

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 Annual Conference in Sacramento**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

The 2026 CALAFCO Conference will be held in Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, California, on October 21st through 23rd, 2026.

Registration for the Annual Conference is will open soon. Early registration rates will be in effect through August 2026. Registration closes completely on September 19, 2026.

Please check your calendars and let staff know if you will be able to attend. Payment may be made online using the LAFCO Credit Card. Hotel reservation cut-off date will likely be in late September 2026 for the discount rate.

The 2026 Conference CALAFCO Annual Save the Date from Michelle McIntyre is attached for your information. Please let us know if you're interested when you get registered.

We hope several Commissioners and staff are planning to attend the Conference. Staff will report back to the Commission as the program reaches its final form.

Attachments

Attachment A – Michelle McIntyre's Conference Invitation & Save the Date Flyer (pending)

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.



JOIN US FOR THE 2026

CALAFCO

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 – 23, 2026
Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel ♦ 11230 J St., Sacramento

THURSDAY KEYNOTE LUNCHEON

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

ANGELIQUE ASHBY

CA STATE SENATOR • 8TH DISTRICT



Don't miss this opportunity to hear from California State Senate Majority Leader Angelique Ashby. With experience at both the local and state levels, Senator Ashby will discuss the issues shaping California's future, the priorities emerging from the Capitol, and what they mean for local governments and LAFCOs.

CALIFORNIA'S PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LAFCO AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS The challenges facing California's communities are evolving, and so is the role of local government. Join colleagues from across the state to exchange ideas, share experiences, and prepare for what's next.

FEATURED SESSIONS

Hear from respected practitioners and subject matter experts on the issues that matter most to LAFCOs and the communities they serve.



AI and Local Government – Artificial intelligence is rapidly entering local government. Discover practical applications, emerging risks, and the governance questions every public agency should be prepared to answer.



Fire Services Under Pressure – Fire protection continues to evolve in communities across California. Examine the trends shaping the future of fire service and how LAFCOs can help communities evaluate options before challenges become crises.



Legislative Update – Hear directly from legislative leaders about the issues shaping local government in Sacramento and what they could mean for LAFCOs and the communities they serve.



Beyond Growth: What's Next for LAFCO? – California's communities are changing. Explore how shifting demographics, aging infrastructure, and evolving service needs are reshaping LAFCO's role in the years ahead.



What Your Reports Are Really Saying – Every report tells a story. Learn how to recognize emerging issues, ask better questions, and turn technical reports into better-informed decisions.



Housing, Agriculture & Infrastructure – When communities face competing priorities, there are rarely easy answers. Hear how LAFCOs and local agencies balance housing needs, agricultural preservation, infrastructure, and long-term community goals.

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

MOBILE WORKSHOP: Beneath the Streets of Old Sacramento: How Flood Protection Shaped a Capital City. Go beneath the streets of historic Old Sacramento to discover the city's hidden history, then explore how reclamation districts, levees, and regional flood management continue to shape land use, development, and community resilience throughout the Sacramento region. This unique behind-the-scenes experience offers a fascinating look at how history, infrastructure, and planning continue to influence California's Capital City.

Space is limited to 50 participants. The tour includes approximately one-half mile of walking over uneven surfaces, stairs, darkly lit areas, tight spaces, and low doorways, and may not be suitable for individuals with mobility limitations.

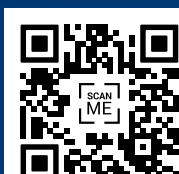


LAFCO 101 GAME SHOW: Whether you're new to LAFCO or looking for a refresher, test your knowledge in this interactive and entertaining introduction to LAFCO fundamentals.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! To register, please scan the code or visit <https://qrco.de/bgBkrL>



For hotel reservations, scan the QR code or visit: <https://qrco.de/bguu9A> and receive the discounted event group rate of **\$259 per night.** (excludes taxes, fees and parking).



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