

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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October 1, 2026 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on the 2026 CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meetings – August 20 & September 17, 2026**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

The CALAFCO Legislative Committee convened a meeting on August 20 & September 17, 2026. Your Executive Officer participated on these via Zoom. A redacted copies of the Meeting Agendas are attached as **Attachment A**.

The latest CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report is provided as Attachment B. The Report is also available to CALAFCO members on the CALAFCO website (you must first log in) under the "Legislation" tab by clicking the "CapitolTrack" link.

The next scheduled Legislative Committee meeting is tentative for October 15, 2026

Attachments

Attachment A – CALAFCO Legislative Committee Agenda – August 20 & September 17, 2026

Attachment B – List of CALAFCO Current Tracked Bills

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.



CALAFCO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 20, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish quorum
2. Legislative Committee Meeting Record for March 19, 2026
3. SB 1312 (Richardson) – Consideration of Position Change (pages 7-18)
4. Review of 2027 Legislative Proposals Submitted by Member LAFCOs (pages 18-49)
5. Items for the next meeting
6. Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17, at 9:00 a.m.**

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CALAFCO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish quorum
2. Review of 2027 Legislative Proposals Submitted by Member LAFCOs
 - a. Proposal 1: Petition & Signature Expiration (Riverside LAFCO) (page 7)
 - b. Proposal 2: R&T 99 (Los Angeles LAFCO) (page 12)
 - c. Proposal 3: Principal Acts (Ventura LAFCO) (page 18)
3. Correspondence

“Riverside Is a ‘Childcare Desert.’ A New Initiative Could Offer Relief”
Elly Yu, LAist – September 8, 2026 (page 37)
4. Items for the next meeting
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CALAFCO List of Current Bills 9/17/2026

[AB 1821](#) ([Pacheco D](#)) **California Public Records Act: agency response time.**

Current Text: Enrolled: 8/31/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2026

Last Amend: 6/25/2026

Status: 8/31/2026-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 8/31/2026-A. ENROLLED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Summary: The California Public Records Act requires each state or local agency, upon a request for a copy of records that reasonably describes an identifiable record or records, to make the records promptly available to any person upon payment of fees covering direct costs of duplication, or a statutory fee if applicable, except with respect to public records exempt from disclosure by express provisions of law. Existing law requires each agency, within 10 days of a request for a copy of records, to determine whether the request seeks copies of disclosable public records in possession of the agency and to promptly notify the person of the determination and the reasons therefor. Existing law authorizes that time limit to be extended by no more than 14 days under unusual circumstances, as defined. This bill would instead require each agency to determine whether the request seeks copies of disclosable public records in possession of the agency and to promptly notify the person as described above within 10 business days of a request for a copy of records.

History:

2026

Feb. 11 Read first time. To print.

Feb. 12 From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.

Mar. 16 Referred to Com. on JUD. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. Read second time and amended.

Mar. 17 Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Apr. 6 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on JUD. Read second time and amended.

Apr. 7 Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Apr. 15 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 2.) (April 14). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Apr. 22 From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 11. Noes 2.) (April 22).

Apr. 23 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

May. 27 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 55. Noes 12.)

May. 28 In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Jun. 10 Referred to Com. on JUD. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Jun. 25 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on JUD.

Jul. 1 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (June 30). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Aug. 3 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Aug. 4 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Aug. 25 Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.). In Assembly.

Concurrence in Senate amendments pending. Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 50. Noes 3. Page 6506.).

Aug. 31 Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Position

None at this
time

CALAFCO Comments: Would allow for an extension of up to 14 business days for agencies to response to public records requests in "unusual circumstances."

[SB 1312](#) ([Richardson D](#)) **Cemeteries.**

Current Text: Enrolled: 9/8/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2026

Last Amend: 8/21/2026

Status: 9/8/2026-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Location: 9/8/2026-S. ENROLLED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House				Conc.			

Summary: Existing law defines specified terms for purposes of the Cemetery and Funeral Act and the general regulation of cemeteries, but provides, however, that these definitions do not apply if expressly stated otherwise. Existing law states that the definitions and specified provisions that regulate cemeteries are inapplicable to religious corporations, a public cemetery, or any private or fraternal burial park, as specified. This bill would also make the definitions and regulation of cemeteries described above inapplicable to any California nonprofit public benefit corporation that manages the continued care and maintenance of an abandoned endowment care cemetery that oversees or performs interments pursuant to prepaid burial contracts and does not enter into any new contracts for the sale of new burial spaces to consumers, as specified.

History:

2026

Feb. 20 Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Feb. 23 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 23. Read first time.

Mar. 4 Referred to Com. on B. P. & E.D.

Apr. 8 Set for hearing April 13.

Apr. 13 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0. Page 3841.) (April 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Apr. 17 Set for hearing April 27.

Apr. 27 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

Apr. 28 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

May. 20 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 38. Noes 0. Page 4377.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May. 26 Referred to Com. on B. & P.

Jun. 18 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Jun. 23 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 17. Noes 2.) (June 23). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Jul. 2 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Aug. 5 August 5 set for first hearing. Placed on suspense file.

Aug. 13 Assembly Rule 63 suspended. From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 11. Noes 1.) (August 13). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

Aug. 17 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Aug. 21 Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

Aug. 25 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 61. Noes 9. Page 6501.) Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Concurrence in Assembly amendments pending.

Aug. 26 Re-referred to Com. on RLS. pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10(d). From committee: Be re-referred to Com. on B. P. & E.D. pursuant to Senate Rule 29.10(d). (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) Re-referred to Com. on B. P. & E.D. From committee: That the Assembly amendments be concurred in. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.)

Aug. 30 Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Sep. 8 Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

Position

Watch

CALAFCO Comments: CALAFCO previously tracked SB-777 proposed by Senator Richardson in 2025 regarding abandoned cemeteries. SB-777 required the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to convene a working group and provide a report and recommendations to the Legislature by June 2026. On June 18, 2026, CALAFCO requested a technical amendment to reference the CKH Act under "8836. The person or entity caring for and managing an abandoned endowment care cemetery may initiate a petition to form a public cemetery district or join an existing public cemetery district pursuant to the Public Cemetery District Law (Chapter 1(commencing with Section 9000) of Part 4 of Division 8 of the Health and Safety Code)."

SB 1439 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: omnibus bill.

Current Text: Enrolled: 9/4/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 3/11/2026

Last Amend: 8/19/2026

Status: 9/4/2026-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

ATTACHMENT B

Location: 9/4/2026-S. ENROLLED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Summary: The Joint Exercise of Powers Act authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to form a joint powers authority to exercise any power common to the contracting parties, as specified. Existing law requires a joint powers agreement to state the purpose of the agreement or the power to be exercised, and to provide for the method by which the purpose will be accomplished or the manner in which the power will be exercised. The act grants the agency the common power specified in the agreement and authorizes the agency to exercise that power in the manner provided in the agreement. Existing law authorizes a governing body that satisfies certain conditions to delegate its functions to an advisory body. This bill would define the terms "advisory body," "policy formation," "program development," and "program implementation" for purposes of that provision.

History:

2026

Mar. 11 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Mar. 12 From printer. May be acted upon on or after April 11.

Mar. 18 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Apr. 2 Set for hearing April 15.

Apr. 15 From committee: Do pass. Ordered to consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 3905.) (April 15).

Apr. 16 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

Apr. 23 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 37. Noes 0. Page 4033.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May. 4 Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Jun. 18 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Jul. 2 From committee: Do pass. Ordered to consent calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (July 1).

Aug. 3 Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar. From consent calendar on motion of Assembly Member Carrillo. Ordered to third reading.

Aug. 19 Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

Aug. 24 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 78. Noes 0. Page 6373.) Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Concurrence in Assembly amendments pending.

Aug. 26 Ordered to special consent calendar.

Aug. 27 Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Sep. 4 Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.

Position

Support

CALAFCO Comments: CALAFCO requested an amendment to Health and Safety Code section 32499.8 to extend the deadline for Imperial LAFCO to conduct a MSR for the Imperial Valley Health Care District from 2026 to 2027.

Total Measures: 3

Total Tracking Forms: 3

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