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MEETING DATE: September 9, 2026**10a** | Commission
Discussion**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission
of Orange County**FROM:** Executive Officer
Policy Analyst I**SUBJECT:** Legislative Report (September 2026)**DISCUSSION**

The Legislature entered its final recess following the deadline for both houses to pass bills on August 31, concluding the legislature's consideration of bills from the 2025-2026 legislative session. During the two-year session, approximately 4,243 bills were introduced. Bills approved by both houses have been enrolled and are now before the Governor, who has until September 30 to sign or veto the bills. Following the adjournment of the 2025-2026 session, the legislature will remain in recess before convening for the 2027-2028 legislative session on December 7, 2026.

Throughout the legislative session, staff participated in the Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee to review, discuss, and monitor legislation of LAFCO interest. Staff will continue to monitor legislation through the Governor's September 30 deadline and participate in the Legislative Committee as the group prepares for the upcoming 2027-2028 legislative session. Accordingly, this report provides an update on previously reviewed legislation, the recent activity of the Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee, and the Amicus Brief.

Update on Previously Reviewed Legislation

At the August meeting, the Commission received an update from staff on AB 1821 (Pacheco) – California Public Records Act and the Validating Acts SB 1440, 1441, and 1442 authored by the Senate Local Government Committee. At that time, staff reported that the Validating Acts had been enrolled and signed by the Governor. Since the August meeting, AB 1821 has been enrolled and is currently pending the Governor's review. A table with status updates on bills previously reviewed by the Commission is provided on the following page.

2026 Legislative Session – Bill Status			
Bill	Description	Adopted Positions	Status
AB 1821	AB 1821 would amend the California Public Records Act by modifying an agency's response timeline for public records requests from calendar days to business days, including the allowable extension timeline period.	Support	Enrolled to the Governor on August 27, 2026.
SB 1440 SB 1441 SB 1442	Annual Validating Acts are meant to retroactively fix typographical, grammatical, and procedural errors that might invalidate boundary changes or bond issues.	Support	Signed by the Governor on June 17, 2026.

Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee

The Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee met on August 24 to review the remainder of the 2025-2026 legislative session. Staff from the four participating LAFCOs and Chris Lee from Politico Group discussed bills of interest during the 2025-2026 legislative session, including cemeteries, disadvantaged communities, and water rate assistance programs. Staff and the Legislative Committee continued discussions regarding preparation for the 2027-2028 legislative session, including coordinating with Chris Lee on potential legislative topics of interest to LAFCO, including water, wastewater, LAFCO authority, and miscellaneous legislation that can impact LAFCOs. Staff will continue to participate in the Legislative Committee and provide the Commission with updates at future meetings.

Amicus Brief

At the August Commission meeting, staff provided the Commission with an update on OC LAFCO's continuous participation and monitoring of the amicus brief regarding the court case *Monterey Peninsula Water Management District v. Monterey LAFCO*. The amicus brief was submitted on July 24, 2026, by Bill Pellman of Nossaman LLP, on behalf of OC LAFCO and the other participating LAFCOs. Since the August meeting, staff received notice of the submittal of an additional Amicus Brief prepared by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) supporting the court's ruling in favor of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Staff will continue to monitor the appellate proceedings and provide the Commission with updates at future meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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