

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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August 6, 2026 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on the 2026 CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meetings – March 19 & April 16, 2026**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

The CALAFCO Legislative Committee convened a meeting on March 19 & April 16, 2026. Your Executive Officer participated on these via Zoom. A redacted copy of the Meeting Agendas is 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.

In a letter sent to Senator Richardson on July 22, 2026 (Attachment C), CALAFCO requested the consideration of technical amendments to SB 1312 (Richardson, 2026) Cemetery and Funeral Bureau. The amendments requested are the following:

- Confirms SB 1312 follows existing applicable CKH Act processes
- Require Notice to the affected LAFCO
- Confirm intent is not to modify or expand LAFCOs existing Authority

CALAFCO also sent a letter dated June 24, 2026 to Assemblymember Juan Carrillo in support of SB 1439-Local Government-Omnibus Bill as amended on 6/18/26 (Attachment D).

The next scheduled Legislative Committee meeting is tentative for August 20, 2026

Attachments

Attachment A – CALAFCO Legislative Committee Agenda – March 19 & Apr 16, 2026

Attachment B – List of CALAFCO Current Tracked Bills

Attachment C – letters sent to Senator Richardson (SB 1312)

Attachment D – letter sent to Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (SB 1439)

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.



CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting Thursday, 19 March 2026 | 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish quorum
2. Minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting of February 19, 2026
3. Capitol Track Report dated March 16, 2026
 - A. Letter from Riverside LAFCO to Assembly Member Jackson regarding AB 2083, Moreno Valley-Perris Childcare Special District
 - B. Printed Proposals:
AB 2083 (Jackson), AB 1548 (Pellerin), AB 2676 (Gallagher), SB 992 (Niello), and SB 994 (Cabardon)
4. Correspondence
 - A. SB 910 update from SLGC staff
 - B. CALAFCO Legislative Proposal Submission Form due July 31, 2026
5. Request for the Committee to reconsider its Standing Meeting Schedule
6. Items for the next meeting
7. Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

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CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting Thursday, 16 April 2026 | 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and establish quorum
2. Minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting of March 19, 2026
3. Legislative Update and Committee Direction on Tracked Bills
 - A. Capitol Track Report (April 14, 2026)
 - B. CALAFCO Opposition Letter on AB 2083 (April 9, 2026)
 - C. AB 2083 (Jackson), as Amended on April 7, 2026
4. Proposed Revisions to the Legislative Committee Guidelines
 - A. Proposed Revised Legislative Committee Guidelines (April 2026 Draft)
 - B. Current Legislative Committee Guidelines (October 22, 2022)
5. Items for the next meeting
6. Adjourn: The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9:00 AM**

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CALAFCO List of Current Bills 7/24/2026

AB 1821 (Pacheco D) California Public Records Act: agency response time.

Current Text: Amended: 6/25/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2026

Last Amend: 6/25/2026

Status: 7/1/2026-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (June 30). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/1/2026-S. APPR.

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

Calendar: 8/3/2026 10 a.m. - 1021 O Street, Room 2200

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, CERVANTES, SABRINA, Chair

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:

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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.

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 994 (Cabaldon D) Local agencies: nondisclosure agreements.

Current Text: Amended: 6/22/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/5/2026

Last Amend: 6/22/2026

Status: 7/2/2026-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/2/2026-A. APPR.

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1st House				2nd House				Conc.			

Summary: Existing law, the legislative code of ethics, prohibits Members of the Legislature from entering into, or requesting that another party enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of proposed legislation. Existing law also makes any nondisclosure agreement relating to the drafting, negotiation, or discussion of proposed legislation entered into after January 1, 2026, void and unenforceable. Existing law provides an exception for nondisclosure agreements, or portions thereof, that prevent only the disclosure of trade secrets, financial information, or proprietary information, as specified. This bill would prohibit a local agency official, as defined, acting in their official capacity from entering into, or requesting that another individual enter into, a nondisclosure agreement relating to public business that precludes their ability to share information with fellow local agency officials serving on the same council, board, commission, district, or agency. The bill would require a local agency official in violation of that provision to, among other things, disclose the existence of the nondisclosure agreement, as specified, and would provide that these requirements imposed on a local agency official also apply to a local agency official acting in their official capacity who entered into, or requested that another individual enter into, a nondisclosure agreement described above before January 1, 2027.

History:

2026

Feb. 5 Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

Feb. 9 From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 8.

Feb. 18 Referred to Coms. on JUD. and L. GOV.

Mar. 16 Set for hearing March 24.

Mar. 24 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0. Page 3659.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Apr. 9 Set for hearing April 22.

Apr. 22 From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0. Page 4013.) (April 22).

Apr. 23 Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

May. 4 Set for hearing May 11.

May. 11 May 11 hearing postponed by committee.

May. 14 From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

May. 18 Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

May. 19 Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0. Page 4363.) Ordered to the Assembly.

May. 20 In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

May. 26 Referred to Coms. on JUD. and L. GOV.

Jun. 9 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 12. Noes 0.) (June 9). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Jun. 22 From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Jul. 2 From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Position

Watch

CALAFCO Comments: Prohibits local government officials, including LAFCO commissioners, from entering into non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) that would prevent communication amongst agency officials or between agency employees and their governing body. June 29, 2026 - Yolo LAFCO raised a question regarding the bill's potential effect on confidentiality agreements used to obtain protected 911 dispatch data for MSRs.

SB 1312 (Richardson D) Cemeteries.

Current Text: Amended: 6/18/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2026

Last Amend: 6/18/2026

Status: 7/2/2026-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (July 1). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 7/2/2026-A. APPR.

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

Summary: The Cemetery and Funeral Act establishes the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of, among others, cemeteries and cemetery authorities. Existing law authorizes the

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bureau to establish necessary rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of the act and the laws subject to its jurisdiction and to prescribe the form of statements and reports provided for in the act. This bill would authorize the bureau to establish an advisory committee to assist the bureau in engaging consumers and licensees in its regulatory activities. The bill would require the advisory committee, if established by the bureau, to include at least one member from licensed representatives of the death care industry, members of the public, and representatives of local governments.

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.

Position

Oppose unless
amended

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: Amended: 6/18/2026 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 3/11/2026

Last Amend: 6/18/2026

Status: 7/2/2026-From committee: Do pass. Ordered to consent calendar. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (July 1).

Location: 7/2/2026-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

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. The bill would state that these definitions do not constitute a change in, but are declaratory of, existing law.

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.

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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).

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: 4

Total Tracking Forms: 4

7/24/2026 7:12:25 AM



July 22, 2026

The Honorable Laura Richardson
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite #7340
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: SB 1312 (Richardson, 2026) Cemetery and Funeral Bureau - Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Senator Richardson,

On behalf of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), thank you for your work on Senate Bill 1312 and for your efforts to address abandoned endowment care cemeteries. CALAFCO supports the objective of SB 1312 and appreciates the work your office has done to develop a process for addressing these abandoned cemeteries. Our concerns are limited to how one provision of the bill interacts with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH) when the formation of a public cemetery district or an annexation to an existing public cemetery district becomes necessary. Accordingly, CALAFCO has taken the position of **Oppose Unless Amended**.

CALAFCO respectfully requests your consideration of the amendments outlined in the attached Exhibit A.

Our primary concern is proposed Section 8836. As drafted, that section authorizes "the person or entity caring for and managing an abandoned endowment care cemetery" to initiate a petition to form a public cemetery district or join an existing public cemetery district. However, pursuant to proposed Section 8833, this person or entity can include a religious organization. Existing law already identifies who may initiate district formation or annexation proceedings before a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) under CKH, and religious organizations are not among them. CALAFCO requests that Section 8836 be amended to clarify that proposals involving the formation of a public cemetery district or annexation to an existing public cemetery district remain subject to CKH, not the Public Cemetery District Law, and may only be initiated by those persons or public agencies authorized therein.

CALAFCO also recommends requiring the city, county, city and county, or court initiating the abandonment process to provide notice to the affected LAFCO. Early notice would improve coordination among the parties and allow the affected LAFCO to begin working with the local agency and other interested parties if a reorganization proposal ultimately becomes necessary.

Finally, CALAFCO recommends adding language confirming that nothing in SB 1312 is intended to modify or expand a LAFCO's authority under CKH. Although the amendment to Section 8836 would address much of this issue, an express statement would confirm the Legislature's intent and avoid unnecessary questions regarding the application of existing law.

CALAFCO believes these amendments will strengthen the bill by clarifying how it applies when LAFCO proceedings become necessary. We would welcome the opportunity to work with your office and Legislative Counsel on amendment language.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle McIntyre". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle McIntyre,
Executive Director

Exhibit A

CALAFCO Proposed Amendments to SB 1312 (Richardson)

The amendments below are intended to clarify how SB 1312 applies when the formation of a public cemetery district or annexation to an existing public cemetery district becomes necessary.

Bill Section	Proposed Amendment/ Redline Language	Purpose
Section 8836	Amend the first sentence to provide that proposals involving the formation of a public cemetery district or annexation to an existing public cemetery district remain subject to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code § 56000 et seq.) and may only be initiated by those persons or entities authorized to initiate such proceedings under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. 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). <u>(1) The city, county, or city and county may initiate proceedings for the formation of a public cemetery district or for the annexation to an existing public cemetery district pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Division 3 of Title 5 of the Government Code).</u> <u>(2) Nothing in this chapter shall modify or expand the authority of a Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.</u>	8836(1) Existing law already establishes the process and identifies who may initiate LAFCO proceedings. This amendment confirms that SB 1312 follows that existing process. 8836(2) Confirms that SB 1312 is not intended to modify or expand LAFCO's existing authority.
Section 8831(b)	Add a new subdivision requiring the city, county, city and county, or court initiating the abandonment process to provide written notice to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) having jurisdiction over the affected territory. 8831(b). (1) Written notice shall be provided to the owner of the cemetery property <u>and the Local Agency Formation Commission</u> 90 days prior to, and upon, declaration of abandonment. (2) Written notice to the owner of the cemetery property shall, at a minimum, identify the record owner or possessor of property, set forth the last known address of the record owner or possessor, set forth the date that the city, county, or city and county began the process to declare the abandonment, and include a description of the real property subject to abandonment.	Early notice will improve coordination among the affected agencies if a reorganization proposal becomes necessary.



June 18, 2026

The Honorable Laura Richardson
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite #7340
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: SB 1312 (Richardson, 2026) Cemetery and Funeral Bureau - Request for Technical Amendments

Dear Senator Richardson,

On behalf of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), I am writing to respectfully request technical amendments to SB 1312.

CALAFCO appreciates your efforts to address abandoned endowment care cemeteries. Our comments are intended to clarify how SB 1312 would interact with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH Act). The proposed amendments are not intended to change the bill's overall policy objective or expand the existing authority of Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) under the CKH Act. Rather, they are intended to clarify how SB 1312 would operate alongside the CKH Act when proposals involving public cemetery districts are contemplated.

1. Clarify the Applicability of the CKH Act

SB 1312 authorizes the entity "caring for and managing" an abandoned cemetery to initiate a petition to form a public cemetery district or to annex territory to an existing public cemetery district. However, SB 1312 does not expressly recognize that proposals involving public cemetery districts remain subject to the CKH Act. In addition, the bill authorizes an entity to initiate a petition even if that entity includes organizations that are not authorized to initiate proposals under the CKH Act.

CALAFCO recommends clarifying that any proposal to form or reorganize a public cemetery district shall proceed in accordance with the CKH Act and that petitions may be initiated only by entities authorized under that Act.

This amendment would not change existing law or expand the authority of LAFCOs. Rather, it would clarify that proposals involving public cemetery districts remain subject to the CKH Act, ensure that only entities authorized under existing law may initiate those proposals, and confirm that existing LAFCO procedures continue to apply.

2. Require Notice to the Affected LAFCO

SB 1312 authorizes a city or county to declare an endowment care cemetery abandoned after specified findings have been made, and notice has been provided to the property owner. Once a cemetery has been declared abandoned, SB 1312 establishes a process under which ownership may ultimately be transferred and authorizes the entity caring for and managing the cemetery to initiate a petition that may involve the formation of, or annexation to, a public cemetery district.

Because these actions could ultimately result in proposals that fall within the jurisdiction of an affected LAFCO, CALAFCO recommends that SB 1312 require both the city, county, or city and county making the abandonment determination and the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to provide notice to the affected LAFCO whenever an endowment care cemetery is declared abandoned.

Providing notice at the outset would not expand LAFCO authority or create additional regulatory responsibilities. Rather, it would allow the affected LAFCO to:

- provide information regarding the applicable requirements of the CKH Act;
- explain the LAFCO process if a proposal involving a public cemetery district is pursued;
- facilitate coordination among affected local agencies before a proposal is submitted; and
- conduct service reviews and sphere of influence studies, as appropriate.

Early notification would improve coordination among affected agencies, reduce the potential for procedural delays, and help ensure that proposals involving public cemetery districts proceed through the appropriate statutory process.

3. Clarify Existing LAFCO Authority

Although SB 1312 does not amend the CKH Act, it establishes a statutory process that could ultimately result in proposals involving public cemetery districts without expressly recognizing the existing authority of LAFCOs under the CKH Act.

CALAFCO recommends clarifying that nothing in SB 1312 is intended to modify, limit, or otherwise affect the authority of LAFCOs under the CKH Act.

This amendment would not grant LAFCOs any new authority. Rather, it would reaffirm that proposals involving public cemetery districts continue to be considered under the authority, procedures, and standards established by the CKH Act. This clarification would help avoid future questions regarding legislative intent and confirm that SB 1312 is intended to operate in harmony with the CKH Act.

In closing, CALAFCO respectfully requests your consideration of these technical amendments to SB 1312. The proposed amendments do not change the bill's policy objective of addressing abandoned endowment care cemeteries, nor do they expand the existing authority of LAFCOs under the CKH Act. Rather, they clarify how SB 1312 would operate in harmony with the CKH Act and help ensure that the two statutory frameworks work together as intended.

Taken together, these amendments provide greater statutory clarity, improve coordination among affected agencies, and help avoid procedural uncertainty without changing the Bill's underlying policy. CALAFCO appreciates your consideration of these recommendations and would welcome the opportunity to work with you and your staff to refine SB 1312 as it moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Michelle McIntyre
Interim Executive Director



June 24, 2026

The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Chair
Assembly Local Government Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 5610
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 1439 (Committee on Local Government): Local government: omnibus bill
As amended 6/18/26 - SUPPORT
Set for hearing 7/1/26 - Assembly Local Government Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo:

On behalf of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), I am writing in support of SB 1439, the annual Local Government Omnibus Bill. The bill includes a one-year extension for the Imperial County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to complete the municipal service review (MSR) for the Imperial Valley Healthcare District.

AB 918 (Garcia, 2023) formed the Imperial Valley Healthcare District as a countywide health care district serving Imperial County through the dissolution of the Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District. The measure also required Imperial County LAFCO to complete an MSR for the new district by December 31, 2026.

The following year, SB 1070 (Padilla, 2024) extended the deadline for the district to present a permanent funding mechanism to the voters for the November 2026 General Election. As a result, the outcome of that election will not be known until shortly before Imperial County LAFCO is required to complete its municipal service review.

SB 1439 extends the MSR deadline to December 31, 2027. Waiting until after the November 2026 election will allow Imperial County LAFCO to evaluate the district with the benefit of knowing whether voters approved the district's permanent funding mechanism. That information will provide a more complete basis for evaluating the district's finances and its ability to provide services.

For these reasons, CALAFCO respectfully requests your **AYE** vote on SB 1439.

Sincerely,

Michelle McIntyre,
CALAFCO Executive Director

cc: Members and Consultants, Assembly Local Government Committee
The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo, Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
Members and Consultants, Senate Local Government Committee