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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood *PLH*
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Report on 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, October 30 – November 1, 2019**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

The 2019 CALAFCO Conference was held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, on October 30 through November 1, 2019.

The 2019 Annual Conference Program is attached as **Exhibit A**.

Several Commissioners and staff attended the Conference. Commissioners and staff who attended the Conference will report on the sessions at the meeting.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit A 2019 Annual Conference Program

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.



Announcing The 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference Preliminary Program

(Last updated October 15, 2019)

Look for the final program soon

Please note new start time of 1:00 on Wednesday and the change of location for the last general session of the day

Wednesday – October 30

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bus loads at 7:15 a.m. and departs at 7:30 a.m. in front of hotel

Mobile Workshop

Join us as we visit the Port of West Sacramento and the Farmers Rice Cooperative. Our tour will start by visiting the newly redeveloped Bridge District along the West Sacramento waterfront. From there we will travel to the West Sacramento Community Center (a LEED certified facility) and hear from West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon on the unique relationship between the City and the Port. We will then travel to the West Sacramento Port and Farmer's Rice Cooperative for tours of these facilities. The mobile workshop will end with a tour and brunch at the new Sacramento Regional Fire Museum.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

LAFCo 101 – Understanding and applying the basics

This informative and interactive session is intended to provide elected officials and staff members with a better working knowledge of LAFCos processes, legal framework and procedures. You will have the opportunity to work together in small groups to discuss and resolve some challenging LAFCo scenarios. We will discuss a number of topics: the authority and purpose of LAFCo, the LAFCo review process; the laws involved in LAFCo decisions and updating Spheres of Influence and Municipal Service Reviews. Panelists will share insights and stories relevant to LAFCo decisions. You always learn (or relearn) something by attending a LAFCo 101 session! Please join us for this fun and hands-on session on the LAFCo basics and more!

Panelists include: **Carole Cooper, Assistant Executive Officer, Sonoma LAFCo; Paula de Sousa-Mills, LAFCo Attorney, Best Best & Krieger; and David West, Commissioner, Imperial LAFCo**
Moderated by: **David Church, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo**





1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

Conference Opening

Welcoming Remarks

Welcome to the 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Sacramento! The Sacramento Area Firefighters Honor Guard and Pipes and Drum Corps will help us officially open the Conference, along with CALAFCO Board Chair Josh Susman, Conference Chair Anita Paque and Executive Director Pamela Miller. Sacramento Mayor Darryl Steinberg has also been invited and confirmation is pending.

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

General session: **Stress-testing LAFcos and local agencies in changing times**

The landscape of the state is changing – both literally and metaphorically. LAFcos have the responsibility of considering many of the causes for those changes when reviewing applications and conducting MSRs; and there is an opportunity for LAFcos to step into a larger role in facilitating responses to local catastrophes that are the result of radical changes caused by nature or humans. This session will explore LAFcos' role as facilitator, engager and participant in the planning, review and response in these instances.

Panelists include: **Bill Connelly, Commissioner, Butte LAFco**; **Kate Gordon, Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Research**; and **Ellen Hanak, Director, Public Policy Institute of California Water Policy Center**

Moderated by: **Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, San Diego LAFco**

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Regency Corridor

Refreshment Break

3:00 p.m. & 3:10 p.m.

Groups escorted to State Capitol for final general session of the day

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 4202

Join us for a one-time unique experience in the State Capitol for this session.

General session: **It takes a village: State, County and LAFco collaboration to solve a local problem**

Sometimes solving local issues locally is tough and at times we all need a little help. What do you do with a service provider who just can't do the right thing? How do you know if and when you have exhausted all of the local options? What's the response when the situation reaches crisis levels? At what point does the LAFco seek state assistance and intervention? This session explores these





questions through a case study of the Sativa County Water Agency and the extraordinary collaborative effort it took to resolve the problem.

Panelists include: **Honorable Mike Gipson, California State Assemblymember; Janice Hahn, Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; Jeff O'Keefe, P.E., Supervising Sanitary Engineer, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water; and Mark Pestrella, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works**

Moderated by: **Paul Novak, AICP, Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Regency Foyer & Corridor

Pre-dinner Reception with Sponsors

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Regency D-E-F

Banquet and Awards

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Capitol Parkview Room

After dinner gathering

Thursday – October 31

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Served in Regency Corridor seating in Regency D-E-F

Continental Breakfast Buffet

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Central Region – Big Sur AB

Coastal Region – Golden State AB

Northern Region – Carmel A

Southern Region – Carmel B

Legal Counsel – Capitol Board Room

Regional Caucus meetings and Elections





9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Regency A-B-C

CALAFCO Annual Business meeting

All members are invited to attend.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Regency Corridor

Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Central Region – Big Sur AB

Coastal Region – Golden State AB

Northern Region – Carmel A

Southern Region – Carmel B

Legal Counsel – Capitol Board Room

Regional Roundtables

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Regency D-E-F

Luncheon Keynote, Award-winning journalist and best-selling author Mark Arax

Mark will share his unique insights and perspectives on the history of agriculture in California, the growing need for the rare resource of water and the growing pressures of farming and housing on the land, particularly in rural areas.

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

Regency B

Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink

We continue to grapple with ensuring all Californian's have access to adequate and safe drinking water. New authorities granted to the SWRCB by the Legislature can create challenges and opportunities for LAFCo's role of regulating service area boundaries. We will explore the implementation of SB 88 (consolidation of water agencies) and SB 1263 (service extensions to small public water systems) from multi-jurisdictional perspectives from the state to LAFCo level. Join us for a thought-provoking exchange on this critical issue.





Panelists include: **Daniel Ferons, P.E., General Manager, Santa Margarita Water District; Michelle F. Frederick, P.E., Northern California Water Partnership Coordinator, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water; and Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer, Stanislaus LAFCo**
Moderated by **David Church, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo**

Regency C

The legislative menu: Plan it rather than be served on it

Learn how your active participation in the legislative process and awareness of how you can make a difference in impacting legislation that affects LAFCos. We will also discuss which conditions create the perfect storm for legislation to address a specific local issue (whether that be LAFCo-generated or otherwise).

Panelists include: **Curt Pringle, Former Speaker and Member, California State Assembly; and Alex Vassar, Legislative Historian, Communications Manager, California State Library**
Moderated by: **Gary Bell, Attorney, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley**

Regency A

Innovations in service delivery: Doing government differently

Explore the amazing world of local government innovation: Streetlamps that help solve crimes, wastewater treated in four hours instead of 30 days, drones used to engage citizens and much more. “One-stop” government is becoming “no-stop” government. Today’s constituents want access to government services in the same way they do everything online – fast, easy and protected. Technology is pushing the envelope of what is possible in government and decision makers like you are leading the way.

Panelists include: **Mai Ann Healy, Head of Business Development, BioFiltro; Dan Henderson, Regional Manager for Local Government, Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri); Laura Taylor, Park Planning and Development Manager, Cordova Recreation and Park District; Almis Udrys, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor, City of San Diego**
Moderated by: **Dawn Mittleman Longoria, Analyst, Napa LAFCo**

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Regency Corridor

Refreshment Break with Sponsors





3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

Regency A

MSRs: You get out what you put in

This session focuses on MSRs from a commissioner perspective – mustering up the political will to prioritize the resources to conduct MSRs; to address deficiencies identified by implementing recommendations; how to effectively assert LAFCo influence for full agency involvement in the MSR process; and what to do with them once they are done so they create maximum value for your local governance.

Panelists include: **Shiva Frentzen, Commissioner, El Dorado LAFCo; Steve Lucas, Executive Officer, Butte LAFCo; Debbie Kurita, Assistant Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo; Scott Smith, LAFCo legal counsel; and Susan Vicklund Wilson, Commissioner, Santa Clara LAFCo**

Regency C

Housing is a municipal service: Opportunities and challenges for LAFCo in addressing the housing call

In the face of the state's housing crisis, local and state agencies are feverishly working to understand the issues and take action to address the lack of housing. LAFCo involvement in this conversation has long been debated, and with recent trends at the state and local level, it is becoming evident we should wake up to the call for action related to housing. Join us for a provocative discussion on how we do this and why we should care.

Panelists include: **Michael Colantuono, Attorney and shareholder, Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley; Lucy Dunn, President & CEO, Orange County Business Council and Former Director, California Department of Housing and Community Development; and Paul Jensen, Community Development Director, City of San Rafael**

Moderated by: **Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo**

Regency B

What's your story? Crafting and communicating a compelling LAFCo narrative

So the majority of the population has no idea what a LAFCo is or what a LAFCo does, and we struggle with communicating and connecting with those that don't. This session will explore one LAFCo's experience in creating an outreach and engagement plan and the tangible results that have come from this outreach. Learn how to craft your own LAFCo's compelling story.

Panelists include: **Marianna Leuschel, Director, NewAgency; Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer, Santa Clara LAFCo; Rob Rennie, Commissioner, Santa Clara LAFCo; and Chad Upham, Creative Director, Covive**

Moderated by: **Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer, San Mateo LAFCo**





5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
CALAFCO Reception
Capitol Parkview Room

Dinner on your own

Friday – November 1

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Served in Regency Corridor seating in Regency D-E-F
Breakfast Buffet

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Big Sur AB
CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Regency A-B-C
General session: Leading your LAFCo into the next decade with courage and independence

Join us as we explore the delicate high-wire balancing act of independent LAFCo thinking and decision-making as well as what it looks like to lead your LAFCo into the next decade. Hear from a panel of LAFCo commissioners in a fire-side chat format and engage in robust conversation about the challenges and opportunities of leading your LAFCo with courage and independence.

Panelists include: **Merita Callaway, Commissioner (County) Calaveras LAFCo; James Curatalo, Commissioner (Special District), San Bernardino LAFCo; Blake Inscore, Commissioner (City), Del Norte LAFCo; and Sblend Sblendorio, Commissioner (Public) Alameda LAFCo**
Moderated by: **Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO**

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Regency Corridor
Refreshment Break





10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

General session: CALAFCO legislative update: 2019 legislative impacts on LAFCo

Here we are at the end of another full legislative year. Join us as we recap the 2019 legislative impacts on LAFCOs. We will hear from the consultants of the Assembly Local Government and Senate Governance and Finance Committees as they share their unique Capitol perspective and insider updates. We will also get updates from the members of the CALAFCO Legislative Committee. Join us as we recap 2019 and look ahead to 2020.

Panelists include: **Anton Favorini-Csorba, Consultant, Senate Governance & Finance Committee; Jimmy MacDonald, Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee; Sam Martinez, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo; Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO; and Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCo**

