

MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4.5 – Discussion Regarding the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Business Items.**

DATE: May 28, 2013 for the meeting of June 6, 2013

Annual Conference

Staff is seeking Commissioners interest in attending the Annual Conference to be held **Wednesday, August 28 through Friday, August 30, 2013** in North Lake Tahoe. This is the 50 year anniversary of the creation of LAFCOs in July 1963 and the conference theme is titled “*Clarity of Vision: The Golden Age of LAFCO*”. The Annual Conference is a great opportunity to interact with Commissioners and staff from around the state and gain valuable insight into the perspectives and practices of the many diverse LAFCOs. More topical information will be provided as it becomes available.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider conference attendance and direct staff to make necessary arrangements.

CALAFCO Board of Directors Elections

Nominations are now open for the fall elections of the Board of Directors. Serving on the CALAFCO Board is a unique opportunity to work with other commissioners throughout the state on legislative, fiscal and operational issues that affect us all. The Board meets four times each year at alternate sites around the state. The time commitment is small and the rewards great! Any LAFCo commissioner or alternate commissioner is eligible to run for a Board seat.

Directors are elected for staggered 2 year terms each year at the Annual Conference and serve by region and by appointment category (cities, county, districts, public). The North Region, of which Butte is a member, will have two board seats open for nominations in the special district and county member categories. Currently these seats are held by district representative Duncan (Butte) and county representative Griego (Yuba). The deadline for nominations is **July 29, 2013**. One fundamental change to the election process initiated by staff and championed by Commissioner/Director Duncan was to allow LAFCOs to vote absentee by email thus removing the requirement to attend the annual conference which prevented rural LAFCOs with limited or no staff from participating. This option increases the opportunities for North Region participation.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider nominating members for these seats and direct staff to complete all necessary documents for submission.

Annual Achievement Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 CALAFCO Achievement Awards which must be submitted by **Tuesday, July 9, 2013**, and will be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Banquet on Thursday, **August 29**. The award categories shown below recognize outstanding achievements by dedicated individuals and organizations to LAFCo goals and principles. Butte LAFCo received the Project of the Year award in 2010 and Chair Leverenz received the Distinguished Service Award in 2011 acknowledging his 38 years of service to LAFCo.

Outstanding CALAFCO Member: Recognizes a CALAFCO Board Member or staff person who has provided exemplary service during the past year.

Distinguished Service Award: Given to a member of the LAFCo community to recognize long-term service by an individual.

Most Effective Commission: Presented to an individual Commission to recognize innovation, streamlining, and/or initiative in implementing LAFCo programs.

Outstanding Commissioner: Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission.

Outstanding LAFCo Professional: Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, or Legal Counsel for exemplary service during the past year.

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Presented for service above and beyond the call of duty.

Project of the Year Recognition for a project-specific program that involved complex staff analysis, community involvement, or an outstanding solution.

Government Leadership Award: Presented to a decision-making body at any level of government which has furthered good government efforts in California.

Legislator of the Year Presented to a member of the California Legislature in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCo goals.

Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award: Presented to an individual who has taken extraordinary steps to improve and innovate local government.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider awards nominations and direct staff to complete all necessary documents for submission.