

## M E M O R A N D U M

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 6.1 - Executive Officer's Report**

**DATE:** August 24, 2022 for the meeting of September 1, 2022

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**ADMINISTRATION:**

County Administration has requested amendments to the current Contractual Services Agreement between the County and LAFCo and addresses the government to government relationship including costs and services provided by the County. County Human Resources has proposed a very substantial increase in their costs for services which Staff believes is inconsistent with the overall purposes of the Agreement and is unsubstantiated. Staff will be meeting with the County Administrative Officer on August 25, to further discuss and find an amicable solution.

**PROJECT/GENERAL NOTES:**

The following issues/proposals are at various stages of being reviewed, discussed and/or considered.

- **City of Chico – NEW** -The City has submitted the applications for the annexation of the four remaining island areas.
- **Paradise Irrigation District/Options Study - Financial Recovery** – The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in cooperation with Sacramento State University, Office of Water Programs (CSUS-OWP) and GEI Consultants, has completed the [Final Options Study](#) for the Paradise Irrigation District (PID). The Study options included, the District merging with the Town of Paradise, reorganizing with another public or private water purveyor, expanding the District's customer base (Miocene residents, Butte Valley, Chico), temporary raw water transfers, Chico intertie, new businesses (bottled water, hydro power, fisheries help), partnership with the Town to operate the proposed sewer system, and rate increases. While this Study does provide a quantitative ranking of options and portfolios, the portfolio evaluation criteria, i.e., the ranking system and evaluation criteria weighting factors, used in the scoring are by definition subjective and open to interpretation. As noted throughout this Study, the purpose of the Study is not to select for implementation the "best" option, but rather provide information to facilitate discussions amongst the Town of Paradise, PID and other stakeholders in the process of selecting and implementing projects and actions to ensure a sustainable water supply for the Town of Paradise. **NEW** -The PID Board formally accepted the [Study](#) at its August 17, 2022, meeting to include the Study Portfolio Summaries/rankings (**Attachment 1**). The single greatest factor in the Study's outcome was the receipt of \$189 million in May 2022 from the PG&E Fire Victim Trust Claim. PID reports that this money will allow the District to manage its current operational needs for 15-20 years while the population recovers. With the Study's completion, it is now appropriate for the PID to request LAFCo prepare an update of the PID's Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI). It is also fundamentally necessary for the Town of Paradise to update its 1994 General Plan to reflect all current conditions and circumstances.
- **El Medio Fire Protection District** – LAFCo was contacted by the County of Butte and City of Oroville in August 2020 to discuss concerns about the functionality of the El Medio Fire Protection District (EMFPD). The District Board met on November 11, 2020 and unilaterally decided to "shut the doors" and lay-off its employees effective Dec 25, 2020, at which time the District functionally ceased to provide its empowered services. As directed by the Commission, Staff has engaged all parties to explore the issues at hand and the options available for District reorganization including contractual agreements, converting to a subsidiary district (governed by City Council) and dissolution. Staff coordinated a meeting on December 4, 2020, with representatives from the District, City and the

County to discuss various options that could be considered by all parties. This effort was unsuccessful and the District effectively shut down operations on December 25, 2020. The issue cannot be solved alone by LAFCo, but will require LAFCo action to resolve. In an effort to prompt the District to act, Staff sent a letter dated November 8, 2021, to the District Board and Chief strongly recommending that the District hold a public meeting to discuss the future of the District with its constituents. Staff met with the EMFPD Board Chair on December 14, 2021, and discussed the District's future actions. Staff also met with the City of Oroville Mayor, Legal Counsel and City Administrator on December 16, 2021, to discuss options. City staff is considering adopting a resolution of application to LAFCo to initiate the dissolution of the EMFPD. Staff discussed the District's options with the District Chair on May 16, 2022. It was reported that the District was discussing options with the City on May 23, 2022, and would report back. **NEW** – Over the summer the EMFPD has met several times to discuss dissolution but has yet to take formal action. The District Board has not renewed its annual parcel assessments nor has it requested an election for termed out Directors. The District Chair sent an email to LAFCo staff on August 16, 2020, that it would take action to dissolve at its September meeting.

- **County of Butte – General Updates** - The County is currently undertaking the following notable planning efforts:

**General Plan 2040 Update** – **NEW** - The General Plan establishes the community's long-term vision for the future, including where people in Butte County will live, work, shop, learn, and recreate. It will shape future housing, support job growth, foster healthy and resilient neighborhoods, protect and manage natural resources and agricultural lands, ensure community safety, and promote social and economic equity.

**North Chico Specific Plan** – **NEW** The County of Butte is revising the North Chico Specific Plan (NCSP) with a focus on re-visioning the North Chico Village. This process will explore conceptual land use options that are formed by community and stakeholder collaboration and input. The revised NCSP will be used to guide the preparation of development plans for the North Chico Village.

**Tuscan Ridge Planned Development (PUD21-0001)** - The proposed project would include subdivision of the project site to develop a total of 165 single-family residential lots. The lots would range in size from 4,000 square feet (sf) to 40,000 sf. The proposed project would additionally include commercial development occupying approximately 31 acres of the project site, including approximately four acres for improved buildings and parking and approximately 27 acres for mini storage units (53,000 square feet) and outdoor RV and boat storage. The 163 acre site on the south side of Skyway about 3 miles west of Paradise and 4 miles east of Chico which was used as staging area for Camp Fire workers in 2018/19 and was previously the former Tuscan Ridge Golf Course. The site is to be served by an existing on-site well for domestic water and an existing permitted on-site wastewater treatment system, both of which were initially proposed to be managed by a newly formed Community Service District (CSD) that would require LAFCo approval. Given the issues related to a conceptual potable water pipeline and sewer line to Chico along the Skyway, this proposal does cause concerns related to service provisions, growth inducement and logical/orderly development patterns. The County now indicates that the sewage disposal and potable water systems could be maintained and operated under a contractual agreement with the Paradise Irrigation District (PID) which may or may not cause the PID to initiate annexation of the site which is currently not contiguous to the PID boundaries. The County has released a Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report on February 23, 2022. The updated project description indicates the PID will annex the territory and maintain the water and sewer systems on-site. Staff has provided initial observations to the project consultant. The issue of greatest importance to LAFCo staff at this time is the proposed expansion of the PID powers and service area expansion and the District is in need of an updated MSR/SOI. This issue is further complicated by the fact that the Town of Paradise has not net updated its 1994 General Plan and therefore, LAFCo and PID do not have the benefit of post Camp Fire land use plan with associated infrastructure requirements and demands. **NEW** – The project remains in incomplete status.

- **Town of Paradise/City of Chico Sewer Line** – The Town of Paradise has explored options to provide wastewater treatment services to its existing commercial land uses that are limited from expanding due to sewage disposal constraints. The selected option is to convey the Town cores' wastewater

directly to the City of Chico's Water Pollution Control Plant. This alternative would represent an extension of services (GC56133) by the City of Chico outside of its jurisdictional and sphere of influence boundaries requiring LAFCo approval. The *Paradise Sewer Regionalization Project Advisory Committee* consisting of 2 councilmembers each from the Town of Paradise and City of Chico and guided by State Water Board staff are evaluating the proposal as it proceeds. The Committee's efforts can be tracked at <https://paradisesewer.com>. City of Chico and Town engineering staff continue to develop a sewer agreement that will be the backbone of the proposal. Most of the discussion to date has involved logistics and expectations for the project. Projected costs are estimated to be approximately \$184 million: \$2M for environmental studies, \$ 30M for design and right-of-way acquisition, \$152M for construction. **NEW** - The Town released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) (**Attachment 1**) for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Staff prepared and submitted NOP comments on May 20, 2022, with the comments period closing August 29, 2022. LAFCo Staff attended the scoping meetings held in both Chico and Paradise on August 8th and 10<sup>th</sup>, and observed reasonable attendance.

- **Drainage/Reclamation District MSR Actions** – The Drainage and Reclamation Districts MSR/SOI Plan adopted in 2018 called for a number of possible reorganizations among drainage districts. Staff has met with district staff and initiated a process to consider the dissolution of Drainage District No. 2 as it is completely overlaid by Butte Creek Drainage District and the detachment of territory from Butte Creek Drainage District that is overlaid with District 100. These actions will have no impact to current services, but will rather clean-up old boundaries that no longer make sense. **NEW** – Drainage District No. 2 is expected to initiate the District dissolution on November 2, 2022.
- **City of Biggs – Annexation Plan** – The City of Biggs has developed a long range annexation plan that is anticipated to occur in three phases and be driven by market demand for new homes. City staff have worked very cooperatively with LAFCo staff during this process. Staff had a pre-application consultation with Biggs planning staff in April to discuss Phase 1 of the Plan, an approximately 70 acre area which include Biggs School Property on the east boundary of the City. An application is anticipated shortly.
- **City of Chico – Valleys Edge Specific Plan** - The City of Chico is currently processing the Public Review Draft Valley's Edge Specific Plan (VESP) related Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which can be found on the City's website at <https://chico.ca.us/valleys-edge-specific-plan>. The City of Chico 2030 General Plan (GP 2030) provides a comprehensive and long-range framework for the growth of Chico and identified five new growth areas, designated Special Planning Areas (SPA), which are to be developed as connected and complete neighborhoods with a mix of housing types, services, employment, and shopping opportunities, along with parks and open space. The VESP is the blueprint for the planning area within the 1,448 acres identified in the Chico General Plan as the Doe Mill/Honey Run Special Planning Area (SPA). Valley's Edge is characterized as a multi-generational, mixed-use, recreationally-oriented community offering a broad range of housing types, lifestyles and amenities framed by natural open space corridors and served by a vibrant Village Core providing the commercial services and social hub of the community. The VESP territory was placed in the City of Chico Sphere of Influence in 2013 and will require an annexation application to LAFCo in order to proceed.
- **Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District - Palermo Sewer Project** – This is a decades long effort to bring sanitary sewer services to the residents of the Palermo community. LOAPUD is re-initiating its efforts with the preparation of an updated study to consider the technical and fiscal issues in the path to a solution. The LAFCo role will be to monitor the process and ultimately consider the annexation of the Palermo area into the LOAPUD.
- **Oroville Region Sewer and Water Service Providers MSR** - The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has awarded a \$100,000 SB2 Planning Grant to Butte County to contract with LAFCo for the development of a MSR update for backbone service providers in the Oroville region, including the SFWPA, LOAPUD, TWSD and SCOR. LAFCo entered into an Agreement with SWALE Inc. to conduct the study and prepare the documents. A kick-off meeting was held on March 17, 2021 with all the affected Districts staff. The final MSR is expected to be released for public review in September 2022.

- **City of Gridley MSR/SOI Update** – The City has expressed an interest in updating its MSR and SOI Plan in anticipation of new development proposals being considered. Staff anticipates that the City and LAFCo may enter into a Letter Agreement to conduct this effort, similar to agreements with the City of Chico and City of Oroville.
- **Thermalito Sewer and Water District** - Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation of the state owned clay pits recreation area southeast of the Oroville airport along Larkin Road. The State has yet to resolve a conflict between the State Parks Department and Department of Fish and Wildlife who share authority over the affected territory.
- **City of Oroville MSR Update** – The City of Oroville is starting the process to evaluate its growth goals and has determined that the City needs to update its SOI to accommodate new development goals and at the same time update its MSR to reflect its current service capabilities and financial position. The City has requested LAFCo update its MSR at City expense and executed a Letter Agreement with LAFCo to prepare the MSR update. The City has entered into a contract with Policy Consulting Associates to complete the project under LAFCo supervision. The administrative draft is under review and the Public Review Draft is expected to be circulated in September for review.

**CALAFCO:**

- The CALAFCO Annual Conference is scheduled for October 19-21, 2022, and Commissioner Connelly, the Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer will attend. Commissioner/Supervisor Connelly is expected to be elevated to CALAFCO Board Chair at the CALAFCO Annual Meeting in October.
- The August 2022 CALAFCO Quarterly News is included as **Attachment 3**. The big story is on our hard won approval of SB938 (Protest Provisions) which took five years to develop and included your Executive Officer on the Committee.

**LEGISLATION:** None

**APPLICATION ACTIVITY:**

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Project Status As of April 27th, 2022								
File	Applicant	Project Name	Date Application Received	Certificate of Filing	LAFCO Hearing Date	Certificate of Completion	SBE Submittal Date	Additional Comments
11-06	Butte County	CSA No. 114 - Expansion of Powers	02/02/11	N/A	pending	N/A	N/A	Incomplete - On Hold
18-09	TWSD	Clay Pit State Recreation Area Annexation						On hold. Incomplete Application
19-12	County	CSA 158 - Mandville Park Subd. Annex	05/02/19	05/29/19	10/03/19			Approved w/ conditions - 218 Hearing
20-08	Oroville	Municipal Service Review Update (MSR)	05/20/20	N/A				In progress
20-09	LAFCO	Oroville Region Sewer & Water MSR	N/A	N/A				In progress
21-06	Landowners	Tuscan Water District Formation	02/22/21	10/01/21	12/02/21			Approved - waiting on election
22-10	Gridley	W Biggs-Gridley Rd Annexation No. 3	03/28/22	05/16/22				In progress
23-01	Chico	Extension of Services 1721 River Rd	07/08/22	N/A	09/01/22			In progress
23-02	Chico	El Monte Ave Annex. No. 1	08/16/22					In progress
23-03	Chico	Chico Canyon Annex. No. 8	08/16/22					In progress
23-04	Chico	W Sacramento Ave Annex No. 31	08/16/22					In progress
23-05	Chico	W East Ave Annex. No 1	08/16/22					In progress

- Attachments: 1. Paradise Irrigation District Options Study Acceptance and Outcomes  
2. Town of Parade Sewer Project NOP.



# Paradise Irrigation District

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"Paradise Irrigation District (PID) is dedicated to the business of producing and delivering a safe, dependable supply of quality water in an efficient, cost effective manner with service that meets or exceeds the expectation of our customers." [Please consider how this agenda item relates to our mission](#)

Date: August 8, 2022  
Memo To: Board of Directors  
From: Tom Lando, District Manager  
Subject: Acceptance of Final Options Study Report  
08/17/2022 Board of Directors Meeting

Recommendation:  
Accept Final Options Study Report

Background:

As a condition of receiving State funding to assist with the Camp Fire recovery, the District was required to participate in a study examining options to provide water to the Town of Paradise. The study was managed by California State University, Sacramento, Office of Water Programs, under contract with the State of California.

The study was completed in June and accepted by the State Water Resources Control Board in August 2022.







After examining options for providing water to the Town, the study concluded the best option was for PID to pursue the recovery of funds from the Camp Fire Victim's Trust and to remain independent providing water to the community.

No action is required other than to accept the report.

The recommended form of motion is:

"I move to accept the final Town of Paradise Options Study Report dated June 2022."

**Table 9-1: Portfolio Summaries**

Scoring	Portfolios	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>High score</b> 	Financial Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowest cost of all portfolios</li> <li>• Has the potential ability to meet all revenue deficits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant unknowns regarding likelihood of success</li> <li>• Does not provide additional benefits</li> </ul>
<b>Medium score</b> 	Water Transfers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited infrastructure improvements</li> <li>• Can quickly begin generating revenue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water transfer opportunities are limited until Magalia Dam retrofit completed</li> <li>• Does not meet short-term funding deficiency alone</li> </ul>
<b>Low scores</b>    	Agency Reorganization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides some technical and managerial cost efficiencies</li> <li>• Reorganization into Town is consistent with PID objectives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing funding deficit will be passed to agency</li> </ul>
	Chico Intertie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-benefit opportunities</li> <li>• Provides reliable method to sell water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highest cost option</li> <li>• Longer implementation timeline</li> <li>• Water transfer opportunities are restricted until Magalia Dam retrofit completed</li> <li>• Does not meet short-term funding deficiency alone</li> </ul>
	Miocene Canal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-benefit opportunities</li> <li>• May provide additional water supplies</li> <li>• Hydroelectric power generation potential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher cost option</li> <li>• Longer implementation timeline</li> <li>• Water transfer opportunities are restricted until Magalia Dam retrofit completed</li> <li>• Does not meet short-term funding deficiency alone</li> </ul>

July 14, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



# TOWN OF PARADISE SEWER PROJECT

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## **Town of Paradise issues Notice of Availability of Environmental Document for Proposed Paradise Sewer Project**

*Public input encouraged on Draft Program Environmental Impact Report*

**Paradise, CA** – As the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, the [Town of Paradise](#) (Town) is seeking public input on the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the proposed Paradise Sewer Project, which will provide a long-term solution for wastewater collection, transport and treatment from properties identified in the Town’s proposed sewer service area (encompassed by Clark Road, Skyway and Pearson Road). This long-term wastewater solution will allow for sustainable housing and business activity in Town, supporting the community’s economic recovery and vitality. The public review and comment period of 45 calendar days begins today, July 14, 2022, and will end at 5:00 p.m. PDT on August 29, 2022. All input received will be documented and addressed in the Final PEIR, anticipated to be completed this fall.

### **LEARN MORE AT UPCOMING IN-PERSON PUBLIC MEETINGS**

For your convenience, three in-person public meetings will be held to allow attendees to learn more about the proposed Paradise Sewer Project, interact with project team members, ask questions, and submit formal comments on the Draft PEIR during the 45-day public review and comment period.

<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 6:00-7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 12:30-2:00 P.M. &amp; 6:00-7:30 P.M.</b>
Chico Old Municipal Building 441 Main Street Chico, CA 95928	Paradise Alliance Church (CMA Church) 6491 Clark Road Paradise, CA 95969

*If you plan on attending one of these meetings and need a translator or for additional accessibility preferences, please submit a message on the project website at [paradisew sewer.com/contact](http://paradisew sewer.com/contact) (from the “Subject” dropdown menu, select “Submit a comment on the Draft PEIR”). Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD) may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.*



# CALAFCO

# NEWSLETTER

August, 2022 Edition

## BOARDROOM Brief

**AT ITS VIRTUAL** meeting on July 22, the Board received the year-end financial reports from our accountant, considered a revised FY 22-23 budget, and resumed their discussion of the Government Code Section 56133 legislative amendment proposal.

The Fourth Quarter financial report found that the association is sound financially. It also disclosed an FY 21-22 net balance that was slightly larger than had been expected in April. Consequently, a revised FY 22-23 budget was also presented to the Board to capture the higher carryover, as well as to remove an erroneously duplicated stipend calculation from the Executive Director's salary line for the upcoming year. Those adjustments, along with another that the Board made to the payroll tax line, resulted in a revised FY 22-23 budget. The differences from the original version approved in April were increased carryover and contingency lines, and reductions to the ED salary and payroll tax lines. The revised budget can be found on the Board meeting portion of the website.

The last action item considered was the reconsideration of the legislative proposal from San Diego LAFCo regarding Government Code §56133. As many will recall, the topic has been a continuing one having been discussed and tabled at the January and April Board meetings. In April, the Board sent the proposal back to the Legislative Committee to complete additional research. Ultimately, the Board approved adding the endeavor to the list of CALAFCO projects, as well as approving a White Paper to guide the effort.

Reports were also received regarding CALAFCO U and the fall conference - including Elections. It was noted that Achievement Awards have an upcoming **deadline of AUGUST 12TH** - so get those nomination packets in ASAP!

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 21st during the conference.

**All agendas, staff reports, and minutes can be found on the CALAFCO website at [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org). Any questions should be directed to the Executive Director at [rlaroch@calafco.org](mailto:rlaroch@calafco.org).**

## SBA 938 Chaptered



Screen shot of Senator Hertzberg presenting SB 938 on the Senate Floor on June 23, 2022

**AS MOST** of you already know, SB 938 (the Protest Provisions bill) has been successfully concluded. It passed the Senate Floor on June 23rd with a 38-0 vote, and was signed by the Governor on July 1st.

Thank you to the many LAFCOs who rushed to get letters submitted to the Governor after that June 23rd passage.

Given that this is the culmination of an effort that began in 2017, special thanks must again go to the Protest Provisions Working Group members for the YEARS of work on this bill.

The Board of Directors - and all of CALAFCO - extends its sincerest thanks and gratitude to **Jo MacKenzie, José Henriquez, Kai Luoma, Steve Lucas, Paul Novak, Holly Whatley** and, of course, **Pamela Miller** (who stayed on to work the bill in a volunteer capacity.)

## Other Legislative Updates

**AB 2957**, the CALAFCO sponsored Omnibus bill has also been successfully completed. It was passed by the Senate on June 9th, and signed by the Governor on June 21, 2022. Thank you to all of the Legislative Committee members and EOs who submitted proposed changes for the bill. Special thanks to Joe Serrano who had the unenviable task of logging all of those changes!

See **OTHER UPDATES** on Page 3





A Message from the

**Executive Director**

It's been a busy few months in the office.

We've held two successful and well-received CALAFCO U webinars. Like much of what we do, these could not exist without the volunteerism of our panelists. Thanks to Carolyn Emery (OC), Alison Alpert (BB&K), and Gary Phillips (Bob Murray and Associates) for participating in our June webinar on recruitments and hiring in a post pandemic world. Also, kudos to David Ruderman (Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley) for organizing our July offering regarding R&T 99, with thanks to panelists José Henriquez (Sacramento), Israel Guevara (OC Auditor-Controller) and Holly Whatley (CHW). I hear time and again how much our members appreciate these offerings!

Our next CALAFCO U is scheduled in September, then they will go on hiatus through the conference and holidays. The target month for our first session in 2023 is February. Thanks to Dawn Mittleman Longoria (Napa) who has been my wing person on these. I could NOT have made it without her!!

Jeni and I are now in full conference mode. Registration opened on July 5th and they have been coming in steadily. If you missed the July 31st Early Bird deadline, the next date to watch is **August 31st** which will be the last day to get the Standard Registration Fee. After that it will be Late Fee only.

Sponsorship packets were sent out and we're seeing some new and returning sponsors already! However, I would ask and encourage you all to send a packet to those in your networks as well.

Our conference planning committee is working hard and the program is taking shape. Many thanks to José Henriquez who is spearheading that effort. Look for more specifics to be announced soon.

Also, a reminder that **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS** are due no later than **August 12th at 5:00 PM** so

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**JERRY GLADBACH, Los Angeles LAFCo Commissioner**

Sad news from Los Angeles LAFCo who lost long-time commissioner, Jerry Gladbach, on July 14th. Commissioner Gladbach was a representative of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and had held a seat on the L.A. LAFCo where he had served as its Chair for 16 years. Commissioner Gladbach also served as a CALAFCO Director from 2005 to 2013, held the position of CALAFCO Board Chair in 2012, received the Most Outstanding Commissioner Award in 2013, as well as the prestigious and well-deserved Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021.



A resident of the Santa Clarita Valley since 1968, Commissioner Gladbach was a do-er who had also served on boards of the National Water Resources Association and the California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority. He was renowned for his knowledge, dedication, kindness, and friendliness and will be missed by all.

CALAFCO sends its deepest condolences to Commissioner Gladbach's family, friends, and co-workers.



**Contra Costa LAFCo** bid farewell to **Commissioner Igor Skaredoff** (Contra Costa Resource Conservation District) who served as a Special District member since 2014. During Commissioner Skaredoff's tenure, Contra Costa LAFCo competed numerous Municipal Service Reviews covering fire/emergency medical, reclamation, healthcare, parks & recreation, cemetery, and city services; and acted on over 75 proposals including dozens of boundary changes and reorganizations, and four district dissolutions. Also, during Commissioner Skaredoff's tenure, Contra Costa LAFCo Commissioners were named "Most Effective Commission" at the 2019 annual CALAFCO conference.

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get those nominations in to Steve Lucas today!

Another date to note is **September 19th** at 5:00 PM - which is when Director Nominations, Requests for Absentee/Electronic Ballots, and names of voting delegates must be **received**.

And if that wasn't enough, Absentee Ballots are due **October 14th**.

Lastly, a special shout out to Gary Thompson (Riverside) who will be presenting at the CSDA conference in balmy Palm Desert on August 24th. Many thanks, Gary!

Okay, folks, I know that's a lot of dates but you'll also find them all on the Calendar of Events on Page 3.

As usual, please feel free to reach out to me any time that you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy the summer, be safe, and see you at the Conference!!



## Upcoming EVENTS

### CALAFCO 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE October 19 - 21, 2022

Join us at the **Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport** on



October 19-21, 2022 for our long-awaited, long-overdue Annual Conference! The program planning committee is finalizing what is sure to be a great program. Go

to [calafco.org](http://calafco.org) for more details. *See you in Newport Beach!*

### 2023 STAFF WORKSHOP April 26 - 28, 2023

Learn technical topics in a beautiful setting! Don't miss next year's Staff Workshop on the beautiful grounds of Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, California.



CALAFCO U explores topics of interest to LAFCo's and are offered at no cost to our members.

**Sep. 19, 2022:** **Two Agencies in Dispute: LAFCo's Role in Assisting in Resolving the Conflict**  
1:00 PM

**TBD, 2023:** **The Dirty Dozen: Things I Wish I Knew About The Act**

#### BOARD MEETINGS:

**Oct. 21, 2022** LOCATION: Newport Beach (Conference)

**Dec. 2, 2022** LOCATION: Virtual

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**Sept. 16, 2022** **CANCELLED**

**Oct. 7, 2022** LOCATION: Virtual

**Nov. 4, 2022** LOCATION: TBD

#### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

**Aug. 12, 2022** ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

**Sept. 19, 2022** BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS DUE

**Sept. 19, 2022** ABSENTEE/ELECTRONIC BALLOT REQUESTS DUE

**Sept. 19, 2022** NAME OF VOTING DELEGATE DUE

**Oct. 14, 2022** ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE DUE

**Oct. 20, 2022** ELECTIONS

## OTHER UPDATES

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CALAFCO is currently tracking a total of 29 bills. Included among those are:

**AB 897** (Mullin), establishment of a regional climate network. This bill has stalled and is in its second year.

**AB 1640** (Ward), would authorize the creation of regional climate networks, as well as set up guidelines. Referred to the Senate Appropriations suspense file.

**AB 1773** (Patterson), return of Williamson Act subvention funding. Held under submission in Assembly Appropriations on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 739** (Cortese), was a gut and amend seeking to create ministerial processes for the annexations of unused golf courses to be used for the development of high rise buildings with 600-700 residences. The author's office notes that it will not be pursuing this bill this year.

**SB 852** (Dodd), is similar to AB 1640 in that it addresses the formation of climate resilience districts, however, this bill focuses on enhanced infrastructure financing to fund public capital facilities including projects that address climate change impacts. Scheduled for third reading in the Assembly on August 8th.

**SB 1100** (Cortese), which would amend the Brown Act to include provisions and procedures regarding meeting disruptions has passed both houses and is now in Engrossing and Enrolling.

**SB 1490, 1491, and 1492**, the annual Validation Acts, have now been chaptered.

The legislative season is now nearing a close with August 12th being the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills. After that, the remainder of the month will be Floor sessions only, with August 25th being the last day to amend bills on the floor. August 31st is the deadline for each house to pass bills, and the Final Recess will begin upon adjournment on that date.

It is fitting to note at this time that this important work does not happen in a vacuum. The Legislative Committee is composed of 32 members who have committed to give generously of their time and expertise. CALAFCO could not do what it does without them, so our sincerest thanks to the following:

**Board Appointees** - Bill Connelly, Gay Jones, Mike Kelley, Chris Lopez, Jo MacKenzie, Daron McDaniel, Mike McGill, Margie Mohler, Anita Paque, and Josh Susman.

**Staff Voting Members** - Clark Alsop, Gary Bell, Mark Bramfitt, Scott Browne, Carolyn Emery, René LaRoche, Steve Lucas, Kai Luoma, Jennifer Stephenson, and Gary Thompson.

**Staff Alternates** - Rob Fitzroy, Paula Graf, Joe Serrano, and Paula de Sousa.

**Advisory** - Tara Bravo, Crystal Craig, Brandon Fender, Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Priscilla Mumpower, Erica Sanchez, Jim Simon, and Luis Tapia.



## CONNECTIONS

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**Contra Costa** also welcomed Commissioner Patricia Bristow in June as its new Special District member. Commissioner Bristow currently serves as Board Member on both the Byron-Brentwood-Knightsen Union Cemetery District and the Byron Sanitary District and serves on the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority Citizen Advisory. Commissioner Bristow has lived in Brentwood and Byron her entire life and was a teacher and counselor in the Brentwood Unified School District for 34 years. Her family has farmed in the community for over 100 years.

### NEW Roles

#### **LUIS TAPIA promotes to OC AEO**

Orange County LAFCo announced the promotion of Luis Tapia to the Assistant Executive Officer position. Luis brings a great deal of experience to the role having been with Orange LAFCo since 2016 and is an Advisory member to the CALAFCO Legislative Committee.

#### **NATASHA CARBAJAL hired as Santa Barbara's new Analyst-Clerk**

Santa Barbara LAFCo is pleased to welcome Natasha Carbajal as its new Analyst/Clerk. Natasha had been providing clerking services for

about 10 months while she was with the Santa Barbara Clerk of the Board's Office. She comes to LAFCo with a broad range of skills and abilities, including great local government experience and all around good public service skills. Natasha has a Master of Public Administration from California State University Northridge and a Bachelor of Arts, Sociology from University Channel Islands.

#### **MORGAN BING welcomed as SLO Clerk Analyst**

Morgan Bing has joined San Luis Obispo LAFCo as their new Clerk Analyst. She comes to SLO LAFCo with a Bachelors and Masters degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and four years of experience. SLO LAFCo is very excited to have her on their team!

#### **SAFARINA MALUKI becomes Clerk in Monterey**

Monterey LAFCo has welcomed Safarina Maluki as their new Clerk to the Commission/Office Administrator. Safarina has a wide range of responsibilities in support of the Commission and staff, and she looks forward to getting to know her colleagues around the State!

**Congratulations one and all!**

## Associate Member SPOTLIGHT

*The information below is provided by the Associate member upon joining the Association. All Associate Member information can be found in the CALAFCO Member Directory*

### **E MULBERG & ASSOCIATES**

Services include Municipal Service Reviews, Sphere of Influence updates, changes in organization, staff support, CEQA analysis, and assistance with applications to LAFCo.

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### **LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS**

Provides sewer service to 78 cities and unincorporated areas of LA County. Before a district can provide sewage service to a territory, it must be within its jurisdictional boundaries. Donna Curry administers the annexation program, including processing applications for annexation.

To learn more about LACSD visit their website at [www.lacsd.org](http://www.lacsd.org), or contact Donna Curry at [dcurry@lacsd.org](mailto:dcurry@lacsd.org)

**CALAFCO wishes to thank all of our Associate Members for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to highlighting you all in future Newsletters.**