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Legislative Report and Recommendations

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive this report, accept all public testimony, adopt the legislative positions as set forth below and authorize the Chair to correspond with legislators and the California Association of LAFCOs.

DISCUSSION

Pending Legislation - This is a report on LAFCO-related legislation with recommended positions where appropriate.

- **AB 1263** (Caballero) - This CALAFCO sponsored bill makes changes in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act and related statutes. It implements recommendations by the CALAFCO Legislative Committee, based on the survey and discussions among member LAFCOs.

The bill allows LAFCO to process “islands” annexations created by county boundary changes after the year 2000 under the island annexation provisions, clarifies LAFCOs are authorized to establish a schedule of fees for applications as well as a deposit schedule and charge against the deposit and makes non-substantive clarifications to Government Code Section 56375.

The bill is in the Assembly for concurrence with Senate amendments, and from there will go to the Governor for signature.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 1263 (Caballero)

AB 2686 (Nava) - This bill would create the Santa Ynez Valley Water District and dissolve the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1.

The Commission in May conceptually supported the bill. Since then it has moved through the legislature, most recently being approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 2983 (Nava)

- **AB 3047** (Assembly Local Government Committee) – This is the CALAFCO Omnibus Bill that is submitted annually to make non substantive wording changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, LAFCO’s enabling statute.

Sponsored by CALAFCO this bill has passed the Assembly and is on the Senate floor before going to the Governor for signature.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 3047

- **SB 301** (Romero) - Current law requires the State Controller to allocate Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenues in a specified order to, among others, each city that is incorporated after August 2004 but before July 1, 2009.

The bill eliminates the sunset on Vehicle License Fee (VLF) subventions for incorporations and inhabited annexations to cities. The bill specifies for purposes of the formula used to determine additional VLF revenues for cities that a city's actual population is the population residing in areas annexed after August 5, 2004.

Supported by CALAFCO the bill has passed the Assembly and is on the Senate floor before going to the Governor for signature.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Senate Bill 301

Enrolled Legislation – The following bills have been signed into law.

- **AB 1458** (Senate Local Government Committee) – This comprehensive rewrite of the County Service Area (CSA) Law brings it into conformance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The Executive Officer was part of a Working Committee formed to oversee the rewrite. The bill was supported by CALAFCO.

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- **AB 1998** (Silva) - Financial disclosure requirements were imposed last year by AB 745 (Silva) on committees formed to support or oppose LAFCO-approved boundary proposals.

This CALAFCO sponsored bill moves the financial disclosure requirements from individual LAFCOs to the Fair Political Practices Committee, similar to other disclosure requirements.

- **AB 2484** (Caballero) - The bill specifies procedures for LAFCOs to review proposals by special districts to either increase their power or divest their power to provide particular functions or classes of services. CALAFCO sponsored the bill.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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