

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Report on 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference

“Orchards to Oceans: Balancing California’s Diversity.”

October 26-28, 2016

December 8, 2016

Conference Review

- The 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference was held at the Fess Parker Doubletree Hotel on October 26-28, 2016
- The theme for the conference, ***“Orchards to Oceans: Balancing California’s Diversity,”*** set the stage for the three-day event. The Conference was a great success and many accolades were received from attendees.
- A Conference Evaluation from participants confirmed its success.

Highlights of the Conference included the following:

- Mobile Workshop and Special Events: The Mobile Workshop featured a tour of the Ever-Bloom Flower facility in Carpinteria. Many thanks to Eduard Van Wingerden, the owner, and Commissioner Jeff Moorhouse, for organizing the tour. This was followed by a guided tour of the Bradbury Dam. County Water Agency Manager Fray Crease and a representative of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation briefed the participants on the effects of the drought and the area's plans for future water supply. There were over 90 conference participants on two-buses, making it the largest ever CALAFCO Mobile Workshop.

Conference Opening and Welcome:

- The conference welcome and opening was preceded by the Colour Guard from the Los Prietos Boys Camp and Academy and the Santa Barbara Sheriff Pipe and Drum Corps.
- A number of CALAFCO dignitaries opened the conference, including John Leopold, Chair, CALAFCO Board of Directors, Sblend Sblendorio, Chair, CALAFCO Conference Committee, and Pamela Miller, CALAFCO Executive Director. Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider graciously welcomed us to Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara LAFCO Public Member, and past CALAFCO Board Member, Roger Welt, welcomed the group on behalf of Santa Barbara LAFCO.

Wednesday Evening Event:

- The event featured the traditional Beer and Wine Competition. Many LAFCOs from around the state provided samples for judging. The most prominent entries to date include Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Napa, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Mendocino, and other counties. Unfortunately, Santa Barbara LAFCO's offering only ranked third in the white wine competition.

Thursday Luncheon Keynote Speaker:

- The Commission, and Coast Hills Federal Credit Union, sponsored the Thursday, October 27, 2016 Keynote Address by Jean-Michel Cousteau, by making a donation to his non-profit “Ocean Futures Society.” This was truly a conference highlight for those who attended

Thursday Evening Awards Banquet:

- The Awards Banquet was a great success with many LAFCO Commissions, Commissioners, and Staff receiving well-deserved awards to exemplary service and accomplishments.

Special Thanks:

- Although CALAFCO, Santa Barbara LAFCO, the Conference Program Planning Committee, and the Host Committee, are to be congratulated their efforts in making the conference a success, many thanks also go to Jacquelyne Alexander and Michael Allen for their efforts in participating in “behind the scenes” activities. The success of the conference is due in large measure to their outstanding work.



Announcing The 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference Program

Conference Hosted by Santa Barbara LAFCo

October 26-28, 2016
Fess Parker DoubleTree by Hilton
Santa Barbara, CA



Wednesday, October 26

7:30 am - 12:30 pm - Mobile Workshop (bus boards at 7:15 am)
10 am - Noon LAFCO 101

1:30 - 2:00 Conference opening session
2:00 - 3:30 General Session: The Big Picture: A Water Report From the State, Regional and Local Levels
3:30 - 3:45 Break and time with Sponsors
3:45 - 5:00 General Session: Back to Our Roots: Curbing Sprawl, Preserving Open Space and Agricultural Lands to Ensure Orderly Growth and Development
5:30 - 7:00 CALAFCO Welcome Reception and Beer & Wine Tasting and time with Sponsors
Dinner on your own

Thursday, October 27

7:00 - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast Buffet
8:00 - 8:45 am Regional Caucuses and Elections
9:00 - 10:15 General Session: CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting
10:15 - 10:30 Break and time with Sponsors
10:30 - 11:45 Regional, Legal Counsel and Associate Member Roundtables
12:00 pm - 1:30 Lunch
1:45 - 3:15 Breakout Sessions:
- Cutting Edge Trends and LAFCo: GIS, Public Policy and Future Challenges
- Time to Revisit AB 8: Property Tax Exchanges and LAFCos
- City Incorporations in California: Case Studies and Prospects For New Cities
3:15 - 3:30 Break and time with Sponsors
3:30 - 5:00 Breakout Sessions:
- Growth and Development By the Numbers: California's Demographic and Governance Changes Post-CKH
- CEQA ~ What is a Responsible Agency To Do?
- Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities and SB 244: How Is It Working Out?
6:00 - 6:30 Pre-dinner reception (no host)
6:30 - 8:30 Dinner and Annual Achievement Awards Presentation

Friday, October 28

7:30 am - 9 am Breakfast Buffet with Sponsors
7:30 - 8:45 CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 - 10:30 General Session: LAFCo and State Overrides: That's That All About Anyway?
10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - Noon General Session: CALAFCO Annual Legislative Report ~ 2016 Legislative Impacts on LAFCos

**Mark your calendar and
plan to attend!**
Registration is open
until 10/14.
Visit www.calafco.org

Fess Parker DoubleTree by Hilton



Make your reservations now at the Fess Parker DoubleTree by Hilton at the special CALAFCO special rate of \$165/\$175. Special rates available two days pre-conference. Reservation cutoff date is 9/25/16. Find the link at www.calafco.org. Space is filling up so make your reservations now!



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