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MEETING DATE: November 18, 2026

8a | **Commission Discussion**

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County

FROM: Executive Officer
Policy Analyst I

SUBJECT: Legislative Report (November 2026)

DISCUSSION

With the 2027-28 legislative session set to begin on December 7, preparations are underway to identify legislative priorities and issues of interest to LAFCOs. The Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee recently met to discuss these efforts, including strategies for monitoring and tracking legislation. This report provides an update on the Committee's activities and the appellate proceedings in the *Monterey Peninsula Water Management District v. Monterey LAFCO* case.

Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee

At its October 26 meeting, the Alliance of LAFCOs Legislative Committee met to discuss potential legislative priorities for the 2027-28 legislative session. In addition to its ongoing monitoring of legislation affecting LAFCO authority and local government, the Committee agreed to include the following topics to track legislation that may impact or be of interest to LAFCOs:

- Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act
- Community Services District Law
- County Service Area Law
- Municipal Water Districts
- State Water Resources
- Brown Act
- Irrigation Districts

The Committee will continue to add additional topics for legislative tracking as the 2027-28 legislative session progresses and new legislative proposals emerge.

Amicus Brief: *Monterey Peninsula Water Management District v. Monterey LAFCO*

The appellate proceedings in *Monterey Peninsula Water Management District v. Monterey LAFCO* continue to move forward. The deadline for parties to file responses to the amicus briefs submitted by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions and other participating LAFCOs, as well as the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Special Districts Association, was extended to November 16. Following the conclusion of the response period, the case may be submitted to the Court for consideration unless the Court requests supplemental briefing or schedules oral arguments. Staff will continue to monitor the proceedings and provide updates to the Commission 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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