



**San Diego County**  
**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
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**AGENDA REPORT**  
 Consent | Action

August 7, 2023

**TO:** Commissioners  
**FROM:** Erica Sellen, Executive Assistant  
**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 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> in Monterey. This includes a recommendation to formally nominate Commissioner MacKenzie for re-election to the CALAFCO Board as well as appoint Commissioners Willis and MacKenzie as voting delegate and alternate delegate, respectively.

**BACKGROUND**

**2023 CALAFCO Annual Conference**

CALAFCO is hosting its Annual Conference beginning Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey. 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 and a Monterey Bay coastal bike tour. General session topics include Government Code Section 56133, evolving MSRs, the future of LAFCOs, and collaboration with LAFCOs and special districts. A preliminary program is attached.

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## DISCUSSION

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

### Board Nominations

San Diego LAFCO is assigned to CALAFCO's southern region with five other LAFCOs.<sup>1</sup> This region has one special district seat – currently held by Commissioner MacKenzie – and one county seat – currently held by Mike Kelly in Imperial – that are up for election in October. Terms are two years and nominations need to be signed by the respective LAFCO Chair and submitted to CALAFCO by September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Appointment of Voting Delegates

Each LAFCO is responsible under CALAFCO bylaws to appoint a voting 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 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. No other nominations appear needed given none of the other eligible Commissioner (Willis, Drake, Anderson, Desmond, and Vargas) for the two open board seats have expressed interest in serving on CALAFCO at this time. Separately, Commissioner Willis and MacKenzie are both expected to attend the Annual Conference, and accordingly it would be appropriate to appoint as delegate and alternate delegate, respectively.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO nominate Commissioner MacKenzie for CALAFCO Board as the region's special district representative as well as appoint Commissioners Willis and MacKenzie as voting delegate and alternative delegate. These recommendations are provided as Alternative One in the proceeding section.

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

## 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 2024-2025 through the Chair.
- (b) Appoint Commissioners Willis and MacKenzie as delegate and alternate delegate for the 2023 CALAFCO Annual Conference through the Chair.
- (c) Authorize the Chair to make any other nominations as appropriate.

### Alternative Two

Continue to a special meeting ahead of the September 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Respectfully,



Erica Sellen  
Executive Assistant

### Attachment:

- 1) Preliminary 2023 Annual Conference Program

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-  The Future of LAFCos - Reimagining, Rebranding and Promoting LAFCos and Opportunities for Innovation
-  LAFCos and Special Districts - Opportunities for Collaboration

**Break Out Sessions:**

-  LAFCo Dynamics - EO & Commissioner leadership and partnerships
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**TUESDAY - OCTOBER 17, 2023**

2:00 p.m. Monterey Bay Coastal Bike Tour

**WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 18, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Registration Opens

7:15 a.m. Mobile Workshop

10:00 a.m. LAFCo 101: Building on the Basics of LAFCo

1:30 p.m. Conference Opening

2:00 p.m. General Session: What's New with New Or Extended Services Outside Jurisdictional Boundaries?

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. General Session: Reimagining LAFCo: Staying Relevant in Changing Times

5:30 p.m. CALAFCO Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

**THURSDAY - OCTOBER 19, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Regional Caucus Meetings and Elections

9:15 a.m. CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Attorney and Regional Roundtables

12:00 p.m. Lunch

**1:45 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

1) LAFCo Dynamics

2) Your Community's Fire Service: Top Notch or Ticking Time Bomb?

3:15 p.m. Break

**3:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

1) When the Crystal Ball Hits the Wall

2) Guiding Adrift Agencies Back on Course

6:00 p.m. Pre-dinner Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards

**FRIDAY - OCTOBER 20, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

7:30 a.m. CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting

9:00 a.m. General Session: Municipal Services in the 21st Century

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. General Session: LAFCOs and Special Districts: A Look at the History, Current Challenges, and Future Opportunities Among These Agencies

12:00 p.m. Conference Adjourns

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