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## San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission

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# **AGENDA** SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FRIDAY, October 21, 2011, 9:30 A.M.

**Note: New Location** San Diego LAFCO Office 9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92123

Members

Bill Horn

County Board of Supervisors

**Bud Pocklington** South Bay Irrigation District

Mark Lewis Mavor City of El Cajon

John Ingalls Santa Fe Irrigation District

Andrew L. Vanderlaan Public Member

Lorie Zapf Councilmember City of San Diego Agenda Item:

Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held April 15, 2011\*

3. Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Committee Member / Consultant's Announcements

**Public Comment** 

Opportunity for persons to speak to the Committee on any subject within the Committee's jurisdiction, but not an item on today's agenda. Each speaker's presentation may not exceed 3 minutes.

**Alternate Members** 

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Greg Cox County Board of Supervisors

Sherri Lightner Councilmember City of San Diego

Jim Janney City of Imperial Beach

.lo MacKenzie Vista Irrigation District

Harry Mathis Public Member 6. Status Report on State Legislation from 2011-2012 Session\*

**Update on SDAC/Alternate Commissioner Election** 

**Current LAFCO and Special Districts Projects** 8.

Adjournment to the November 18, 2011 Meeting Date 9. if necessary

\*Refer to attachment.

#### **Executive Officer**

Michael D. Ott

#### Counsel

Thomas Bosworth

**Note:** Refreshments will be available at the meeting.

## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION SPECIAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APRIL 15, 2011 MEETING

There being a quorum present, the meeting was convened at 9:30 a.m., by Chairman Tom Pocklington (Bonita-Sunnyside FPD). Attending were: **Committee Members** - Gary Croucher (Otay Water District), Judy Hanson (Leucadia WD), Douglas Humphrey (Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County), Larry Jackman (San Miguel Consolidated FPD), Augie Scalzitti (Padre Dam MWD), John Pastore (Rancho Santa Fe CSD), Dennis Shepard (North County Cemetery District), Terry Thomas (South Bay Irrigation District), Kimberley Thorner (Olivenhain MWD) arrived at 9:32 a.m. Absent were: **Committee Members** – Gary Arant (Valley Center MWD), Ron Fuller (Alpine FPD); Margarette Morgan (Vista FPD), Jim Poltl (Vallecitos WD), Diana Towne (Rincon del Diablo, MWD). Attending: Harry Ehrlich, LAFCO Consultant, and no members of the public were present.

# Item 2 Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2010

ON MOTION of Terry Thomas, seconded by Judy Hanson, and unanimously approved by the remaining Committee members, the Committee dispensed with reading the October 15, 2010 minutes and approved said minutes.

# Item 3 Consultant's Recommended Agenda Revisions

Harry Ehrlich indicated there are no revisions. He announced to the Committee that the LAFCO office will be relocating to the Kearny Mesa area tentatively scheduled for August 2011. This office space will be leased from the County of San Diego and the new costs will not impact the Districts fees at this time. Mr. Ehrlich distributed CSDA Legislative Days (May 2011) documentation to the members and encouraged their participation.

# Item 4 Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements

Mr. Pocklington requested Committee members to make announcements on matters associated with their districts and areas of responsibility.

Larry Jackman announced the San Miguel FPD has been experiencing fiscal impacts due to reduced apportionments.

# Item 4 Committee Member/Consultant's Announcements (Cont.)

Member Terry Thomas announced new construction within the South Bay Irrigation District facilities. A project completion ceremony will take place sometime near October 2011. Ms. Thomas also distributed some informational documentation related to current water issues.

Douglas Humphrey, Resources Conservation District, announced 2 current Board vacancies. Their main office is located in Lakeside, CA, although their District Board meetings are currently held in the Kearny Mesa area.

Augie Scalzitti, Padre Dam MWD, announced some new additions and changes to their Board members and general management team.

Kimberly Thorner, Olivenhain MWD, also announced management and Board member changes in within her district. She also discussed new multi-million dollar projects occurring within the next five years. Ms. Thorner informed the committee that they have been receiving a lot of inquiries related to health and retirement benefits, financial reports, etc. She also discussed the importance of using recycled water and the benefits their district is now receiving from this program.

Dennis Shepard, North County Cemetery District, announced Sharon Disney as their new trustee. He discussed his district beginning a new recycled water project that will involve working with the City of Escondido. Mr. Shepard also announced a new proposed annexation project involving District boundaries.

Judy Hanson, Leucadia Wastewater District, announced an employee from her district is receiving a prestigious award from the California Water Environmental Association. She also informed the Committee that she has recently retired.

Gary Croucher, Otay Water District, announced their major concerns at this time are the Little Hoover Commission and Cal Forward Movement positions. He informed the committee members about new technology ideas they are looking into. Mr. Croucher also discussed a new desal project in collaboration with Rosarito, Mexico and that everything involved with the project is moving forward in a positive manner.

Tom Pocklington, Bonita-Sunnyside District, informed the committee members that his district is doing well and that they have also been receiving inquiries from organizations related to their business practices.

# Item 5 Public Comment

No members of the public were present and therefore no one requested to speak.

# Item 6 Review of 2010 Legislation Relating to LAFCO

Harry Ehrlich presented current activity on legislative bills to the committee. The bills Mr. Ehrlich reviewed with the committee members were: AB 54 (Mutual Water Companies; drinking water) LAFCO will take a support position with this bill after recommended amendments have been made; AB 912 (Local government; organization and dissolution) informed the committee members to disregard at this time; ACA 17 (Constitutional Amendment re: State Mandates) Mr. Ehrlich asked the committee members to keep informed regarding this bill, but no position taken by LAFCO at this time; SB 244 (General plan; disadvantaged communities) Mr. Ehrlich distributed a recent opposition letter regarding SB 244 from LAFCO and he informed and discussed with the committee members LAFCO's recommended amendments to the author.

Harry Ehrlich also distributed an updated face sheet of the Assembly Omnibus Bill, which was not included in the legislative report. He indicated it has updates of definitions and coordination of codes in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. He also announced he is the contact person for CALAFCO regarding this bill.

Other legislative issues discussed amongst committee members were: AARC - regarding consolidations; providing information to legislative members; and financial allocation issues.

# <u>Item 7</u> <u>Update on SDAC Election in July</u>

Harry Ehrlich informed the committee members there will be an election process coming up in the next few months for those with terms expiring. He announced letters for nominations will be mailed soon and that there is one vacancy from Rich Williamson's seat. Mr. Ehrlich explained that an election committee will need to be established consisting of three people. Harry Ehrlich requested if the nominees could be introduced at the CSDA meeting in August. Tom Pocklington encouraged the committee members present to volunteer to serve as part of the election committee.

## Item 8

## **Current LAFCO and Special Districts Projects (April – July)**

Harry Ehrlich informed and discussed with the committee members about some of the larger projects LAFCO will be working on during the upcoming year.

Mr. Ehrlich informed the committee that the LAFCO website is undergoing phase 2. The website will become a more interactive within the next year. He also mentioned that and abbreviated profile of Districts was completed.

Tom Pocklington announced Harry Ehrlich received an award from CALAFCO for "Outstanding Professional." Congratulations were extended to Mr. Ehrlich for receiving this recognition.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Special Districts Advisory Committee, it was noted that the next meeting is tentatively planned for June 17, 2011, if a meeting is to be held. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Ruth Arellano Administrative Assistant



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**SUBJECT: Legislative Update** 

This is a status report on LAFCO related legislation for 2011, similar to the one provided to the Commission each month. You will find Attachment A, a legislative summary of selected bills that staff identified for tracking. This report is current through September 12th. The Legislature adjourned for the year on September 9, 2011 after passing about 900 bills this year. The Governor has until October 9, 2011 to consider signing or vetoing bills. The status is noted below on four bills that we have been tracking:

# AB 1430 (Assembly Local Government Omnibus): Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act

This bill is the annual Assembly Omnibus Bill that proposes routine changes or amendments to various government codes. As proposed, the bill currently contains redrafting of definitions and procedures in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act authored by CALAFCO. All proposals are considered routine and non-controversial. Staff assisted in drafting of the bill and is providing support to CALAFCO. The bill was signed by the Governor. A letter urging his signing of the bill was sent- Support

# SB 244 (Wolk): General plan; disadvantaged communities

The Commission approved an "oppose" position on this bill on April 5, 2011. Staff drafted and sent a letter of opposition to the author on April 14, 2011. This bill is a modified approach from AB 853 of last year in that it requires counties and cities to include an analysis of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities in updates or adoption of its housing element of a general plan. The bill was significantly amended in September and approved by the Senate and Assembly. The bill is awaiting consideration by the Governor. Staff sent a letter requesting veto on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Adopted position – **Oppose** 

AB 307 (Nestande) Joint Powers Agreements: Federally recognized Indian Tribes.

Current test: Chaptered: 9/7/2011

Status: 9/6/2011-Chapter Number 266, Statutes of 2011.

Summary: This bill will include a federally recognized Indian tribe as a public agency that may enter into a joint powers agreement to exercise common powers to finance public facilities and operations. Staff did not take a position on this bill and it moved quickly through the Legislature. CALAFCO Legal Counsel has indicated that this bill may allow Indian tribes to enter into agreement for services outside of LAFCO review.

There are also several bills that passed that address Williamson Act status and funding; those are noted on the attached report.

LAFCO staff will provide the Committee with a verbal update at the meeting of any actions by the Governor on these bills or others that come to our attention. Therefore, it is:

## **RECOMMENDED:** That your committee:

Receive and provide feedback to staff on the attached legislation as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY EHRLICH

Director, Legislative Research

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#### **Attachments**

Attachment A: Pending 2011 Bill Tracking Report

# SAN DIEGO LAFCO Legislative Report as of September 12, 2011

AB 54 (Solorio): Drinking water

Current Text: Introduced: 12/6/2010

Status: 9/8/2011-Passed Senate; to Enrolling.

Summary: Would allow the department to issue a letter of no prejudice, as defined, to a public water system that is a lead applicant for a project that may be funded by the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund and would make expenditures related to the project reimbursable in specified circumstances. Would allow a Mutual Water Company and city to agree to establish the MWC as a special district to qualify to submit for state grant funding. Would allow a commission to review the entity for compliance with drinking water quality standards as part of a MSR. This bill contains other related provisions to other existing laws.

CALAFCO Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: Adds authority to LAFCo for reorganization of mutual water companies, and include in

MSRs whether drinking water sources comply with safe drinking water standards.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Watch

AB 912 (Gordon): Local government: organization and dissolution

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2011

Amended: 5/2/2011

Status: 7/25/2011-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 109

Summary: Would authorize the commission, where the commission is considering a change of organization that consists of the dissolution of a district with zero sphere of influence, to immediately order the dissolution if the dissolution was initiated by the district board, or to, within 30 days following the approval of the application by the commission, hold at least one noticed public hearing on the proposal, and order the dissolution without an election, unless a majority protest exists, as specified.

CALAFCO Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: Allows a commission to immediately dissolve a special district with a zero SOI or to dissolve a district after a public hearing and the lack of a majority protest.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Watch

AB 46 (John A. Pérez): Local government: City of Vernon

Current Text: Amended: 6/28/2011

Status: 8/29/2011-Failed passage in Senate.

Summary: Would provide that every city with a population of less than 150 people as of January 1, 2010, would be disincorporated into that cities' respective county as of 90 days after the effective date of the bill, unless a county board of supervisors determines, by majority vote within that 90-day period, that continuing such a city within that county's boundaries would serve a public purpose because the location of the city, in a rural or isolated location, makes it impractical for the residents of the community to organize in another forum of local governance.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: As written this bill applies only to Vernon, California. It bypasses much of the C-K-H disincorporation process, leaving LAFCo only the responsibility of assigning assets and liabilities following disincorporation.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

AB 187 (Lara): State Auditor: audits: high-risk local government agency audit program.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2011

Last amended: 8/15/2011

Status: 9/6/2011-Passed Senate; to Enrolling.

Summary: Would authorize the State Auditor to establish a high-risk local government agency audit program to identify, audit, and issue reports on any local government agency, including any city, county, or special district, or any publicly created entity that the State Auditor identifies as being at high risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement or that has major challenges associated with its economy, efficiency, or effectiveness. The bill would also authorize the State Auditor to consult with the State Controller, Attorney General, and other state agencies in identifying local government agencies that are at high risk.

Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Would allow the State Auditor to audit and issue reports on any local agency it identifies at being at high risk for waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

AB 555 (Norby): Local agency formation

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011

Introduced: 2/16/2011

Status: 2/17/2011-Two Year Bill.

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 governs the procedures for the formation, change of organization, and reorganization of cities and special districts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the act.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Placeholder bill, currently targeted to C-K-H.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time.

AB 1266 (Nielsen): Local government: Williamson Act: agricultural preserves: advisory board.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 Status: 9/9/2011-Senate Inactive File.

Summary: Would specify matters on which the advisory board may advise the legislative body of a county or city. This bill would also state that the advisory board is not the exclusive mechanism through which the legislative body can receive advice on or address matters regarding agricultural preserves.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Specifies additional responsibilities for the county or city Williamson Act advisory board. May also be a placeholder for more significant modifications to the Williamson Act.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

<u>AB 1430 (Committee on Local Government)</u>: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 Omnibus Bill.

Introduced: 4/5/2011

Status: 8/31/2011 Passed Senate; To Enrolling and Governor.

Summary: Existing law defines various terms for purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. This bill would revise various definitions within that act, and would make other conforming and technical changes.

CALAFCO Position: Support Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: CALAFCO Sponsored bill. Makes technical, non-substantive changes to Cortese-

Knox-Hertzberg Act. Includes major definitions update.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Support

ACA 17(Logue): State-mandated local programs

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2011

Status: 4/14/2011-Referred to Comm. On Local Government.

Summary: ACA 17, as introduced, would reclassify some services and costs of local government to qualify for establishing recovery through charging fees.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Changes state mandate law in a proposed constitutional amendment. Included is specific language that releases mandate responsibility if the local agency can charge an individual or applicant for the cost of providing the mandated service. Would likely exempt some mandates to LAFCO from state funding.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Watch

SB 160 (Huff): Local government: reorganization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2011 Status: 2/10/2011-Two Year Bill.

Summary: The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, except as specified. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that act.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Appears to be a placeholder bill. Typically the senior republican on the Senate Finance

& Committee introduces this bill as a placeholder. Usually used for some other purpose than LAFCo.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

SB 244 (Wolk): Land use: general plan: disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/10/2011

Last Amended-9/8/2011

Status: 9/9/2011-Passed Senate and Assembly with Amendment Concurrence; To Enrolling.

Summary: Would require, prior to January 1, 2014, and thereafter upon each revision of its housing element, a city or county to review and update one or more elements of its general plan, as necessary to address the presence of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities, as defined, inside or near its boundaries, and would require the updated general plan to include specified information. This bill would also require the city or county planning agency, after the initial revision and update of the general plan, to review, and if necessary amend, the general plan to update the information, goals, and program of action relating to these communities therein. By adding to the duties of city and county officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions requiring new LAFCO studies outside of City/District spheres. Provisions in the bill will be costly to implement and may not have a major benefit to communities.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Adds a review of disadvantaged communities - in both incorporated and unincorporated areas - to the Housing Element of the General Plan.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Oppose; Letter sent April 14, 2011

SB 648 (Berryhill): Local government: Williamson Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011

Last Amended-4/2/2011

Status-4/8/2011-Two Year Bill.

Summary: Would provide an alternative method of cancellation of a contract by a landowner for contracts that are 10 or more years old, and where the landowner has not received a lowered assessment value on the land during the previous 10 consecutive years based on the existence of a residence, including agricultural laborer housing, on the land being valued. The bill would require the board or council, upon petition by the landowner and a showing that these conditions exist, and would prohibit the board or council from charging a cancellation fee.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Provides an alternative method for immediate cancellation of a Williamson Act contract

under certain circumstances.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

AB 148 (Smyth): Local government: ethics training: disclosure.

Current Text: Amended: 3/2/2011

Last Amended: 4/14/2011

Status: 5/11/2011-Referred to Appropriations Suspense File.

Summary: Would additionally define the term ethics laws to include compensation setting guidelines as established by specified organizations. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Would add compensation setting guidelines to the ethics training requirements for

officials.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time.

AB 162 (Smyth): Local government: financial reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2011

Status: 5/10/2011-Failed to Pass in Com. on L. GOV'T; now Two Year Bill.

Summary: Would additionally require that, if an audit of a local agency reveals certain financial irregularities, the findings be sent separately to the Controller immediately after the audit has been concluded. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Requires disclosure to the State Controller of a variety of irregularities discovered in a

local agency annual audit. May have some application for MSR updates.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

AB 307 (Nestande): Joint powers agreements: public agency: federally recognized Indian tribe.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2011

Amended: 6/22/2011

Status: 9/6/2011-Signed by Governor; Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter Number 266.

Summary: Would include a federally recognized Indian tribe as a public agency that may enter into a joint powers agreement. This bill would also make conforming changes by repealing now redundant code sections. This bill contains other related provisions.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Would allow any federally recognized Indian tribe to act as a public agency to participate in any Joint Powers Authority. Significantly expands current law on Indian tribe participation in a JPA.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Watch

AB 392 (Alejo): Ralph M. Brown Act: posting agendas.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2011

Amended: 4/14/2011

Status: 7/11/2011-Held on Appropriations Suspense File.

Summary: Would additionally require the legislative body of the local agency, at least 72 hours before a regular meeting of that body, to post the writings that relate to an agenda item for the open session of that regular meeting. This bill would require the legislative body to post the agenda and the writings on its Internet Web site, if any, as specified. The bill would repeal the procedure for the disclosure of any writings that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting and would instead prohibit the legislative body from acting on or discussing an item on the agenda for which a related writing was not properly disclosed at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except as provided. By expanding the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Adds additional posting requirements to Brown Act.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Oppose; letter sent.

#### AB 1287 (Buchanan) Local government: audits.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011

Status: 3/21/2011-Referred to Comm. On L. GOV.

Summary: Would require local agencies, defined to include cities, counties, a city and county, special districts, authorities, or public agencies, to comply with General Accounting Office standards for financial and compliance audits and would prohibit an independent auditor from engaging in financial compliance audits unless, within 3 years of commencing the first of the audits, and every 3 years thereafter, the auditor completes a quality control review in accordance with General Accounting Office standards.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Would require regular audits of all local agencies.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

SB 186 (Kehoe): The Controller.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2011

Amended: 4/6/2011.

Status: 4/11/2011, Placed on APPR. Suspense file.

Summary: Would authorize the Controller to exercise discretionary authority to perform an audit or investigation of any county, city, special district, or redevelopment agency, if necessary, to ensure compliance with state law, grant agreements, local ordinances, and to determine fiscal viability. This bill would require the Controller to prepare a report of the results of the audit or investigation and to file a copy with the local legislative body. This bill would also provide that specified costs incurred by the Controller shall be borne by

the county, city, or redevelopment agency and state that reimbursements collected, upon appropriation to the Controller, be available to offset costs of enforcing this provision.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Allows Controller to audit local agencies and determine fiscal viability.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

**SB 235 (Negrete McLeod):** Water and flood districts: reorganization of district governing board.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2011

Last Amended: 6/9/2011

Status: 7/25/2011-Signed by Governor; Chaptered by Secretary of State, Chapter Number 122...

Summary: Would authorize the governing board of a water conservation district, except districts within the County of Ventura, whose board of directors consists of 7 directors, to reduce the number of directors to 5, consistent with specified requirements.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Allows specified water conservation districts to reorganize their board of directors to reduce the number of directors, by action of the Board.

San Diego LAFCO Position: Watch

**SB 436 (Kehoe):** Land use: mitigation lands: nonprofit organizations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011

Last Amended: 9/2/2011

Status: 9/8/2011-Assembly Amendments concurred in. Ordered to Enrolling...

Summary: Would state the findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the preservation of natural resources through such mitigation, and would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to allow state and local public agencies and nonprofit organizations to utilize the tools and strategies they need for improving the effectiveness, cost-efficiency, and durability of mitigation for California's natural resources.

**CALAFCO Position: Support** 

CALAFCO Comments: Placeholder bill that indicates it relates to additional tools for the preservation and mitigation of agricultural and open space lands.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time

SB 449 (Pavley): Controller: local agency financial review.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011

Last Amended: 6/20/2011

Status: 6/29/2011 - Failed passage, reconsideration granted.

Summary: Would additionally authorize the Controller to conduct a preliminary review to determine the existence of a local agency financial problem, and perform an audit upon completion of that review, subject to specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions.

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: Allows state controller to audit local agencies.

San Diego LAFCO Position: None at this time



# LAFCO HAS MOVED

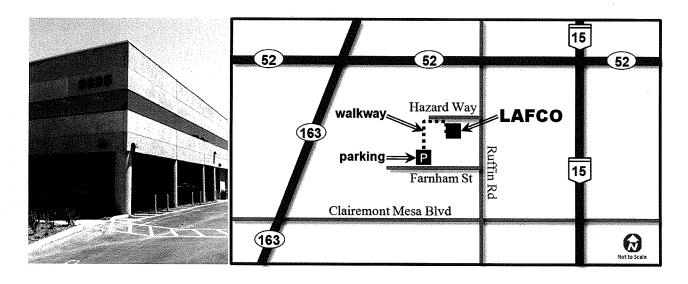
Effective September 12, 2011, the LAFCO office has moved to a new location.

**NEW LOCATION:** San Diego LAFCO

9335 Hazard Way, Suite 200

San Diego, CA 92123

**NEW PHONE**: (858) 614-7755



<u>Parking Information:</u> Free parking is located in a nearby parking structure; validation is not required. Enter the parking structure on Farnham Street. Walk out the back exit (opposite Farnham entrance) and follow the pedestrian walkway towards Hazard Way. Turn right at Hazard Way; the 2<sup>nd</sup>-floor LAFCO office is in the second building to the right. The office entrance is located on the west side of the building.