



San Diego County
Local Agency Formation Commission
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AGENDA REPORT
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August 2, 2021

TO: Commissioners

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer
 Tamaron Luckett, Commission Clerk

SUBJECT: CALAFCO Annual Conference Items

SUMMARY

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider action items relating to the upcoming California Association of LAFCOs’ (CALAFCO) Annual Conference scheduled for October 6-8th in Newport Beach. This includes a recommendation for the Commission to formally nominate Commissioner MacKenzie to seek re-election to the CALAFCO Board as well as appoint Commissioners Vanderlaan and MacKenzie as delegate and alternate delegate, respectively.

BACKGROUND

2021 CALAFCO Annual Conference

CALAFCO is hosting its Annual Conference beginning Wednesday, October 6th through Friday, October 8th at the Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach. The Annual Conference typically draws approximately 300 participants with representation from most of the 58 members. Preconference activities are planned and include an introductory workshop on LAFCO geared for new Commissioners. General session topics planned include LAFCO’s role in post-pandemic municipal service planning. A preliminary program is attached.

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DISCUSSION

This item is for San Diego LAFCO (“Commission”) to consider two separate actions tied to the upcoming CALAFCO Annual Conference scheduled for October 6-8th in Newport Beach. These actions involve (a) making nominations for open Board seats for county and district members and (b) appointing voting delegates. An expanded discussion follows.

Board Nominations

The Commission is assigned to CALAFCO’s southern region with five other LAFCOs.¹ This region has one special district seat – which is currently held by Commissioner MacKenzie – and one county seat up for election in October. Terms for both of these seats expire at the end of the calendar year and CALAFCO invites LAFCOs to nominate candidates.² Terms are two years and nominations need to be signed by the respective LAFCO Chair and include a completed resume form for the candidate. Nominations must be submitted to CALAFCO by September 7th. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor by a voting delegate.

Appointment of Voting Delegates

Each LAFCO is responsible under CALAFCO bylaws to appoint a delegate and alternate delegate to participate in the Board elections and the subsequent business meeting held on the second day of the Annual Conference. The Board elections will be conducted by regions while the business meeting provides an opportunity for the entire membership to hear from, and ask questions to, CALAFCO regarding organization activities. Delegates may be an alternate or staff. Appointments must be submitted by September 14th.

ANALYSIS

Commissioner MacKenzie has expressed interest in continuing to serve on the CALAFCO Board as the region’s special district representative, and as such it would be appropriate for San Diego LAFCO to proceed in approving a formal nomination through the Chair. Michael Kelly with Imperial has separately expressed interest in serving another term as the region’s county representative and is expected to be nominated by his home LAFCO. It would be appropriate for the Commission to support Mr. Kelly’s candidacy for a new two year-term in the absence of interest from a San Diego member (Anderson, Desmond, or Vargas). Separately, Commissioners Vanderlaan and MacKenzie are both expected to attend the Annual Conference, and as tenured members it would be appropriate to appoint as delegate and alternate delegate, respectively.

¹ The other LAFCOs assigned to the southern region are Los Angeles, Orange, Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino.

² The incumbent for the county seat in the southern region is Michael Kelly with Imperial. Mr. Kelly is seeking re-election.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO nominate Commissioner MacKenzie for CALAFCO Board as the region's special district representative. It is also recommended the Commission appoint Commissioners Vanderlaan and MacKenzie as delegate and alternate delegate, respectively, at the 2019 Annual CALAFCO Conference. These recommendations are provided as Alternative One in the proceeding section.

ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to the Commission under a single motion:

Alternative One (recommended)

- (a) Nominate Commissioner MacKenzie as special district representative for the Southern Region on the CALAFCO Board for 2022-2023.
- (b) Appoint Commissioners Vanderlaan and MacKenzie as delegate and alternate delegate for the 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference.

Alternative Two

Continue to a special meeting ahead of the September 7th deadline to submit formal nominations for the CALAFCO Board and provide additional direction to staff as needed.

Alternative Three

No action.

PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the Executive Officer,



Tamaron Lockett
Commission Clerk

Attachment:

- 1) Preliminary 2021 Annual Conference Program

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Announcing The 2021 CALAFCO Annual Conference

Hosted by CALAFCO

October 6 - 8

Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach
Conveniently located near the John Wayne Airport



Highly Relevant & Diverse General & Breakout Session Topics

- The New Era: State of the State in terms of extreme water and fire issues, and what it means for LAFCo* (Wed)
- Looming pension liabilities (Thu)
- City/District funding and property tax agreements (Thu)
- Post-pandemic workforce best practices for hiring staff (Thu)
- Hot topic facilitated breakouts – two rounds (Thu)
- The “bilities” of water and the LAFCo connection: Availability, accessibility, and portability (along with quality and state mandates)* (Wed)
- Cyber Security threats to LAFCos and local agencies* (Fri)
- Annual CALAFCO Legislative Update* (Fri)
- CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting (for all CALAFCO members)* (Thu)

*Note: The Program is subject to change.
Indicates General Session

Special Highlights

LAFCo 101

An introduction to LAFCo and LAFCo law for Commissioners, Staff, and anyone interested in learning more about LAFCo

*Wednesday from
10:00 a.m. to Noon*

Special Thursday afternoon session:

Hot Topic Roundtables

Join us for a special kind of breakout session format: **topical roundtables.** Choose the topics that are of most interest to you and join the conversation. This is a chance to share issues, existing best practice solutions, and create new and innovation solutions. Each round of the two-round breakouts will be approx. 50 mins.

Topical list still being prepared and may include LAFCo indemnification, sea level rise, pandemic recovery, local fire issues, local water issues.

It's been 2 years since we've seen you...are you missing each other?

We've Created

Invaluable Networking Opportunities for Reconnection!

- Regional Roundtable discussions on current regional LAFCo issues
- Extended roundtable discussion for LAFCo legal counsel
- Networking breakfasts and extended breaks
- Welcome Reception Wednesday
- Thursday Pre-dinner Reception & breaks with Sponsors
- Awards Banquet Thursday

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach at the John Wayne Airport



Make your reservations now at the **Hyatt Regency** at the special CALAFCO rate of \$194 (excludes tax and fees). Special rates available 3 days pre- and post-conference on availability, includes in-room wifi and parking.

Reservation cutoff date is 9/6/21.

TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, PLEASE VISIT: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SNARJ/G-CAL2> or call directly at 949-975-1234 and reference CALAFCO event.

Visit www.calafco.org for Conference details or call us at 916-442-6536.

**Mark your calendar and
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