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November 6, 2014

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood *PLH*
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on the 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference**

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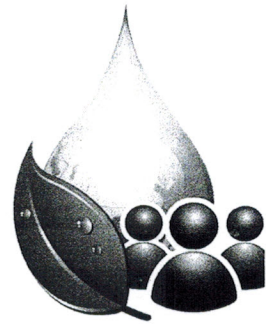
Several Commissioners and staff attended the 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference held on October 14-17, 2014 in Ontario, CA. A copy of the Conference Program is attached. There is also a link (below) to the Conference Material that is available for download on the CALAFCO website.

<http://calafco.org/index.php/education/annual-conferences>

Staff and Commissioners who attended will brief the Commission on the 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference at the November 6, 2014, meeting.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

LAFCO - The Next 50 Years: Shaping Communities for Tomorrow with Innovative Ideas Today .



Conference Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, October 15

- 8:00 am Mobile Workshop
- 10:00 LAFCo 101: *Understanding & Applying the Basics*
- 1:30 pm Conference Opening: *Welcoming Remarks*
- 2:00 General Session: *Walking With Dinosaurs*
- 2:55 Refreshment Break
- 3:05 General Session: *Cyber Security: Are You and Your Public Agency Adequately Protected?*
- 4:10 General Session: *Groundwater Basins: Governance Today & in the Future*
- 6:00 Oktoberfest - 8th CALAFCO Beer and Wine Competition and Reception
Dinner on your own

Thursday, October 16

- 7:00 am Breakfast
- 8:00 Regional Caucus Meetings and Elections
- 9:00 CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting
- 10:15 Refreshment Break
- 10:30 Breakout Sessions:
Regional Roundtables, and Legal and Associate Member Roundtables
- 12:00 pm Luncheon Keynote
- 1:45 Breakout Sessions:
 - *Lead by Design. Create Your Future Using Next Generation GIS Technology Today*
 - *Water Supply & Analysis: Policies & Practices*
 - *Shared Services: Growing Trends in Collaborative Service Delivery*
- 3:15 Refreshment Break
- 3:30 Breakout Sessions:
 - *Do We Really Need to Protect Our Mineral Resources?*
 - *LAFCos and Joint Power Authorities: Defining a Relationship That Makes Sense*
 - *Performance Evaluations: Do They Help or Hinder Performance?*
- 6:00 Banquet Reception
- 7:00 Dinner & Achievement Awards Ceremony

Friday, October 17

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 7:30 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting
- 9:00 Breakout Sessions:
 - *Connecting LAFCos and COGs For Mutual Benefit*
 - *How to Effectively Engage the Public in LAFCo Actions*
 - *SOIs: They're Not That Scary*
- 10:30 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 General Session: *Legislative Update*
- 12:00 pm Conference Adjourns



On behalf of the CALAFCO Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to our Annual Conference in Ontario. Thank you for joining us as we gather to shape communities of tomorrow with innovative ideas today. I encourage you to take advantage of the various educational and networking opportunities that are planned over the next several days. We've come from around the state to discuss statewide and local issues critical to LAFCo, learn from speakers and consultants who are experts in their fields, and share ideas with one another.

I hope you enjoy the conference!

Mary Jane Griego

Commissioner, Yuba LAFCo
CALAFCO Chair of the Board

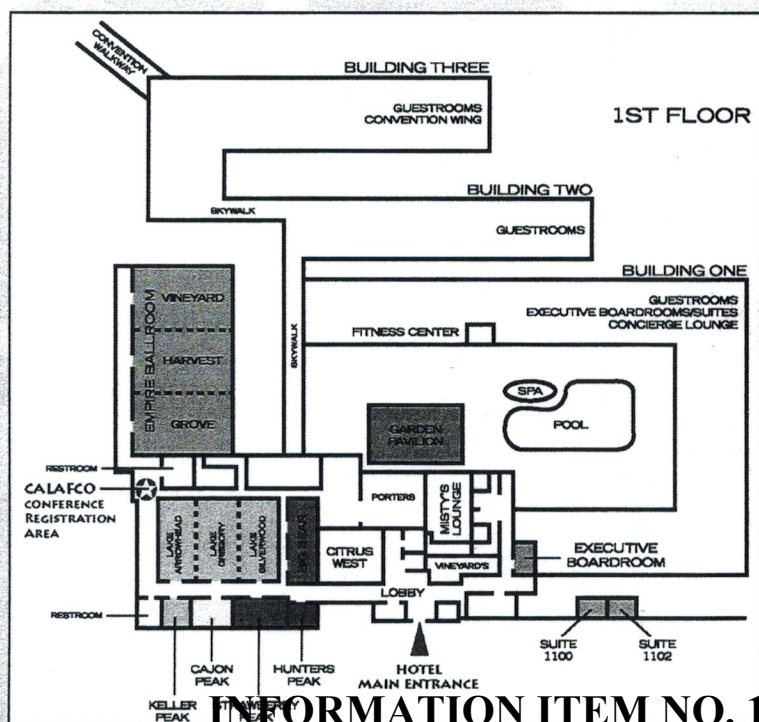


On behalf of San Bernardino LAFCo and the CALAFCO Conference Committee, I am honored and delighted to welcome you to the 2014 CALAFCO Annual Conference. This conference offers a unique opportunity for LAFCos around the state to get together and talk about our role as LAFCos for the next 50 years. I am confident the content-rich sessions will showcase how LAFCos can utilize innovative ideas today to form our communities of tomorrow.

I want to thank you for taking the time to participate in this event.

James Curatalo

Chair, San Bernardino LAFCo
Chair, CALAFCO Conference Committee



8:00 am - 12:45 pm

Mobile Workshop

Bus leaves promptly
at 8:00 am

A tour of the Frontier Project, a LEED Platinum certified 14,000 square foot demonstration facility, followed by a winery tour & wine tasting event at the family-owned Joseph Filippi Winery, and lunch at the Magic Lamp Inn (a landmark diner along old historic Route 66).

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Pre-conference Session - LAFCo 101: Understanding & Applying the Basics

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LAKE ARROWHEAD

This informative presentation is intended to assist elected officials and staff members of counties, cities, and special districts who may be new to the LAFCo process. Join a diverse panel of LAFCo experts who will discuss LAFCo basics and answer all of your questions.

Presenters: Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, San Benito LAFCo (and Moderator)
Michael D. Ott, Executive Officer, San Diego LAFCo
Holly Whatley, Attorney, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
Janice Rutherford, Commissioner, San Bernardino LAFCo

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Conference Opening (Welcoming Remarks)

EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

Mary Jane Griego, Chair, CALAFCO Board
James Curatalo, San Bernardino LAFCo Chair/CALAFCO Conference Committee Chair
Janice Rutherford, Chair, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors
Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo
Jack Dangermond, ESRI Founder/President (video presentation)
Pamela Miller, CALAFCO Executive Director

2:00 pm - 2:55 pm

General Session - Walking With Dinosaurs

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EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

This session will provide an overview of LAFCo and boundary law preceding CKH, including how procedures and responsibilities changed over the years. We will touch upon boundary commissions, Knox-Nisbet Act of 1963, District Reorganization Act of 1965, Municipal Organization Act of 1977, and completion procedures & documents under prior laws.

Presenters: Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, San Benito LAFCo
Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo
George Spiliotis, Executive Officer, Riverside LAFCo

2:55 pm - 3:05 pm

Refreshment Break - EMPIRE HALLWAY

3:05 pm - 4:00 pm

General Session - Cyber Security: Are You and Your Public Agency Adequately Protected?

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EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

Today's integrated cyber environment offers wonderful opportunities for increased efficiencies and faster communications. But recent experience has shown that your personal data and your agency's network can be vulnerable if the right steps are not taken. Learn the full scope of these risks, how to detect attempts to exploit your system's vulnerabilities and how to protect your personal and professional data from hackers.

Presenters: Mark Beart, Deputy District Attorney, LA County District Attorney's Office
Stephanie Sparks, Chair, Intellectual Property, Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel

Moderator: Sblend Sblendorio, Commissioner, Alameda LAFCo

4:10 pm - 5:30 pm

General Session - Groundwater Basins: Governance Today & in the Future

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EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

California is critically dependent upon groundwater, but this resource is under serious pressure and is unregulated in numerous basins around the State. The current drought places more basins in jeopardy as agricultural and urban water demands increase. During this session the panel will explore the governance structures and policies used to manage basins around the State, discuss the State's actions with regard to regulating basins in the future, and review examples of groundwater management around the State.

Presenters: Peter Kovounas, General Manager, Chino Basin Watermaster
Bob Williams, Commissioner, Tehama LAFCo
Christopher Calfee, Senior Counsel, Office of Planning & Research
John Kennedy, Executive Director, Engineering And Local Resources, Orange County Water District

Moderator: Matt Beekman, Commissioner, Stanislaus LAFCo

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

OKTOBERFEST: CALAFCO 8th Annual Wine & Beer Competition/Reception

GARDEN PAVILION

Join us for the CALAFCO Wine & Beer Competition. Everyone votes on his or her favorites. Network with fellow commissioners, staff and guests and enjoy the best of California!

DINNER (On Your Own)

Thursday - October 16, 2014

7:00 am - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast - VINEYARD ROOM

8:00 am - 8:45 am

Regional Caucus Meetings & Elections

Northern Region - **STRAWBERRY PEAK**

Central Region - **BIG BEAR**

Coastal Region - **LAKE GREGORY**

Southern Region - **LAKE ARROWHEAD**

9:00 am - 10:15 am

CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting

EMPIRE BALLROOM

Mary Jane Griego, Chair, CALAFCO

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Refreshment Break - DOUBLETREE FOYER

10:30 am - 11:45 am

Breakout Session - Regional, Legal, and Associate Member Roundtables

Meet with fellow commissioners and staff from your region to discuss current LAFCo issues and trends in your area.

Northern Region - **STRAWBERRY PEAK**

Southern Region - **LAKE ARROWHEAD**

Coastal Region - **LAKE GREGORY**

LAFCo Counsel (only) - **KELLER PEAK**

Central Region - **BIG BEAR**

Associate Members - **HUNTERS PEAK**

Noon - 1:30 pm

Luncheon Keynote

EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

Luncheon Speaker: Randall W. Lewis, Executive Vice President, Lewis Group of Companies

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Breakout Session - Lead by Design. Create Your Future Using Next Generation GIS Technology Today

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LAKE ARROWHEAD

This session is comprised of an expert panel from both the public and private sectors who will share a diversity of perspectives that will help illuminate how data you already have can be used to enhance your ability to identify issues, assess conditions, compare alternative scenarios, and make better, more informed decisions to improve the lives of people while protecting the environment. Drawing from research and case studies, you will hear about the latest trends in GIS, discuss how to take advantage of best practices, and learn how you can use GIS to gain significant improvements in your own organizations.

Presenters: Craig Gooch, Director of Spatial Technology Solutions and Vice President, PSOMAS

Ingrid Bruce, GIS/Special Districts Manager, City of Rancho Cucamonga

Robert Kain, GIS Manager, PlaceWorks

Shannon McElvaney, Community Development Manager, Esri

Moderator: Jan Cunningham, Executive Account Manager, Esri

Breakout Session - Water Supply & Analysis: Policies & Practices

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LAKE GREGORY

This interactive session will explore how state law, unique local conditions, management practices, and LAFCo policies affect LAFCo decisions related to water supply. Join us as a panel of experts discuss the legal framework provided by CKH, CEQA, LAFCo policies and recent court decisions that help shape LAFCo's role in water supply assessment at this critical time as policy makers try to balance the water supplies of local jurisdictions with the needs of agricultural producers and urban development.

Presenters: Michael Colantuano, Partner, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

P. Scott Browne, Attorney, Law Offices of P. Scott Browne

Matt Hurley, General Manager, Angiola Water District

Joone Lopez, General Manager, Moulton Niguel Water District

Moderator: Susan Vicklund-Wilson, Commissioner, Santa Clara LAFCo

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1:45 pm - 3:15 pm

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Breakout Session - Shared Services: Growing Trends in Collaborative Service Delivery

BIG BEAR

Collaborative service delivery is a rapidly growing trend among public agencies as a management strategy to adapt to, and get ahead of, the slow economic recovery, increasing public demand for "best value" services, and waning public trust in government. Learn from local government leaders who are actively employing collaborative shared services models about how this expanding management practice is changing local agencies' and the public's norms about public services, fiscal accountability, and other important policy areas directly relevant to LAFCo and municipal service reviews.

Presenters: Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo (and Moderator)
Paul Cook, General Manager, Irvine Ranch Water District
Andrew Belknap, Regional Vice President, Management Partners

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Refreshment Break - DOUBLTREE FOYER

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Breakout Session - Do We Really Need to Protect Our Mineral Resources?

LAKE ARROWHEAD

Mineral production is second only to agriculture as the world's oldest and most important industry. Many familiar with its importance know that "If you don't grow it, you need to mine it." State law requires protection of mineral resources in areas subject to land-use threats which would be incompatible to mining, but local elected officials face growing social pressure to favor land uses that preclude access to known mineral resources. These factors have resulted in the loss of availability that would be of great value to the residents of California. This panel will highlight the importance of protecting our mineral resources, including a brief overview of State laws, regulations and policies and their impact.

Presenters: George Kenline, Engineering/Mining Geologist, San Bernardino County (and Moderator)
John Clinkenbeard, Supervising Engineering Geologist, California Geological Survey
Stephen Testa, Executive Director, State Mining & Geology Board
Kery Shapiro, General Counsel, California Construction & Industrial Minerals Association

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Breakout Session - LAFCos and Joint Power Authorities: Defining a Relationship That Makes Sense

LAKE GREGORY

This session will explore the evolving relationship between LAFCos and joint-power authorities (JPAs) in California with respect to LAFCo's prescribed role in facilitating accountable and efficient local government and JPA's increasing footprint in delivering urban-supporting municipal services. We will include a case study on local JPA activities in Marin County, followed by a panel discussion with audience feedback on the pros/cons of draft legislation prepared by a CALAFCO working group aimed at establishing more formal ties between LAFCos and JPAs.

Presenters: Paula DeSouza, Partner, Best Best & Krieger
Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, Marin LAFCo
Kimberly Cox, Commissioner, San Bernardino LAFCo

Moderator: Ken Lee, Assistant Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo

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Breakout Session - Performance Evaluations: Do They Help or Hinder Performance?

BIG BEAR

LAFCo Commissions rely heavily upon the Executive Officer (EO) to work with the public, lead the staff and accomplish the necessary operational tasks to bring rigorous staff analysis and recommendations for each proposal. EO performance review processes are generally inherited by Commissions and have been used for years without the time or luxury to examine their effectiveness in developing excellent EOs. This session will offer Commissioners new tools and a common language to evaluate EO performance and new methods for EOs to increase staff performance.

Presenters: Cynthia Henson, Owner/Chief Executive Officer, Henson Consulting Group
Dana Smith, Partner, Henson Consulting Group

Moderator: Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Banquet Reception - EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Dinner and Achievement Awards Ceremony EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast Buffet - VINEYARD

7:30 am - 8:45 am

CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting and Breakfast - BIG BEAR

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Breakout Session - Connecting LAFCoS and COGs For Mutual Benefit*Approved for 1.5 AICP CM Credits***EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)**

Representatives from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will explore the relationships between COGs and LAFCos in the context of AB 32, SB 375, and related legislation. Panelists will address opportunities for collaboration with LAFCos relative to the newer Sustainable Community Strategies as well as established partnerships associated with the Regional Housing Needs Assessments (RHNA) and Regional Transportation Plans (RTPs).

Presenters: Frank H. Wen, Manager of Research and Analysis, SCAG
 Carl Morehouse, President, SCAG
 Don Saylor, Vice Chair, SACOG

Moderator: Nancy Miller, Partner, Miller & Owen

Breakout Session - How to Effectively Engage the Public in LAFCo Actions*Approved for 1.5 AICP CM Credits***LAKE ARROWHEAD**

Are you looking for better methods to engage the public in LAFCo processes? How can you fully engage a diverse community, including people who typically don't participate in government processes? How can you match the right methods for public participation to individual projects? This is a fun, interactive session in which attendees will participate in brainstorming and discussion towards the challenges and opportunities faced by LAFCo commissioners.

Presenters: Lewis Michaelson, President, Katz & Associates
 Joan Isaacson, Senior Director, Katz & Associates
 Ken Lee, Assistant Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo

Breakout Session - SOI's: They're Not That Scary*Approved for 1.5 AICP CM Credits***LAKE GREGORY**

CKH requires LAFCo to determine SOIs for each of the cities and special districts and to review and update each sphere on a five-year cycle in conjunction with municipal service reviews. This session will use case studies to explore the implications (real and perceived) of SOI boundaries and discussions on how spheres provide an opportunity for LAFCos to collaborate with affected stakeholders and proactively plan for present and future municipal service needs within their respective County.

Presenters: David Fey, Executive Officer, Fresno LAFCo
 Derek McGregor, Commissioner, Orange LAFCo
 Josh Susman, Commissioner, Nevada LAFCo

Moderator: Steve Lucus, Executive Officer, Butte LAFCo

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Refreshment Break - DOUBLETREE FOYER

10:45 am - Noon

General Session - Legislative Update*Approved for 1.25 AICP LAW CM Credits***EMPIRE BALLROOM (HARVEST/GROVE)**

Join us as we recap the 2014 legislative year and highlight adopted legislation that impacts LAFCo. We will also provide a sneak peak at potential legislation CALAFCO is focusing on for 2015-16.

Presenters: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO
 Honorable Katcho Achadjian, California State Assembly Member
 Misa Yokoi-Shelton, Associate Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
 Steve Lucus, Executive Officer, Butte LAFCo
 Paul Novak, Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo
 Brian Weinberger, Chief Consultant, Senate Government and Finance Committee
 Martiza Urquiza, Associate Consultant, Senate Government and Finance Committee

Noon

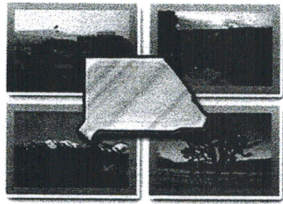
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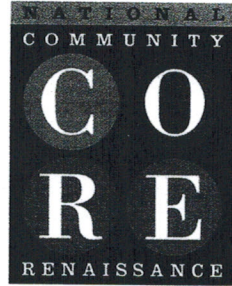


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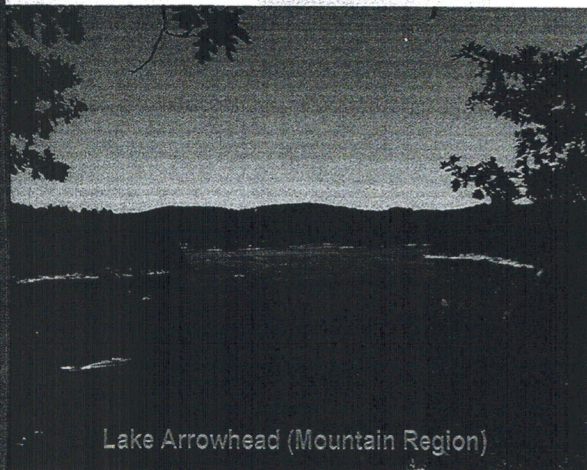
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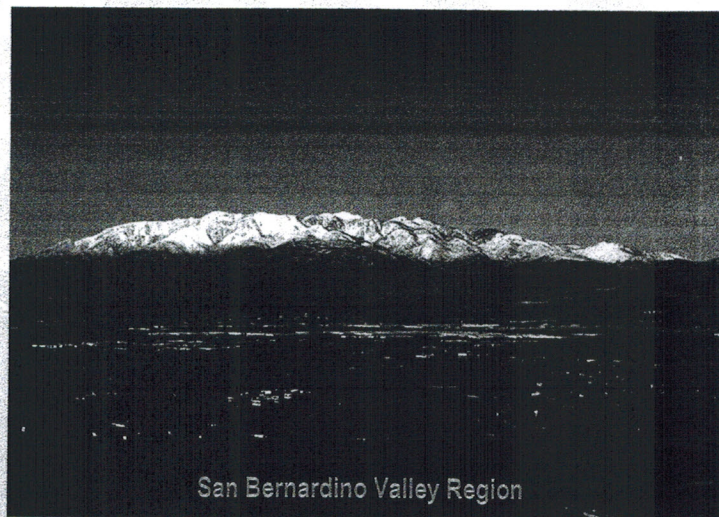
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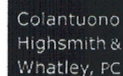


South Desert Region

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