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**MEETING DATE:** November 8, 2023

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission  
of Orange County

**FROM:** Commissioner/CALAFCO Board Director  
Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** CALAFCO Update

### CONFERENCE RECAP

The 2023 California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Conference held in Monterey, October 18-20, was well attended with approximately 270 attendees from each of the CALAFCO regions (northern, coastal, central and southern). Eight commissioners and staff represented OC LAFCO at the conference, and the southern region collectively provided a strong presence with 35 commissioners and staff.

The annual event lived up to the conference theme, “Celebrating 60 Years of LAFCOs” through informative sessions and currently relevant topics that included: agencies extending services outside of their jurisdictional boundaries, use of MSRs to guide agencies back on course, the history of LAFCOs and special districts, and evolution opportunities for MSRs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The conference program also included engaging sessions on the challenges of disaster prevention and recovery efforts involving key municipal services and elevating the partnership of staff and commissioners, each intended to stretch attendees thinking beyond LAFCO. The conference kicked off with a visit to the Monterey Peninsula Airport, where attendees learned about the history and upcoming expansion of the airport and the functions of the County’s Airport District.

### BOARD ELECTIONS

During the annual conference, the CALAFCO Board of Directors also conducted regional elections and the Board’s annual business meeting, which highlighted CALAFCO’s significant accomplishments over the past year and legislative committee and other staff appointments. This year’s elections brought two new members to represent the southern region on the CALAFCO Board – Riverside County Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez and San Bernardino Special District Member Kimberly Cox. During the conference, the two members were officially seated on the CALAFCO

Board, and along with the other members indicated below, will be representing the southern region during the 2023-2025 term:

CALAFCO Directors – Southern Region			
Board Member	LAFCO	Category	Term
Kimberly Cox	San Bernardino	Special District	2025
Yxstian Gutierrez	Riverside	County	2025
<b>Derek McGregor</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>2024</b>
Acquanetta Warren	San Bernardino	City	2024

During the conference, CALAFCO board officers and legislative committee staff member appointments were also approved. Emphasized below are the Board officers and committee members representing the CALAFCO Southern Region. The terms of these appointments are for one year and considered by the Board annually.

**CALAFCO Board of Directors Officers**

*Chair:* Margie Mohler (Coastal Region)

***Vice Chair:* Acquanetta Warren (Southern Region)**

*Treasurer:* Gay Jones (Central Region)

*Secretary:* Blake Inscore (Northern Region)

**CALAFCO Legislative Committee**

Paula Graf, Imperial LAFCO

Priscilla Mumpower, San Diego LAFCO

Adriano Romo, Los Angeles LAFCO

***Luis Tapia, Orange LAFCO (Advisory Committee)***

*Carolanne Ieromnimon, San Diego LAFCO (Advisory Committee)*

The Board of Directors meets quarterly, and at their next meeting on December 1, 2023 will appoint directors to the legislative committee and other committees. The legislative committee will conduct its first meeting on December 8, 2023 to discuss anticipated efforts for the new legislative session.

**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

In part to its mission, through the association’s university (“CALAFCO U”), CALAFCO hosts a series of educational webinars highlighting current events and engaging topics for member LAFCOs. Below are some general CALAFCO U topics developed by the association with Commissioners in mind:

- Two Agencies in Dispute: What is LAFCO’s Role in Assisting to Resolve the Conflict?
- The New Era: State of the State in terms of extreme weather, fire and water issues.
- Sharing the Wealth: A Deep Dive into Tax Exchange.

- Proactively Navigating Economic and Service Crisis Realities
- Being a LAFCO Commissioner: What does it really mean?
- When LAFCO Opinions Collide: Exploring the unique perspectives of LAFCO Commissioners, Legal Counsel and Staff.


As CALAFCO gears up to host more sessions in 2024, Commissioners are encouraged to share ideas for future topics with Commissioner McGregor or staff.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

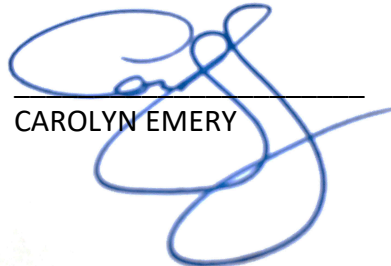
Staff recommends the Commission:

1. Receive and file the CALAFCO Update.

Respectfully submitted,



DEREK J. MCGREGOR



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