

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

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

DATE: December 29, 2021 for the meeting of January 6, 2022

ADMINISTRATION:

1. Management Analyst Jill Broderson has retired effective December 30, 2021. Ms. Broderson has dedicated a large part of her career to Butte LAFCo and her loyalty and contributions to LAFCo over the years will be sorely missed and difficult to replace.
2. Staff has begun the process of recruiting for a flexibly staffed position of Management Analyst/Commission Clerk with an expectation of creating an eligibility list for future hires by February/March. The recruiting process may result in a reorganization of current LAFCo roles and responsibilities to better stage the agency to meet future challenges. This can be discussed further with the Budget Committee in the coming months.
3. County staff has initiated a discussion with Staff about possible changes to our now 13 year old Contractual Services Agreement with the County. Most notably, the County has switched to a new countywide enterprise information system called Workday which will manage all aspects of County functions including human resources and finances. County Human Resources does not believe this new system may be the most useful for LAFCo with regard to payroll services and it was suggested we explore other private contracted payroll related services. This review will play out over the next few months and staff will keep the Commission apprised of any necessary changes or conversations.
4. The annual financial audit is underway with the consultant coming to the office in December to review our books and meet with staff. The Final Audit is expected to be presented to the Commission at its March meeting.
5. Staff has secured reservations with the City of Oroville for the use of the City Council Chambers for the remaining fiscal year should it be needed. Depending on the impacts of the pandemic and other factors, the Commission may wish to consider a permanent change to its public meeting venue in the future.
6. Pursuant to the California Department of public Health guidelines, the LAFCo office is requiring all visitors to wear a face covering until such time the guidelines change.

PROJECT/GENERAL NOTES:

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

- ***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. Staff recognizes that this proposed project is of significant value to the Town and has been a long standing goal. The Town staff have presented the proposal to the Chico City Council, the Board of Supervisors and LAFCo and the City of Chico has agreed to proceed with the sewer options study. 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>. 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. The Town released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Staff prepared and submitted NOP comments on May 20, 2021. The EIR is not expected to be completed until spring 2022. The City of Chico and Town engineering staff continue to develop a sewer agreement that will be the backbone of the proposal. ****NEW**** The Town Council received an update on the sewer proposal at its December 16, 2021, meeting at which time it was reported that Town staff previously met with Richard Harriman who promised litigation if the Town proceeds with the current project.

- ***Palermo Clean Water Consolidation Project*** ([http://buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Palermo Clean Water](http://buttecounty.net/waterresourceconservation/Palermo_Clean_Water)) - Butte County was awarded a Proposition 1 grant to help address clean water needs of the semi-rural unincorporated residential community of Palermo with less than 5,500 residents located in an unincorporated portion of Butte County south of Oroville. Palermo has smaller parcels served by individual wells for potable water supply and on-site septic systems and has many long term challenges regarding contaminated drinking water, poor drainage, and failing septic systems. ****NEW**** The County is coordinating with the South Feather Water & Power Agency (SFWPA) to annex approximately 490 parcels in order to access treated water to address the drinking water quality concerns. The Initial Study has been circulated with comments due by January 13, 2022 and annexation applications possible by summer 2022.
- ***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), primarily a lack of adequate funding. The EMFPD tax measure failed in November, 2020, and the District Board met on November 11, 2020 and unilaterally decided to “shut the doors” and lay-off its employees. The Board met on November 19 and issued lay-off notices that took effect on Dec 25, 2020, at which time the District reasonably 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 (Board Chair, Chief, Fire Captain), the County (Fire Chief, Deputy Administrative Officer) and the City of Oroville (Public Safety Director, Battalion Chief) to discuss various options that could be considered by all parties. There seemed to be preliminary concurrence that the City and the District would - prior to the December 25 shutdown - approve a contractual agreement or MOU that would allow the City to provide services to the District for payment. This effort was unsuccessful and the District effectively shut down operations on December 25, 2020. The Oroville City Council held a special meeting on January 28, 2021 to receive a presentation from CALFIRE related to the City contracting for fire services similar to Paradise, Biggs, Gridley and the County. This presentation included contingencies to address the issue of the EMFPD. The issue cannot

be solved alone by LAFCo, but most likely will require LAFCo action to resolve. Staff has received a growing number of complaints from citizens within the District concerning a lack of service and the continued collections of District parcel assessments. 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. ****NEW**** Staff met with the EMFPD Board Chair on December 14, 2021, and discussed the District's future actions. It was shared that the District has another option (not revealed) to allow it to re-open and provide service within the next 30-60 days. Staff also met with the City of Oroville Mayor, Legal Counsel and City Administrator on December 16, 2021, to discuss options. The candid Staff assessment at this time is that the EMFPD is substantially unlikely to resolve its issues or take action to dissolve itself meaning one or more affected agencies (City, County, LAFCo) must decide to formally initiate, at a public hearing, a discussion to reorganize the EMFPD as either a subsidiary district of the City of Oroville or dissolve the District altogether.

- **County of Butte - Tuscan Ridge Planned Development (PUD21-0001))** - 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 proposal includes a 98 acre planned development he PUD of 165 homes, limited commercial space, golf related facilities and open space. 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. At this time, the County informs us that the application submittal is incomplete and comments will be requested once all documents are received. 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. ****NEW**** 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.
- **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.
- **City of Chico Annexation Plan** - Staff continues to work with City staff to develop an annexation plan for the remaining four island areas within the City. Legal Counsel is reviewing the draft Agreement and It is our goal to see the island annexation plan completed

in the next few months with fixed dates for annexation to be implemented over a period of four years, or an island area every year until they are all gone!

- **City of Oroville – Contractual Services Agreement with CALFIRE.** At its March 2, 2021 meeting, the City of Oroville signed a Letter of Intent with CALFIRE to begin negotiations for the transfer of fire protection services from the Oroville Fire Department to CALFIRE. This contractual agreement must be approved by LAFCo pursuant to Government Code Section 56134. The City held a public hearing in August and formally requested CALFire make application to LAFCo for the extension of fire services to the City of Oroville. CALFire has submitted the service extension application which is currently being reviewed by Staff and will be on a future agenda for consideration. Through this process, Staff will review options to address the current dysfunction of the El Medio Fire Protection District.
- **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.
- **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), continues to proceed with the Options Study for the Paradise Irrigation District. The group of stakeholders, including LAFCo, meets regularly to discuss the process and the path forward. Possible options include, 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. On 2/5/21, GEI Consultants, Inc. was selected to prepare the Options Study and the OWP is completing contract negotiations with GEI. Work is underway with an anticipated completion date of November 2021. Staff will keep the Commission apprised of this process. The stakeholder group met on November 18, 2021 and received an update from the consultants concerning the PID Options Evaluation Approach dated November 18, 2021. The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for January 2022.
- **City of Biggs – Annexation Plan** – The City of Biggs has utilized its share of SB2 planning funds to develop 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.
- **Miocene Canal** - The destruction of the upper Miocene Canal by the Camp Fire has dewatered the middle and lower Miocene, causing great disruption to landowners dependent on the water supply for their farms/residences and the environment dependent on canal leakage over the decades to thrive. PG&E initially refused to repair the canal infrastructure, but entered a plea agreement for its criminal actions resulting in PG&E providing up to \$15 million over five years to restore water to the middle canal. A number of options were considered to restore the Miocene flow and PG&E has tentatively decided to replace the destroyed upper Miocene ditch/flumes with pipes to carry the Feather River water to Kunkle Reservoir. This effort is anticipated to be completed by November 2021. It remains an open question as to how this water flow will be managed/maintained in the future with one possible scenario being to form a special district to finance and manage any future facilities. Staff

continues to participate in discussions. Staff will continue to monitor and assist this effort towards the universal goal of re-establishing water flow in the Miocene Canal. Staff participated in the Miocene Working Group monthly call on May 20, 2021 which covered emergency water deliveries from Paradise Irrigation District (PID) which would require LAFCo review, the ongoing design of a replacement project for the Upper Miocene and the belief by PG&E that they are not legally bound to redevelop the destroyed Miocene facilities, but only required to restore water deliveries (by any means possible).

- **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 completed in February 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.
- **Butte County Upper Ridge Community Plan (URCP)** - The URCP would be an extension of the Butte County General Plan and provide policy guidance for the areas within the unincorporated portion of Butte County north of the Town of Paradise, including Magalia and Paradise Pines, collectively known as the *Upper Ridge*. The 2018 Camp Fire destroyed 2,158 homes within the area, especially in the lower Paradise Pines subdivision. The Upper Ridge Community Council (URCC) has identified benefits from a community plan, such as fire safety, evacuation routes, land use planning, community and economic development, affordable housing, infrastructure, recreation, and quality of life. Past interactions with the URCC have included questions concerning governance options and service provision options such as community services district or county service area, which would require LAFCo action to accomplish. Staff will continue to monitor the process for LAFCo interests. More information can be found at www.buttecounty.net/dds/urcp
- **County of Butte, North Chico Village Vision Plan** – The County in cooperation with the City of Chico, is developing an update to the "Village Core" in the 1995 North Chico Specific Plan (NCSP). The mixed-use North Chico Village, known as the heart of the NCSP, is a 484-acre portion of the larger 2,980-acre NCSP. The site is relatively flat and extensively planted with orchards at this time. Current zoning would support approximately 2,000 dwelling units, the area has been identified for urban development by both the City and County's General Plans since 1995, but has yet to be developed due to a lack of infrastructure and financing. The planning effort includes a "re-visioning" of the North Chico Village with an emphasis on increased residential development and density. The project will update existing constraints, provide for a mix of housing types, including multi-family and low-income. Staff will be tracking this project as it will require annexation to the City of Chico in order to build-out with full City services provided. More information can be found at www.northchicovillage.com
- **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.

- ***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.
- ***County of Butte*** - Expansion of Powers for CSA 164 to add fire protection services. The County has placed this effort on hold.
- ***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 currently being prepared.

CALAFCO:

- The CALAFCO Executive Director (ED) has informed the CALAFCO Board of Directors that she will be retiring from the position December 30, 2021 and will contract back through February 2022 to assist with recruitment. The CALAFCO Board Recruitment Committee which includes Commissioner Connelly and the Executive Officer, is currently in the process of recruiting for a new ED with final interviews scheduled for January 21, 2022.
- Commissioner Connelly has been officially promoted to Vice Chair which will lead to being CALAFCO Chair in 2023.
- As an item of interest only, CALAFCO has seen an increasing number of retirements of long serving executive officers and other staff. This is due to the aging cadre of LAFCo professionals, pandemic impacts as well as an overall contentious atmosphere surrounding public service in general. This means more recruitment competition among LAFCo's can be expected in the future. This situation mirrors Butte LAFCo as 3 out of 4 staff have all worked for LAFCo in excess of 14 years, with the Executive Officer having served for 26 years.

LEGISLATION: The 2021/22 Legislative session is approaching and the CALAFCO Legislative Committee has been formed to guide CALAFCO legislative priorities and initiatives. Commissioner Connelly, the Executive Officer and Legal Counsel are voting members of the Legislative Committee. CALAFCO priorities for the coming year include:

- Clarifications to GC56133 (service extensions) that will specifically direct that all service extension exemptions are approved by each local LAFCo as opposed to local agencies "self-exempting" from the law. CALAFCO will join San Diego LAFCo in developing this legislation and related lobbying effort.
- The CALAFCO Protest Provisions working group of which the Executive Officer is a member, has successfully worked with our counterparts in the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to bring forth a bill to re-write the protest provisions in CKH so that they are consolidated and simplified for use. This bill represents no substantial changes to the code.

- The CALAFCO Protest Provisions working group achieved a hard fought and elusive goal of amending the protest provisions in CKH to allow LAFCo initiated proposals to be treated the same as all others by changing the protest threshold from 10% to 25% and establish some guardrails to ensure the LAFCo process offers local agencies a path to corrections before a dissolution or other reorganization. CALAFCO is currently seeking a legislative author for the bill and expects the legislation to be heard and approved this legislative cycle.

APPLICATION ACTIVITY:

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<i>Project Status As of Dec. 28, 2021</i>								
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			In progress
22-01	SFWPA	Dunstone Drive Annexation No. 1	08/06/21	09/08/21	10/07/21	12/16/21	12/20/21	Waiting for SBOE acknowledgement
22-02	SFWPA	Long Bar Road Annexation No. 1	08/06/21	09/08/21	10/07/21	12/16/21	12/20/21	Waiting for SBOE acknowledgement
22-03	SFWPA	Pioneer Trail Annexation No. 1	08/06/21	09/08/21	10/07/21	12/16/21	12/20/21	Waiting for SBOE acknowledgement
22-05	Gridley	W Biggs-Gridley Rd Annexation No. 2	10/12/21	11/01/21				In progress
22-06	Chico	Glenwood Ave Annexation No. 3	10/22/21	11/17/21				In progress
22-07	CALFIRE	Fire Services by Contract - City of Oroville	10/22/21	11/17/21				In progress
22-08	SFWPA	Oro Bangor Hwy Annexation No. 4	10/22/21	11/22/21	01/06/21			In progress
22-09	Chico	Extension of Services - 817 Oak Lawn Ave	11/26/21	N/A	12/02/21	N/A	N/A	Approved- Authorization sent to Chico

Attachments: 1. CALAFCO Quarterly – December 2021

News from the Board of Directors CALAFCO QUARTERLY

December 2021



Greetings from your CALAFCO Board of Directors and Executive Director. As we wind down 2021, the holidays and year-end are a great time to reflect on where we've been and look to the future. We wish you and your families all the best in the coming year.

This Fourth Quarterly Report of 2021 will begin by highlighting the news in our CALAFCO family first, followed by Association updates. It's been a very busy 4th quarter so there's lots of news to report. Happy reading!

LAFCoS in the News

Congratulations on these retirements

This year we've seen a lot of retirements, and this quarter is no different. We want to congratulate two long-time LAFCo leaders on their retirements. Their contributions to CALAFCO and to LAFCos statewide are far too numerous to list here. Needless to say, they both leave huge shoes to fill and will be greatly missed. We wish them both all the best in their retirement!

After a 35-year LAFCo career, **Roseanne Chamberlain**,



Amador LAFCo Executive Officer (EO), is retiring. Roseanne began her LAFCo career as a public member Commissioner for Sacramento LAFCo. She served on the CALAFCO Board for 6 years with 2 of those years as Chair of the Board. Her distinguished career also includes work as

EO and Interim EO for several LAFCos. In 2013, Roseanne was the recipient of CALAFCO's Distinguished Service Award.

Also calling it time to retire this month is San Mateo LAFCo Executive Officer (EO) **Martha Poyatos**. Her LAFCo career began 28 years ago in San Mateo and she's done it all there from commission clerk to analyst and EO. In 2008, Martha received CALAFCO's Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award. Martha also served two terms as CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer for the coastal region from 2018-2021.



Los Angeles LAFCo Commissioner Retires

Long-time **LA LAFCo** commissioner **Richard Close**, the San Fernando Valley public member, retired after 25 years of service. Commissioner Close was re-appointed to consecutive four-year terms for more than two decades. He served with distinction, even surviving a challenge to his position on the Commission, given that he was a long-standing proponent of the proposed secession of the San Fernando Valley from the City of Los Angeles. Fellow commissioners lauded Commissioner Close's intellect, integrity, and independence in representing the San Fernando Valley.

Amador LAFCo Announces New Executive Officer

Amador LAFCo announced the hiring of **Kris Berry** as the new Executive Officer (EO). Kris retired earlier this year as the EO of Placer LAFCo.

San Mateo LAFCo Announces Interim Executive Officer

Rob Bartoli will transition to the Interim EO position for San Mateo LAFCo effective January 1, with the departure of Martha.

Napa LAFCo Announces New Quarterly Newsletter

Napa LAFCo began a Quarterly Newsletter earlier this year. The newsletter features local LAFCo news of note and what's on the horizon. You can find it on their website.

San Diego LAFCo Welcomes New Analyst

Carolanne Ieromnimon recently joined the San Diego LAFCo team. She started with San Diego LAFCo earlier this year as an intern and is now a full-time Analyst.



CALAFCO Educational Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING CALAFCO EDUCATIONAL EVENTS!

CALAFCO 2022 STAFF WORKSHOP

Join us **March 23- 25** at the **Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport** when we **FINALLY** get LAFCo staff together for the Workshop. It's been so long since we've gathered in person and the time is finally here! All Workshop details including info about the program, registration and hotel reservations will be posted on the CALAFCO website the first week of January.

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Deadline to register for the Workshop is March 9 and hotel reservation cutoff date is February 22.

CALAFCO UNIVERSITY

We are pleased to continue offering webinars at no cost to our members. We have two **CALAFCO U webinars** scheduled for the first quarter 2022, so **mark your calendars!**



First up on **January 10** is *The Property Tax Elements of Jurisdictional Changes and Fiscal Reviews*. Our property tax expert will share resource reports such as trends of value change, revenue calculations, and budget forecast tools that are useful resources for LAFCoS when conducting MSRs. Other panelists will share case studies and perspectives on budget forecasting. Registration for this session closes January 5.

Scheduled for **February 23** is a session on *Best Practices for Hiring in the New World (Post-Pandemic)*. We will feature a labor/employment law attorney, recruiting firm executive, and an Executive Officer, all of whom will share the myriad of things we need to know as we navigate the new (and wild) labor market seeking the best candidates in this post-pandemic world.

Details for all CALAFCO University courses are on the CALAFCO website.

2021 CALAFCO Achievement Award Recipients

CALAFCO Congratulates the 2021 Annual Achievement Award Recipients

We wish to congratulate all of this year's nominees, and especially those who received a 2021 Achievement Award.

- ❖ Outstanding Commissioner - **Olin Woods** (Yolo LAFCo)
- ❖ Outstanding LAFCo Professional - **Crystal Craig** (Riverside LAFCo)
- ❖ Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member - **Planwest Partners**
- ❖ Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service (protection of ag/open space land & urban sprawl prevention) - **Napa LAFCo, City and County of Napa and Senator Bill Dodd**
- ❖ Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service (innovation, collaboration, outreach) - **Yolo LAFCo**
- ❖ Lifetime Achievement - **Jerry Gladbach** (LA LAFCo)



CALAFCO Board of Directors

CALAFCO Board and Regional Officer Changes

Results of the October CALAFCO Board of Directors elections netted several new Board members for 2022. Earlier this month, Board member **David West** (Imperial LAFCo) who held the southern region public member seat, resigned from the Board. With a term set to expire October 2022, at their January 21 meeting the Board will appoint a replacement to fill that unexpired term.

Current Board members include:

Northern: **Bill Connelly** (Butte), **Blake Inscore** (Del Norte), **Debra Lake** (Humboldt) and **Josh Susman** (Nevada).
Southern: **Mike Kelley** (Imperial), **Jo MacKenzie** (San Diego) and **Acquanetta Warren** (San Bernardino).
Coastal: **Chris Lopez** (Monterey), **Mike McGill** (Contra Costa), **Margie Mohler** (Napa) and **Shane Stark** (Santa Barbara).
Central: **Gay Jones** (Sacramento), **Daron McDaniel** (Merced), **Anita Paque** (Calaveras) and **Daniel Parra** (Fresno).

In October the Board said goodbye to **David Couch** (Humboldt) and **Tom Murray** (San Luis Obispo). We thank them for their service and many contributions to CALAFCO.

Additionally, at their November meeting the Board approved the new Coastal and Central region DEO appointments. We welcome **Dawn Mittleman Longoria** (Napa) and **José Henríquez** (Sacramento) to the team. We thank outgoing DEOs **Christine Crawford** (Yolo) and **Martha Poyatos** (San Mateo) for their service.

CALAFCO Board 2022 Officers and Committees

At the October 8 meeting, the CALAFCO Board elected their officers for 2022 as follows:

Chair - **Anita Paque** (Calaveras - central)
Vice Chair - **Bill Connelly** (Butte - northern)
Treasurer - **Margie Mohler** (Napa - coastal)
Secretary - **Acquanetta Warren** (San Bernardino - southern)

They also appointed members to the 2022 standing committees as follows:

Legislative Committee

Bill Connelly (North)
Anita Paque (Central)
Jo MacKenzie (South)
Mike McGill (Coastal)
Gay Jones (At-Large)
Margie Mohler (a) (At-Large)
Michael Kelley (a) (South)
Chris Lopez (a) (Coastal)
Daron McDaniel (a) (Central)
Josh Susman (a) (North)

Elections Committee

Bill Connelly
Jo MacKenzie (Chair)
Margie Mohler
Daniel Parra

Awards Committee

Blake Inscore (Chair)
Debra Lake
Daniel Parra
Shane Stark
Acquanetta Warren



2022 Annual Conference

Gay Jones
Daron McDaniel
Mike McGill
Josh Susman

CALAFCO BOARD ACTIONS

The Board met virtually on October 8 and appointed the staff members of the 2022 Legislative and Advisory Committees. In addition to the actions noted on page 2 of this Report, they also adopted their 2022 annual meeting calendar and approved the FY 2020-21 annual tax filings.



They met virtually on November 12 with a full agenda. Under the leadership of *Chair Anita Paque*, the Board took a number of actions.

- ✓ **The FY 2021-22 quarterly financial reports were received.** Revenues for the first quarter were mostly on track and expenses were far below the 24% point.
- ✓ **Received the annual Administrative and Operational Report.** This is an annual item as part of corporation best practice.
- ✓ **Approved amendments/updates to the CALAFCO Legislative Policies, Priorities and Issues of Interest.** All recommended changes by the Legislative Committee were approved and adopted.
- ✓ **Considered and reaffirmed legislative priorities for 2022.** The Board considered an additional proposal received from San Diego LAFCo to sponsor a bill making changes to Gov. Code Sec. 56430, requiring all LAFCos to consider Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) in a 21-day noticed public hearing and all affected service providers to place the MSR on their meeting agenda for discussion. Given the Board previously approved the sponsorship of three (3) bills for 2022, this proposal was tabled for reconsideration again next year.

The Board's direction to staff in terms of 2022 legislative priorities include sponsoring the annual Omnibus bill, co-sponsoring changes to §56133 with San Diego LAFCo (an item tabled in 2021), and to proceed with wrapping up the work of the protest provision rewrite working group.

- ✓ **Closed session held to approve 2-month contract for Pamela Miller as Executive Director.** In closed session the Board approved a contract for Pamela Miller for Jan-Feb 2022 as a contract Executive Director (transitioning from employee), with limited hours of approx. 20 per week. There was also discussion about priorities during this critical transition period.

All Board meeting documents are on the CALAFCO website.

CALAFCO Administrative Update

The **2021 CKH Guides** are now available. You can download an electronic copy from the CALAFCO website. Pre-orders for printed hard copies are now being accepted. You will find all the details on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.



We will be updating the **CALAFCO Member Directory** in the next two months, so watch for an email from us requesting your changes.

CALAFCO Legislative Update

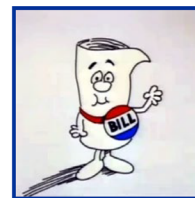


January 3, 2022 marks the start of the second year in the 2-year legislative cycle. Once again the year is expected to be wild and unpredictable. The State has a large budget surplus which is creating all kinds of early budget negotiating, as is the influx of Federal money.

Legislators will hit the ground running trying to move the large number of left-over 2-year bills through committee in January to meet deadlines. That action, along with introduction of new bills for the year, sets the table for a very busy January.

All bills being tracked by CALAFCO can be found on the CALAFCO website inside the Legislation section of the site (log in with your member id first to access this section). CALAFCO's position on all bills is reflected there, and any letters issued by CALAFCO are posted. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee meets regularly and all meeting materials are located in the Legislation section of the CALAFCO website.

Watch for the two Local Government Committee and OPR year-end legislative reports coming soon!





CALAFCO Associate Members' Corner



This section is dedicated to highlighting our Associate Members. The information below is provided to CALAFCO by the Associate member upon joining the Association. All Associate member information can be found in the CALAFCO Member Directory.

We are pleased to acknowledge our **Gold Associate Members** in this edition and thank all our Associate Members for their support and partnership.

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Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC's attorneys are among just a few in California with deep expertise in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The firm currently serves as general counsel to Calaveras, San Diego and Yuba LAFCos and as alternate counsel to several other LAFCos on matters as to which their general counsels have conflicts of interest. The Firm's attorneys also serve as special counsel to LAFCos throughout the state and have deep litigation expertise representing LAFCos in court. **Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC** has been a Gold Associate member since July 2008. Learn more about them at www.chwlaw.us.

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CV Strategies

CV Strategies is a dedicated team helping companies with strategic planning, communications and training. **CV Strategies** joined the CALAFCO team as a Gold Associate Member in the fall of 2016. To learn more about their team and the services they offer, visit them at www.cvstrategies.com or contact Erin Kaiman at erin@cvstrat.com.



CALAFCO wishes to thank all of our Associate Members for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing to highlight you in future Quarterly Reports.

Did You Know??



CALAFCO Webinars & Courses Archived

Did you know that all **CALAFCO Webinar recordings** on archived on the **CALAFCO website** and available at no cost for on-demand viewing? Visit the CALAFCO website in the CALAFCO Webinars section (log in as a member first). **There are now 49 CALAFCO U courses archived and 15 webinars are archived and available for on-demand viewing!**

Meeting Documents Online

Did you know that all **CALAFCO Board of Directors and Legislative Committee meeting documents** are online? Visit the Boards & Committees pages in the Members Section of the site. Board documents cover 2008 to present and Legislative Committee documents span 2007 to present.

Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming CALAFCO Events

- ❖ CALAFCO U webinar on Rev & Tax Sharing - 1/10
- ❖ CALAFCO Board meeting - 1/21 (Sacto)
- ❖ CALAFCO Leg meeting - 1/28 (virtual)
- ❖ CALAFCO U webinar on Best Hiring Practices - 2/23
- ❖ CALAFCO Leg meeting - 3/11 (virtual)
- ❖ CALAFCO Staff Workshop - 3/23 - 3/25 (Newport Beach)



The **CALAFCO 2022 Calendar of Events** can be found on the CALAFCO website.

Happy New Year
2022