



# Executive Director Activities Report for the CALAFCO Board of Directors

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This report highlights all of my activities since your July 29 Board meeting, since no report was provided in October.

## Member Services

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

#### 2016 Annual Conference

With the theme of *Orchards to Oceans: Balancing California's Diversity*, our members gathered in Santa Barbara in October for the Annual Conference. Much of my time in the months leading up to the Conference was spent on tending to logistics and details. Weekly calls were held with the Host LAFCo and with CV Strategies. There were a high number of last minute details to address this year. In addition, there was a lot of coordination required with CV Strategies on collateral material and sponsor registrations. Further, I was co-lead on the planning of one of the Conference sessions (Legislative Overrides) as well as the lead in the Legislative Update session. The past several weeks has been spent on closing the books on the Conference. Thank you letters have been sent to all participating LAFCos and a full debrief conducted with CV Strategies (pursuant to the contract). Your Board is receiving a full Conference report at today's meeting.



#### Future Conferences and Workshops

The RFP for the 2018 Staff Workshop was completed and a site selected. We are now set for the Sheraton Four Points in San Rafael and will be hosted by Marin LAFCo. The dates are April 11-13, 2018.

Shortly after the New Year I will conduct an RFP for our 2020 Annual Conference and the 2019 Staff Workshop.

I've solicited volunteers for the 2017 Staff Workshop program planning team, and that work will begin in the next few weeks.

### MEMBER AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS

In September I visited Del Norte, Shasta and Humboldt LAFCos, and the week after the Annual Conference I was at Santa Cruz LAFCo. CALAFCO 101 presentations were made at all four LAFCo meetings.

On September 13 I made a presentation to the Assoc. of CA Water Agencies (ACWA) Task Force on drinking water solutions for disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Also during these months I met several times with the staff of CSDA to discuss the concept of a Legislative Days event. The intent of the meetings

was to understand the cost/benefit of this kind of event, the resources required to plan and execute, and explore the notion of a joint event in the future.

### Administrative and Board Services

As I was staff to both the Achievement Awards and Nominations Committees, there was a good deal of time working with them in the month prior to the conference.



### SPECIAL PROJECTS

#### CALAFCO Website

The new website migration will take place the last week of December. This project has taken longer than anticipated due to high demands on my time in legislative matters. I've been working with our new host to get the new site updated and ready for the migration.

#### CSDA/CALAFCO Project Teams

Over these months, I completed my work with the team in the creation of the guide for the implementation of countywide RDA oversight boards. Both this document and the Special District Formation Guide have been published.

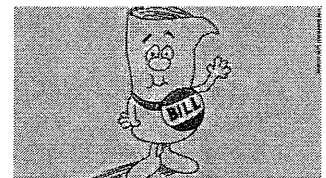
#### White Papers

I am still in the process of finalizing the White Paper on SGMA. CALAFCO received late feedback from the SWRCB on two specific matters that need to be incorporated. Estimated completion is the end of December.

We are now working with American Farmland Trust on a White Paper on Ag Policies. I worked with their representative in creating the outline of the Paper and a timeline. We gathered the team for a first call on October 13, after which they've been tasked with going forward pursuant to the timeline.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

What a wild ride the 2016 legislative year was for CALAFCO! The month of August was filled with last minute meetings and bill negotiations.



A full 2016 legislative report was provided to the membership during the Annual Conference. As a result I will be very brief here. In the end, both CALAFCO sponsored bills, **AB 2910** (Omnibus) and



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SB 1266 (JPA filings) were signed by the Governor. SB 1318 (Wolk) also took a great deal of my time. In the end the bill was dropped by the author. However, a positive outcome of this work is that during your July meeting you approved a DUC mapping project and White Paper for 2017. I've had a conversation with UC Davis as a potential vendor to conduct the mapping portion of the project as they may already have the tools necessary to get the mapping done.

The Legislative Committee (Committee) met for the last time for the 2016 year in August. The Committee began their 2017 work in early November and their first real substantive meeting is set for December 16. Bills are already being introduced by the legislature, so things are starting early this year.

It is expected to be a very full year. There is great uncertainty about what will happen at the federal level and how that will impact the state and trickle down to local governments. This is creating visible tension in the Capitol. The legislature is expected to focus on things such as affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, access to safe drinking water, and the implementation of the many Propositions that passed last month.

I've already attended several meetings for the 2017 legislative year, so things are getting out of the starting gate quickly.

A full legislative report for the upcoming year is contained in your packet for today.

## **LITTLE HOOVER COMMISSION**

Much of July and early August was spent researching and preparing CALAFCO's testimony for the Little Hoover Commission's (LHC) August hearing. I would estimate that at least 60 hours were spent in preparation, research and writing. Along with Chair John Leopold and EO Steve Lucas, I testified at the August 15 at the hearing.

A follow up meeting was held by the LHC on November 16, focusing on healthcare districts. Again I represented CALAFCO at this meeting.

The findings of the LHC will be made in their final report which is expected to come out in the spring.

## **Upcoming Events**

- # CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting, December 16, San Diego
- # CALAFCO Board Strategic Planning Retreat, January 11, San Jose
- # CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting, January 12, San Jose
- # CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting, January 27, Sacramento
- # CALAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting, February 24, Irvine
- # CALAFCO Staff Workshop, April 5-7, Fresno
- # CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting, May 5, Sacramento

*That's what's up in Sacramento.*

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