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TO: **LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item #12 – Review and Adoption of Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Budget as presented with the apportionment of net LAFCO costs based upon the Auditor's information attached to this report; and,

2. Direct the Executive Officer to submit to the County Auditor-Controller the adopted Final Budget and request the apportionment of the Commission's net costs to the County, Cities/Towns and Independent Special Districts pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 56381 as shown in the approved Final Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission's annual budget process began at the April 16 hearing through adoption of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15. The Proposed Budget included an outline of the anticipated appropriations, revenues, and policy items for Commission consideration.

On April 17, the Proposed Budget was forwarded for review and comment, as required by Government Code Section 56381, to the County, each of the 24 Cities/Towns and Special Districts with the request to submit comments by May 5 for inclusion in the final report. As of the date of this report, no comments or concerns have been provided regarding the Proposed Budget as adopted at the April hearing. If concerns are

received following the publication of this report, staff will provide those to the Commission at the hearing along with an oral response.

At the April hearing, the Commission directed that a committee, made up of Chair Curatalo, Vice-Chair Cox, and Commissioner Bagley, along with the current Executive Officer, meet to review timelines and requirements for the recruitment process for the Executive Officer. The budget anticipates the process to be conducted in FY 2014-15 with employment primarily occurring in the following year. On April 29, the committee met and the items of discussion were: (1) Recruitment Options and (2) Contract Options for the Executive Officer. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Committee is currently discussing the potential for an additional extension of the contract with the existing Executive Officer. At this time, no final determinations have been made for presentation to the Commission and the potential financial effects of such a change in direction would be for the forecast year of 2015-16, not the upcoming Fiscal Year 2014-15.

In conclusion, LAFCO staff has provided copies of the Final Budget Spreadsheet and narrative recommended for adoption (Attachment #1 to this report). The apportionment for the County, Cities/Towns and Special Districts for Fiscal Year 2014-15 to be billed as of July 1, 2014 is included as Attachment #2.

The staff will be happy to answer any questions from the Commission prior to or at the hearing regarding any of the items within the budget documents or this report.

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Attachments:

1. Final Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Spreadsheet and Narrative
2. Apportionment Schedules for FY 2014-15