proposal for the next legislative session at the Board's April 22 meeting.

The CALAFCO Legislative Committee will discuss the status of the above efforts, as well as other current and newly introduced bills of LAFCO interest at its next meeting on March 11. An update will be provided subsequent to the meeting in the April 13 agenda.

CALAFCO Staff Workshop

As co-host of the CALAFCO Annual Staff Workshop scheduled to take place in Newport Beach in early March, staff has kept the Commission apprised of the impacts to the scheduling of the conference, which has included postponing of the workshop in 2020 and 2021. While the workshop planning committee has worked diligently to keep the workshop program refreshed and OC LAFCO staff supported with the excitement of welcoming LAFCOs across the State, it became apparent with only five weeks until the workshop that the circumstances of the continued pandemic have impacted the workshop registration numbers. In light of this, the CALAFCO Board, on February 22, voted unanimously to cancel the workshop. While there is certainly disappointment with the cancellation of the event, Commissioners and staff will have the opportunity to welcome other LAFCOs to Orange County in the Fall during the CALAFCO 50+1 Annual Conference in Newport Beach. As a note, CALAFCO will be refunding previously paid registration fees to OC LAFCO.

New CALAFCO Executive Director

At the January 21 Board of Directors meeting, CALAFCO appointed Rene LaRoche as the new Executive Director for the Association. Rene will succeed outgoing Executive Director, Pamela Miller, and brings a diverse background to CALAFCO that includes her current position as the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Mariposa County, past President of the CA Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Association, and an Institute Fellow of the CA State Association of Counties. She officially assumed her role on February 28 and will be meeting with the Executive Officers of the Southern Region LAFCOs in part to this transition.

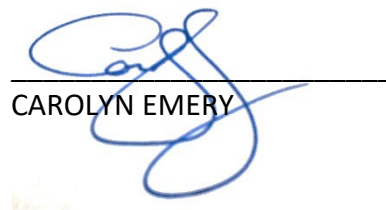
RECOMMENDED ACTION

Commissioner McGregor and staff recommend that the Commission:

1. Receive and file the CALAFCO Update.

Respectfully submitted,


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