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MEETING DATE: February 14, 2024

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission
of Orange County

FROM: Executive Officer
Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Legislative Report (February 2024)

BACKGROUND

The Legislature is in full swing, undertaking its second year of the two-year legislative session that began on January 3, 2024. As new legislation is introduced in the Capitol, a deadline of note is the last day for bills to be introduced (February 17). Additional key deadlines are identified in the legislative calendars attached to this report.

OC LAFCO, through participation on the California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO) Legislative Committee monitors proposed legislation of LAFCO interest. During the committee's January 12 meeting, CALAFCO staff provided an update on bills continued from the 2023 legislative session and this year's Omnibus Bill. Reports were also given on the completion of the appointments to the committee and the current lack of activity in Sacramento. While there is anticipation that the pace of the Legislature will pick up in the coming weeks, the 2024 Omnibus Bill looks differently than in prior years with only a single proposed change to the CKH Act. The Committee is set to meet next on February 16, and any changes involving legislative activity will be presented to the Commission in March.

A summary discussion of the Omnibus Bill and an overview of activities on the horizon involving legislation of LAFCO interest are provided in the next sections of this report.

2024 Omnibus Bill (Assembly Committee on Local Government)

CALAFCO and the Assembly Committee on Local Government are co-sponsoring the annual Omnibus Bill to propose technical and non-substantive amendments to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 ("CKH Act"). The 2024 Omnibus Bill initially included four proposed amendments to the CKH Act to clarify LAFCO processes and authority. However, through a recent review by the legislative staff of the proposed amendments, only one of them was

identified as non-substantive. Consequently, this year's bill will only include proposed language that clarifies the tax exchange process for special district boundary changes explicitly when subject agencies waive the exchange of property tax revenue. The bill is currently not in print and is awaiting assignment of a bill number.

Year-Two: Potential Legislation of LAFCO Interest

To prepare for the 2024 legislative session, during the recent legislative committee meeting, CALAFCO staff did a refresher of the association's legislative policies and guidelines. The crash course session was intended to remind committee members of CALAFCO's key areas of interest on the legislative front and to assist in reviewing and adopting positions on legislation of LAFCO interest. In concert with that, CALAFCO has identified areas of interest, which include indemnification of LAFCO involving proposal applications, public meeting access, and consolidation of failing wastewater systems. The effort to require applicants to indemnify LAFCOs has become a two-year effort, and on February 5, Senator Dave Cortese of Santa Clara County agreed to author the bill. The progress of this effort represents a huge accomplishment by CALAFCO and the legislative committee. Staff will provide an update on these activities in the March legislative report.

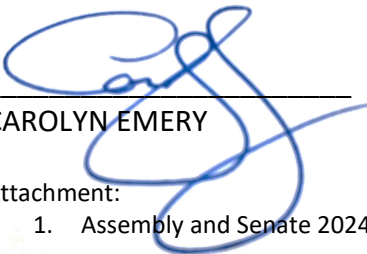
Legislation and OC LAFCO Local Policies

Periodically, changes in legislation warrant changes to an OC LAFCO local policy. Recent changes involving employment labor, public records requests, and retention laws warrant a review of the Commission's respective policies for these areas. The review by staff and general counsel is currently underway, and proposed changes will be presented to the Commission in March.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is a receive and file report and requires no action from the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,



CAROLYN EMERY



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Attachment:

1. Assembly and Senate 2024 Legislative Calendars

2024 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

COMPILED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY CHIEF CLERK AND THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
Revised 11-1-22

DEADLINES

- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 3** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- Jan. 10** Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
- Jan. 12** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to **fiscal committees** fiscal bills introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- Jan. 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 19** Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year. (J.R. 61(b)(2)).
Last day to submit **bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(3)) (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)).

- Feb. 16** Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4), J.R. 54(a)).
- Feb. 19** Presidents' Day.

- Mar. 21** **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Mar. 29** Cesar Chavez Day observed.

- Apr. 1** Legislature reconvenes from **Spring Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 26** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

- May 3** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **nonfiscal** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
- May 10** Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
- May 17** Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)).
Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to May 28 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).
- May 20-24** **Floor session only.** No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(10)).
- May 24** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).
- May 27** Memorial Day.
- May 28** Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).

JANUARY							
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Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Wk. 1	28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY							
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Wk. 1	25	26	27	28	29		

MARCH							
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Wk. 4	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Spring Recess	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Wk. 1	31						

APRIL							
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No Hrgs.	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Wk. 4	26	27	28	29	30	31	

*Holiday schedule subject to final approval by Rules Committee.

2024 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

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JUNE							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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Wk. 3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Wk. 4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Wk. 1	30						

June 15 Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)).

June 27 Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Summer Recess	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Summer Recess	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Summer Recess	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Summer Recess	28	29	30	31			

July 3 Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)).

Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

July 4 Independence Day.

AUGUST							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Summer Recess					1	2	3
Wk. 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No Hrgs.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
No Hrgs.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Aug. 5 Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

Aug. 16 Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

Aug. 19 – 31 Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except Rules Committee, bills referred pursuant to Assembly Rule 77.2, and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

Aug. 23 Last day to **amend** bills on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

Aug. 31 Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)).

Final Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL RECESS

2024

- Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).
- Oct. 2 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2025. (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Nov. 5 General Election.
- Nov. 30 Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).
- Dec. 2 2025-26 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon. (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

2025

- Jan. 1 Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

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DEADLINES

JANUARY						
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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- [Jan. 1](#) Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- [Jan. 3](#) **Legislature Reconvenes** (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- [Jan. 10](#) Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
- [Jan. 12](#) Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to **fiscal committees** fiscal bills introduced in their house in the **odd-numbered year** (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- [Jan. 15](#) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- [Jan. 19](#) Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(2)).

Last day to **submit bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- [Jan. 31](#) Last day for each house to **pass bills introduced** in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(3), (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)).

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- [Feb. 19](#) Presidents' Day.

MARCH						
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- [Mar. 21](#) **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment of this day's session (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- [Mar. 29](#) Cesar Chavez Day observed.

APRIL						
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- [Apr. 26](#) Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to **fiscal committees** fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

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[June 15](#) Budget Bill must be passed by **midnight** (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

[June 27](#) Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 5 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).

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Summer Recess begins upon adjournment provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

[July 4](#) Independence Day.

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[Aug. 23](#) Last day to **amend** on the floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

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2024

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[Nov. 5](#) General Election

[Nov. 30](#) Adjournment *Sine Die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

[Dec. 2](#) 12 Noon convening of the 2025-26 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

2025

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