CALAFCO Legislative Report Update
Dated April 14, 2014

Attachment 1

CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Monday, April 14, 2014

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AB 453 (**Mullin** D) **Sustainable communities.**

Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 2/19/2013
Last Amended: 7/3/2013
Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/12/2013)

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Summary:
The Strategic Growth Councill is required to manage and award grants and loans to a council of governments, metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning agency, city, county, or joint powers authority for the purpose of developing, adopting, and implementing a regional plan or other planning instrument to support the planning and development of sustainable communities. This bill would make a local agency formation commission eligible for the award of financial assistance for those planning purposes.

Attachments:
CALAFCO Support Letter_03_12_13

Position: Watch
Subject: Sustainable Community Plans
CALAFCO Comments: This would allow LAFCos to apply directly for grants that support the preparation of sustainable community strategies and other planning efforts. CALAFCO has removed its support of the bill given the nature of the amendment and the potential impact to LAFCos.

AB 678 (**Gordon** D) **Health care districts: community health needs assessment.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/15/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 2/21/2013
Last Amended: 4/15/2013
Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/13/2013)

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Summary:
Would require that the health care district conduct an assessment, every 5 years, of the community's health needs and provide opportunities for public input. Commencing January 1, 2019, the bill would require the annual reports to address the progress made in meeting the community's health needs in the

context of the assessment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
Attachments:
CALAFCO Letter of support April 17, 2014

Position: Support
Subject: LAFCo Administration, Service Reviews/Spheres
CALAFCO Comments: This bill requires Health Care Districts that do not operate their own hospital facilties to create every 5 years, an assessment of the community health needs with public input. The bill requires LAFCos to include in a Municipal Service Review (MSR) the Health Care District's 5-year assessment.

AB 1521 (**Fox** D) **Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**
Current Text: Introduced: 1/16/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 1/16/2014
Status: 2/6/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:
4/30/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair
Summary:
Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year, current law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a vehicle license fee property tax compensation fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2014-15 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.
Attachments:
CALAFCO Support AB 1521_February 2014

Position: Support
Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

AB 1527 (**Perea** D) **Public water systems: drinking water.**
Current Text: Amended: 4/9/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 1/17/2014
Last Amended: 4/9/2014
Status: 4/10/2014-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:
4/23/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair
Summary:
Would require the State Department of Public Health, in administering programs to fund improvements and expansions of small community water systems and other water systems, as specified, to promote service delivery alternatives that improve efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and service delivery, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Oppose unless amended
Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres, Sustainable Community Plans
CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill attempts to relieve the liability assumed by certain water agencies when consolidating with another water agency. In its current format, the consolidation process is noted as being done by the DPH and no mention of the LAFCo process and appears to be inclusive of all water systems, public, mutual and private. Furthermore the bill seems to give permission to only the "assuming" system/agency to be agreeable to the consolidation.

AB 1729 (**Logue** R) **Local government: agricultural land: subvention payments.**
Current Text: Amended: 3/20/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/14/2014
Last Amended: 3/20/2014
Status: 3/24/2014-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:
Would appropriate $40,000,000 to the Controller from the General Fund for the 2014-15 fiscal year to make subvention payments to counties to reimburse counties for property tax revenues not received as a result of these contracts. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations related to the preservation of agricultural land.
Attachments:
CALAFCO Letter of Support March 2014

Position: Support
Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson
CALAFCO Comments: As amended, the bill will appropriate $40 million from the General Fund in fiscal year 2014/2015 for subvention payments to counties for Williamson Act contracts.

AB 1961 (**Eggman** D) **Land use: planning: sustainable farmland strategy.**
Current Text: Amended: 4/3/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/19/2014
Last Amended: 4/3/2014

Status: 4/9/2014-Do pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

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Summary:
Would require each county to develop, on or before January 2, 2018, a sustainable farmland strategy. The bill would require the sustainable farmland strategy to include, among other things, a map and inventory of all agriculturally zoned land within the county, a description of the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, to retain agriculturally zoned land where practical and mitigate the loss of agriculturally zoned land to nonagricultural uses or zones, and a page on the county's Internet Web site with the relevant documentation for the goals, strategies, and related policies and ordinances, as specified.

Position: Watch
Subject: Ag/Open Space Protection, CKH General Procedures, LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: As amended, the bill requires counties with 4% or more of its land zoned as agricultural to create a sustainable farmland strategy (sfs) effective January 1, 2018, in consultation with cities and LAFCo, and to update the sfs as necessary. The bill also requires OPR to create best practices that support ag land retention and mitigation. The bill creates an unfunded mandate for counties.

AB 2156 **(Achadjian R) Local agency formation commissions: studies.**
Current Text: Amended: 3/24/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/20/2014
Last Amended: 3/24/2014
Status: 4/10/2014-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

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Summary:
Would include joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities among the entities from which a local agency formation commission is authorized to request land use information, studies, and plans, for purposes of conducting the studies described above, and also would include joint powers agreements in the list of items the commission may request in conducting those studies . The bill would specifically define "joint powers agency" and "joint powers authority" for purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.
Attachments:
CALAFCO Letter of Support March 2014

Position: Support
Subject: CKH General Procedures, LAFCo Administration, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, the bill will specifically define "joint powers agency" and "joint powers authority" for purposes of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (C-K-H), and include joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities (JPAs) among the entities from which a local agency formation commission (LAFCo) is authorized to request information in order to conduct required studies.

AB 2762 (Committee on Local Government) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/24/2014 pdf html

Introduced: 3/24/2014

Status: 4/3/2014-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:

4/30/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair

Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 does not apply to pending proceedings for a change or organization or reorganization for which the application was accepted for filing prior to January 1, 2001, as specified. The act authorizes these pending proceedings to be continued and completed under, and in accordance with, the law under which the proceedings were commenced. This bill would repeal those provisions relating to pending proceedings for a change or organization or reorganization for which an application was accepted for filing prior to January 1, 2001, and make other conforming changes.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Letter of Support March 2014

Position: Sponsor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

SB 56 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 6/11/2013 pdf html

Introduced: 1/7/2013

Last Amended: 6/11/2013

Status: 2/3/2014-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

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Summary:

Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, existing law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for

each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
Attachments:
CALAFCO Letter of support April 10, 2013

Position: Support
Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation
CALAFCO Comments: This bill reinstates revenues through ERAF (backfilled by the state general Fund) for cities incoporating after 2005 and annexations of inhabited territories.

SB 69 **(Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**
Current Text: Amended: 9/12/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 1/10/2013
Last Amended: 9/12/2013
Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was RLS. on 9/12/2013)

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Summary:
Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill would also modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013 -14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount for certain cities incorporating after a specified date, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
Attachments:
CALAFCO Support SB 69 Feb 2014

Position: Support
Subject: Tax Allocation

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AB 543 **(Campos D) California Environmental Quality Act: translation.**
Current Text: Amended: 5/24/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 2/20/2013
Last Amended: 5/24/2013
Status: 7/12/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10)(SEN). (Last location was E.Q. on 6/13/2013)

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Summary:
Would require a lead agency to translate, as specified, certain notices required by the California Environmental Quality Act and a summary of any negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when a group of non-English-speaking people, as defined, comprises at least 25% of the population within the lead agency's jurisdiction and the project is proposed to be located at or near an area where the group of non-English-speaking people comprises at least 25% of the residents of that area. By requiring a lead agency to translate these notices and documents, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch
Subject: CEQA
CALAFCO Comments: As amended, requires a lead agency to translate certain notices, summary of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report when the impcated community has 25% or more non-English speaking people affected by the project. The requirement is to translate these notices and summaries in the native language of those impacted. This is an unfunded mandate. While LAFCo is not typically the lead agency, there may be an occasion when they are, and this could have significant resource implications.

AB 642 (**Rendon** D) **Publication: newspaper of general circulation: Internet Web site.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 2/20/2013
Status: 1/24/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was JUD. on 3/11/2013)

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Summary:
Current law requires that various types of notices are provided in a newspaper of general circulation. Current law requires a newspaper of general circulation to meet certain criteria, including, among others, that it be published and have a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in the city, district, or judicial district in which it is seeking adjudication. This bill would provide that a newspaper that is available on an Internet Web site may also qualify as a newspaper of general circulation, provided that newspaper meets certain criteria.

Position: Watch
Subject: LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: Allows for posting of agendas and meeting material on newspaper websites.

AB 677 (**Fox** D) **Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

Current Text: Amended: 1/6/2014 pdf html

Introduced: 2/21/2013
Last Amended: 1/6/2014
Status: 1/17/2014-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was L. GOV. on 1/7/2014)

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Summary:
Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013-14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill would also modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2013 -14 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount for certain cities incorporating after a specified date, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch
Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

AB 1593 (**Dahle** R) **Public cemetery districts: Auburn Public Cemetery District.**
Current Text: Introduced: 2/3/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/3/2014
Status: 3/17/2014-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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Summary:
Would authorize the Auburn Public Cemetery District in Placer County to use their cemeteries for up to a total of 400 interments each, not to exceed 40 interments each per calendar year, to inter nonresidents and nonproperty taxpayers, if specified conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch
Subject: Other

AB 2455 (**Williams** D) **The Santa Rita Hills Community Services District.**
Current Text: Amended: 4/10/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amended: 4/10/2014
Status: 4/10/2014-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

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Calendar:
4/23/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair
Summary:
The Community Services District Law specifies the procedures for district

formation, procedures for the selection of district governing board members, the powers and duties of the board, and the procedures for changing those powers and duties. Current law requires the board of directors of each district to consist of 5 members. This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2035, the board of directors of the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District to consist of 3 members , as specified . This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch
Subject: Special District Principle Acts
CALAFCO Comments: This bill as amended reduces the size of the governing Board of this district from five to three members.

AB 2480 (**Yamada** D) **Local government finance: cities: annexations.**
Current Text: Amended: 3/28/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/21/2014
Last Amended: 3/28/2014
Status: 4/1/2014-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:
4/30/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACHADJIAN, Chair
Summary:
Would, beginning on January 10, 2015, and on the 10th of each month thereafter, require the Controller to pay to each city that incorporated before August 5, 2004, an amount equal to an amount determined by a specified formula. This bill would continuously appropriate to the Controller an amount sufficient to make those payments from the General Fund.

Position: Watch
Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

SB 633 (**Pavley** D) **CEQA.**
Current Text: Amended: 8/6/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 2/22/2013
Last Amended: 8/6/2013
Status: 8/30/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was APPR. on 8/6/2013)

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Summary:
Would, for purposes of the new information exception to the prohibition on requiring a subsequent or supplemental EIR, specify that the exception applies if new information that becomes available was not known and could not have been known by the lead agency or any responsible agency at the time the EIR was certified as complete. The bill would authorize the office, by July 1, 2015, to draft and transmit to the secretary revisions to the guidelines to include as a categorical exemption projects involving minor temporary uses of land and public gatherings that have been determined not to have a significant effect on

the environment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch
Subject: CEQA

SB 731 (**Steinberg** D) **Environment: California Environmental Quality Act.**
Current Text: Amended: 9/9/2013 pdf html
Introduced: 2/22/2013
Last Amended: 9/9/2013
Status: 9/13/2013-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(14). (Last location was L. GOV. on 9/11/2013)

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Summary:
Would provide that aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project, as defined, on an infill site, as defined, within a transit priority area, as defined, shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, and the secretary to certify and adopt, revisions to the guidelines for the implementation of CEQA establishing thresholds of significance for noise and transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch
Subject: CEQA

SB 772 (**Roth** D) **Drinking water: County Water Company of Riverside water system: liability.**
Current Text: Amended: 1/6/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/22/2013
Last Amended: 1/6/2014
Status: 2/3/2014-Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

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Summary:
Would exempt the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Eastern Municipal Water District from liability for claims by past or existing County Water Company of Riverside customers or those consuming water provided through the County Water Company of Riverside water system concerning the operation and supply of water from the County Water Company of Riverside water system during the interim operation period, as specified, for any good faith, reasonable effort using ordinary care to assume possession of, and to operate and supply water to , the County Water Company of Riverside water system. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Attachments:
CALAFCO Letter Removing Opposition September 9, 2013
CALAFCO Letter of Opposition April 10, 2013

Position: Watch
Subject: Water
CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill would exempt the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District and the Eastern Municipal Water District from liability for injuries or damages arising out of the delivery of water to County Water Company of Riverside customers, as specified. As amended this bill no longer references Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCo) to take on the responsibility of monitoring private water companies. As a result of removing any and all references to LAFCo, CALAFCO has removed its opposition to the bill and now has a Watch position.

SB 1122 (**Pavley** D) **Sustainable communities: Strategic Growth Council.**
Current Text: Amended: 4/8/2014 pdf html
Introduced: 2/19/2014
Last Amended: 4/8/2014
Status: 4/8/2014-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:
Current law authorizes moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to be allocated for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in this state through specified investments, including funding to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through strategic planning and development of sustainable infrastructure projects. This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council to provide financial assistance for those purposes, to be funded from moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, and would additionally require the regional plan or other planning instrument to meet the requirements of an applicable sustainable communities strategy.

Position: Watch
Subject: Sustainable Community Plans

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Total Tracking Forms: 20

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