

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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April 2, 2026 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Receive and File a Report regarding CALAFCO**

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

CALAFCO Quarterly Report - March 2026. This memo provides the CALAFCO Quarterly update. This report is found in Attachment A. It provides a variety of information about CALAFCO with greater details about CALAFCO activities.

CALAFCO Board Actions – Strategic Plan 26-27 & Dashboard Review 2025. The Board conducts a review of the Association’s objectives and updated a Strategic Plan at their CALAFCO Board Retreat on February 26, 2026. The goal was to update and guide the Board and staff with respect to Association priorities for the year. Once this document has been posted on CALAFCO website, staff will forward the Strategic Plan for the Commission.

CALAFCO FY26-27 Dues - Membership Dues for FY 2026-27 was approved to implement a 3.0% CPI adjustment, pursuant to the CALAFCO Bylaws. A schedule of the current dues, and the proposed dues after the adjustment, can be found in Attachment C. Santa Barbara Dues reflects a minor increase to \$9,021.

Attachments

Attachment A – CALAFCO March Newsletter

Attachment B – Strategic Plan 26-27 adopted on 2-26-26 & 2025 Dashboard review Report – pending

Attachment C - Schedule of Current FY dues and projected dues for FY 2026-27

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Four months into this role, I want to share where we are and what you should expect next. Since November, the focus has been steady progress – getting our footing, tightening communication, and moving forward without disruption.

HERE'S WHERE THAT STANDS.

Board Structure Changes: At the February Special Business Meeting, members overwhelmingly approved two governance changes: allowing Executive Officers to serve as voting Board members and eliminating Board “seat type” categories. Those changes take effect with the 2026 election cycle. These proposals didn't come out of nowhere. They came from real conversations across the state. When the feedback was consistent, we moved forward.

Due Structure Review: Another theme I heard repeatedly is that the current dues model – partially based on county population – may no longer reflect today's realities. There are no changes underway, but we should approach the discussion thoughtfully, starting at the May Board Meeting.

Legislative Involvement Back in the Forefront: On the legislative side, engagement is growing. The January Legislative Committee meeting had 38 attendees. That level of participation tells me members want to stay informed and involved. The Legislative Committee has standing meetings scheduled, and member LAFCOs (staff and commissioners) are welcome to attend. I will begin providing more consistent updates on legislation affecting LAFCOs statewide. The goal is to have CALAFCO sponsor legislation that matters starting next year. We're building that foundation now.

More Fiscal Transparency: Financial reporting is another area we're tightening up. I recently retained a CPA to help reorganize and simplify our budget structure. Beginning in May, the Board will start receiving clearer budget-to-actual reports. The goal is simple: clean data and a realistic FY 2026-27 budget.

Educational Events are a Pillar for CALAFCO:

Education and engagement remain strong. CALAFCO-U continues to draw solid participation, and the next session is scheduled for April. The 2026 Staff Workshop will take place May 6-8 in Pismo Beach. We've built time into the program for substantive governance conversations and practical operational discussions – the kind most useful once everyone is back home.

LAFCO Outreach: I've also continued meeting with LAFCOs, both members and nonmembers, to listen and share updates. Those conversations matter. They help ensure that CALAFCO's direction reflects what's happening on the ground. If your Commission would like a visit or an update, I'm always happy to connect

SO, WHAT'S NEXT: Between now and May, our focus is straightforward:

- 1) Implement clearer financial reporting.
- 2) Deliver a strong Staff Workshop.
- 3) Explore *practical* website improvements that improve usability and organization.

CALAFCO is in a good place. Now it's about doing the work well and doing it consistently. As always, I welcome your thoughts.

Michelle McIntyre

ATTACHMENT A

Attachment B

Strategic Plan 26-27 adopted on 2-26-26 &
2025 Dashboard review Report –

Pending CALAFCO Distribution

ALLOCATION FOR ALL 58 LAFCOs				Allocation Based on Existing 2025-26 Membership
#	COUNTY	FY 2025-26 Adopted	All Counties w/ 3% Increase	FY 2026-27 Proposed Dues with 3% Increase
1	ALAMEDA	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
2	ALPINE	\$1,220	\$1,257	\$1,257
3	AMADOR	\$1,830	\$1,885	\$1,885
4	BUTTE	\$4,655	\$4,795	\$4,795
5	CALAVERAS	\$1,941	\$1,999	\$1,999
6	COLUSA	\$1,570	\$1,617	\$1,617
7	CONTRA COSTA	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
8	DEL NORTE	\$1,656	\$1,706	\$1,706
9	ELDORADO	\$4,415	\$4,547	\$4,547
10	FRESNO	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
11	GLENN	\$1,694	\$1,745	\$1,745
12	HUMBOLDT	\$3,422	\$3,525	\$3,525
13	IMPERIAL	\$4,350	\$4,481	\$4,481
14	INYO	\$1,509	\$1,554	\$1,554
15	KERN	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
16	KINGS	\$3,792	\$3,906	\$3,906
17	LAKE	\$2,268	\$2,336	\$2,336
18	LASSEN	\$1,684	\$1,735	\$1,735
19	LOS ANGELES	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
20	MADERA	\$3,859	\$3,975	\$3,975
21	MARIN	\$5,537	\$5,703	\$5,703
22	MARIPOSA	\$1,498	\$1,543	\$1,543
23	MENDOCINO	\$2,665	\$2,745	\$2,745
24	MERCED	\$5,968	\$6,147	\$6,147
25	MODOC	\$1,358	\$1,399	\$1,399
26	MONO	\$1,425	\$1,468	\$1,468
27	MONTEREY	\$8,589	\$8,847	\$8,847
28	NAPA	\$3,523	\$3,629	\$3,629
29	NEVADA	\$2,832	\$2,917	\$2,917
30	ORANGE	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
31	PLACER	\$7,856	\$8,092	\$8,092
32	PLUMAS	\$1,505	\$1,550	\$1,550
33	RIVERSIDE	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
34	SACRAMENTO	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
35	SAN BENITO	\$2,251	\$2,319	\$2,319
36	SAN BERNARDINO	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
37	SAN DIEGO	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
38	SAN FRANCISCO	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
39	SAN JOAQUIN	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
40	SAN LUIS OPISPO	\$5,824	\$5,999	\$5,999
41	SAN MATEO	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
42	SANTA BARBARA	\$8,758	\$9,021	\$9,021
43	SANTA CLARA	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
44	SANTA CRUZ	\$5,723	\$5,895	\$5,895
45	SHASTA	\$4,176	\$4,301	\$4,301
46	SIERRA	\$1,252	\$1,290	\$1,290
47	SISKIYOU	\$1,934	\$1,992	\$1,992
48	SOLANO	\$8,571	\$8,828	\$8,828
49	SONOMA	\$9,424	\$9,707	\$9,707
50	STANISLAUS	\$10,510	\$10,825	\$10,825
51	SUTTER	\$2,894	\$2,981	\$2,981
52	TEHAMA	\$2,293	\$2,362	\$2,362
53	TRINITY	\$1,423	\$1,466	\$1,466
54	TULARE	\$9,251	\$9,529	\$9,529
55	TUOLUMNE	\$2,077	\$2,139	\$2,139
56	VENTURA	\$12,921	\$13,309	\$13,309
57	YOLO	\$4,912	\$5,059	\$5,059
58	YUBA	\$2,525	\$2,601	\$2,601
TOTAL		\$360,234	\$371,041	\$285,072