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September 5, 2019 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood <sup>PH</sup>  
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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 will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, on October 30 through November 1, 2019.

The 2019 Conference Announcement is attached as **Exhibit A**. Also attached is the Annual Conference Preliminary Program (**Exhibit B**).

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

## EXHIBITS

Exhibit A 2019 Conference Announcement  
Exhibit B Preliminary Conference Program

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.



# Announcing The 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference














Hosted by CALAFCO

**October 30 – November 1**

*Hyatt Regency, Sacramento*



## Value-Added and Diverse General & Breakout Session Topics

-  Stress-testing LAFCoS and local agencies in changing times\*
-  It takes a village: LAFCo, County and State collaboration to solve a local problem\*
-  Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink
-  Planning the legislative menu rather than being on the menu
-  What's your story? Crafting and communicating a compelling LAFCo narrative
-  MSRs: You get out what you put in
-  Opportunities and challenges for LAFCo in addressing the housing call
-  Solving difficult service issues with creative and innovative solutions
-  Leading your LAFCo into the next decade with courage and independence\*
-  Annual CALAFCO Legislative Update\*
-  CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting (for all CALAFCO members)\*

*Note: The Program is subject to change.*

*\*Indicates General Session*

## Special Highlights

Mobile Workshop  
Still under construction.



We are working on a tour of the **West Sacramento Port** and **Farmers Rice Coop** plant followed by a visit to the new **Sacramento Fire Fighter's Museum** with a special farm to fork lunch and several guest speakers.

Details will be announced shortly – but register now to secure your seat!

**Wednesday from  
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
(times approx..)

### LAFCo 101

An introduction to LAFCo and LAFCo law for Commissioners, Staff, and anyone interested in learning more about LAFCo

**Wednesday from  
10: 00 a.m. to Noon**

**Thursday luncheon  
keynote to be announced**

## Invaluable Networking Opportunities

-  Regional Roundtable discussions on current regional LAFCo issues
-  Extended roundtable discussion for LAFCo legal counsel
-  Networking breakfasts and breaks
-  **Pre-dinner Reception with Sponsors Wednesday**
-  **Awards Banquet Wednesday**
-  **Welcome Reception Thursday**

## Hyatt Regency downtown



Make your reservations now at the **Hyatt Regency** at the special CALAFCO rate of \$139 (excludes tax and fees). Special rates available 2 days pre and post-conference on availability, includes in-room wifi and parking.

**Reservation cutoff date is 10/08/19.**

TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, PLEASE VISIT: [Hyatt Regency Online Reservation](https://www.hyatt.com) or call **877-803-7534** and reference CALAFCO Conference.

Visit [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org) for Conference details or call us at 916-442-6536.

**Mark your calendar and  
plan to attend!**  
**Registration is now open!**  
**Visit [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org)**



# Announcing The 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference Preliminary Program

(Last updated July 31, 2019)

*Breakout sessions are subject to time change on Thursday*

*Speakers are being finalized*

*Look for the final program soon*

**Wednesday – October 30**

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Mobile Workshop** *info coming soon*

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 of LAFCo's, counties, cities, and special districts with a better working knowledge of LAFCo's history, processes, legal framework and procedures. Participants will also have the opportunity to work together in small groups to discuss and resolve some challenging LAFCo scenarios. Panelists and participants will discuss a number of topics including 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. You always learn something by attending a LAFCo 101 session. Participants will also get the chance to work through several LAFCo case studies to put that knowledge into practice.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

**Conference Opening**

*Welcoming Remarks*

Welcome to the 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Sacramento!

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 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 MSR's; 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.





3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Refreshment Break**

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Regency A-B-C

**General session: It takes a village: LAFCo, County and State 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.

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.  
**Continental Breakfast Buffet**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.  
**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.  
**Regional Roundtables**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Regency D-E-F  
**Luncheon Keynote**

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

### **Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink**

As we continue to grapple with ensuring all California's have access to adequate and safe drinking water, we see the SWRCB's authority expand, the Legislature create more local mandates and more unsustainable systems created. What are the unintended consequences of these action which are meant to be "fixes"? How does the impact of climate change on water affect local conditions and potential solutions? Join us for a multi-perspective conversation on this critical issue.

### **Planning the legislative menu rather than being on the menu**

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).

### **Solving difficult service issues with creative and innovative solutions**

Over time the issues LAFco deals with have become more complex. This means that more creative and innovative solutions are required to solve these difficult governance and service issues. Join the conversation about those complex issues and some unique and creative solutions for your LAFco to consider.







3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Regency Corridor

**Refreshment Break with Sponsors**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 create your own LAFCo's story.

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.

Regency D-E-F

**Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 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.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Regency Corridor

**Refreshment Break**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

**General session: CALAFCO legislative update**

