

## 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:** September 1, 2015 for the meeting of September 9, 2015

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**ADMINISTRATION:** Staff distributed a call for nominations for a Special District *Alternate* Member to replace Wes Gilbert whose seat was vacated (no longer eligible). The existing term for the *Alternate* Member will expire in May of 2017. The nomination period was open June 23, 2015 through August 28, 2015. The only nomination submitted was from the Paradise Park and Recreation District nominating Director Al McGreehan. As the only nomination, a mailed ballot election is not warranted and Mr. McGreehan will assume the Special District alternate seat at the Commission's September 9, 2015 meeting.

**PROJECT NOTES:** Biggs MSR/SOI Update (File No. 15-08MS). Staff has been reviewing the Administrative Draft Municipal Service Review/Sphere of Influence Update prepared in cooperation with the City planning staff. It is anticipated that the draft documents will be ready for public review in early October and consideration by the Commission at a noticed public hearing in November.

**CALAFCO:**

**STAFF:** The CALAFCO Board of Directors confirmed the appointment of the Butte LAFCo Executive Officer to serve as the CALAFCO Executive Officer for a two year term at its July 30, 2015 meeting.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Commissioners Duncan and Connelly have been nominated to serve 2 year terms on the CALAFCO Board. The elections will be held at the CALAFCO Annual Conference on September 3, 2015.

**AWARDS:** CALAFCO awards nominations for the "Most Effective Commission" (Butte), "Project of the Year" (Sewer Service and Annexation Agreement) and "Outstanding LAFCO Professional" (Executive Officer) were submitted and will be announced at the CALAFCO Annual Conference on September 3, 2015.

**OTHER:** The 2015 CALAFCO Report to the Membership is attached for review. This report is a highlight reel of significant events related to CALAFCO.

**LEGISLATION:** See Attachment 2

**GENERAL NOTES:** None

**APPLICATION ACTIVITY** See Exhibit 1

Attachments: 1. CALAFCO 2015 Report to the Membership  
2. Assembly Local Government Committee Legislative Update

## CALAFCO REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

### Dear CALAFCO Members:

We are proud to report the progress of our Association during the past year. CALAFCO continues as a strong, vibrant educational resource to members and as an advocate for LAFCo and LAFCo principles to statewide decision makers. We are pleased that awareness of and interest in CALAFCO, in Sacramento and throughout the state, is growing. In 2014/2015 the Association maintained a high level of educational services as well as a vigorous agenda of legislative issues. We remain proud of both the program quality and participation in the Staff Workshop and the CALAFCO U courses. Sacramento LAFCo and the Annual Conference planning committee have done an outstanding job with the 2015 Conference. Finally, the Association remains on solid financial ground. The 2015/2016 adopted budget not only maintains member service levels, but in some instances increases them, retains a healthy reserve, and allows us the opportunity to reinvest into the membership.

Our achievements continue to be the result of the dedicated efforts of the many volunteer LAFCo staff who contribute their time and expertise. The Board is grateful to the Commissions that support their staff as they serve in the CALAFCO educational and legislative roles on behalf of all LAFCos. We are also grateful to the Associate Members and event sponsors that help underwrite the educational mission of the Association and allow us to keep registration fees as low as possible.

Early in 2015, your Board of Directors held our biennial strategic planning retreat. This year we took a long look into the future of the Association and the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead in three to five years. With that vision in mind, we looked at the structural components of the organization, considered the evolution of the Association over our 44 year history, and gave careful consideration to the growing and evolving needs of our membership. We realized that the supporting structure of the organization must also evolve to meet those needs. We adopted a very aggressive and robust strategic plan for 2015-2016 and believe the components of this strategic plan will create even more value for you, our members. In this report we highlight the activities of the last year and look a bit into the future.

### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AND COMMUNICATION

CALAFCO educational and information sharing-services are the Board's top priority for member services. The Association focuses its resources in four areas: the Staff Workshop, Annual Conference, CALAFCO University courses, and electronic resources including the web site, quarterly reports and the member list-serves.

#### *Staff Workshop and Annual Conference*

We continued the tradition of quality education programming with the Staff Workshop held in Grass Valley in April and the Annual Conference in Sacramento in September. The Workshop, hosted by Nevada LAFCo, brought together 90 LAFCo staff from around the state for a three-day workshop at the Holiday Inn Express and Grass Valley Courtyard Suites. There were 38 LAFCos and 5 associate member organizations represented. An exceptionally diverse program centered on the theme "*After the Gold Rush: Forging the Future and Preserving the Past*". This year's program included a range of both technically-oriented topics and professional development topics. We began with a general session panel on Governor Brown's plans for California's future, followed by a series of concurrent sessions including topics such as options for consolidation, a close look at fire districts, Spheres and CEQA, innovative website management, performance measures, public agency audits, and processing applications. Other topics included dealing with difficult behaviors, engaging the public, improving presentation skills, and how to effectively utilize outside consultants. Honoring the special history and culture of the region, the unique mobile workshop took us to Nevada Irrigation District's Scotts Flat Dam and Powerhouse, followed by a visit to Empire Mine State Park. Attendees enjoyed a special dinner during the workshop at the historic Miner's Foundry in Nevada City. The workshop closed with another unique legislative panel consisting of legislative representatives of our sister Associations League of CA Cities, CSAC, and CSDA. We would like to thank *Paul Novak* (Los Angeles LAFCo) who chaired the Program Committee, our Hosts *SR Jones* and *Deborah Gilcrest* (Nevada LAFCo), and all who worked to make this an outstanding staff workshop.



Approximately 250 LAFCo commissioners, staff and guests are expected at the 2015 Conference in Sacramento. Hosted by Sacramento LAFCo and held downtown at the Hyatt Regency, just near the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers, the program centers on the theme “*Confluence...LAFCo – Merging Ideas With Solutions!*”, and includes a range of content-rich sessions focused on how LAFCos can merge innovative and creative ideas with solutions as we face California’s greatest challenges. Opening General Sessions include a panel of Governor Brown’s top cabinet members discussing the confluence of agriculture, planning and resources, followed by a look at the implementation of last year’s historic groundwater legislation and how LAFCos could be affected. Other sessions include a unique look at broadband, climate change, urban growth boundaries, financing municipal services, fiscal analysis tools, and LAFCo and California’s changing culture. The conference will open with a special ceremony to include the Sacramento Firefighters Local 552 Honor Guard and Sacramento Firefighters Pipes and Drums, and close with a unique session on effective leadership in times of uncertainty, followed by our powerful and informative legislative update that includes panelists from both the Assembly Local Government Committee (ALGC) and CALAFCO’s Legislative Committee.



The mobile workshop includes a visit to the actual confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers, a tour of the largest and most

progressive inland wastewater treatment plant west of the Mississippi, followed by lunch at the historic Sugar Mill.

Again this year we opened up the LAFCo 101 session for attendance to those who are not attending the full conference at a deeply discounted rate. This allows agencies to send staff and elected officials to this very special 2-hour session on understanding and applying the basics of LAFCo.

We acknowledge and thank Sacramento LAFCo for hosting the Conference, their staff for all of their hard work: *Peter Brundage, Don Lockhart and Diane Thorpe*, the Conference Committee Chair *Gay Jones* (Sacramento), the Program Committee Chair *David Church* (San Luis Obispo), and all who are working on the Program Committee to make this an outstanding Conference.

### ***CALAFCO University***

Effective this year, there are now two CALAFCO U courses scheduled each year. The courses allow staff, commissioners and other interested parties to explore in depth LAFCo processes, policies and actions. The final session for 2014 was December 8 in Sacramento and featured an impressive panel of LAFCo attorneys who guided us through the *Legal Interpretations of CKH*. This session saw 59 attendees from around the state. In June of this year, 28 people gathered in Orange County to hear an all-star panel of LAFCo Executive Officers and Legal Counsel discuss LAFCo and litigation. The final course for 2015 is set for October 26 in Sacramento and will focus on the implementation of SB 88, the legislation that authorized the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to mandate consolidation of water systems.



These courses are possible only with the volunteer efforts of LAFCo staff and Associate members. Thank you to all who contributed to the classes. A special thanks to *Paul Novak* (Los Angeles LAFCo), *Marjorie Blom* (Stanislaus LAFCo) and *Kris Berry* (Placer LAFCo) who have been coordinating CALAFCO U this year.

### ***Accreditations***

CALAFCO’s educational activities continue to be accredited by the American Planning Association to provide AICP credits for certified planners. This benefit is provided at no cost to LAFCo staff and helps them maintain their certifications. In addition, both the Conference and Workshop have sessions for LAFCo counsel that have been accredited for MCLE credits by the California Bar.



### *Web Site*

The CALAFCO web site is a vital resource for both LAFCos and the community with questions about local government in California. The site consistently attracts between 5,500 and 6,500 visits per week. The vast majority of the visits are for the reference and resource materials found on the site and referral information to member LAFCos.

Earlier this year, we approved a complete revision and update of the web site, along with a move to a more stable host and the addition of technical support. After an extensive Request for Proposals process, an all-in-one service provider was selected and work will get underway shortly after the annual conference. CALAFCO will seek input and feedback from members to ensure the design is user-friendly and meets the evolving needs of the membership.

### *List-Serves*

The list-serves maintained by the Association continue to be an important communication and information sharing tool among LAFCo staff. In total, we maintain eight list serves to help members share information, materials, and expertise. The List-Serves for executive officers, analysts, clerks and counsel discussions remain the most popular and serve to foster the sharing of information and resources.

### *Quarterly Updates*

After each Board meeting, the Association's executive director creates and distributes through the list serves a quarterly report on the activities of the Board and Association. These quarterly reports were enhanced this year to contain more information, and a special feature highlighting various Associate Members was added. The quarterly reports were enhanced as *The Sphere* is now an annual newsletter. These bulletins provide informational updates in a timelier manner and at less cost to the Association.

### *White Paper*

In January of this year, we released an update to the 2008 publication of *The Metamorphosis of Special Districts*. We thank Best Best & Krieger for their work on this white paper.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

This year CALAFCO sponsored two bills, responded to a host of bills that impacted LAFCos, were asked by two different legislators to act as a technical advisor on their respective bills, and were extensively involved in discussions with the administration on water-related issues (conversations with the SWRCB continue). Due to our efforts to help solve problems and resolve issues constructively, CALAFCO continues to be a sought-after resource to legislative committees, members and staff, and to state agencies.

The CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Committee) began work in November and met regularly throughout the year. Based on legislative priorities set by the Board last year, the focus this year was on shepherding legislation that cleans up the disincorporations statutes, drafting the next set of changes to the protest provisions, and seeking an author for a bill that strengthens the relationship between LAFCos and JPAs. In addition, we put a great deal of effort into our annual Omnibus bill.

This year, the Omnibus bill, **AB 1532**, which was signed by the Governor on July 15, contained nine different changes to Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg (CKH) such as clarifying several definitions, making changes to obsolete and incorrect code references, and making minor updates to several outdated sections. Along the way, two additional items were removed from the bill during the extensive stakeholder review process due to concerns by at least one stakeholder. Further, late in the cycle of the bill, another item was removed due to late-breaking opposition. The Committee will consider this item again next year, likely as a stand-alone bill. We are grateful for the efforts of Committee member **Paul Novak** (Los Angeles LAFCo) and ALGC associate consultant **Misa Lennox** for their efforts on shepherding this bill, and to all of you who did the work of submitting proposals for insertion into the Omnibus.



The other CALAFCO sponsored bill is **AB 851** (*Mayes*). This bill cleans up the outdated disincorporations statutes. Beginning as a draft created by a working group (including Kathy Rollings-McDonald, Carolyn Emery, George Spiliotis, Paula de Sousa, Kris Berry, John Leopold and Misa Lennox), the proposed legislation was vetted several times in the Committee before being introduced. The bill required extensive outreach and collaboration with stakeholders and after a total of six published amendments, CALAFCO obtained the full support of all stakeholders with no current opposition. The bill has passed the Assembly and every committee with unanimous support. Additionally, the bill has garnered four co-authors. We wish to thank Kathy Rollings-McDonald for her technical expertise at capitol hearings and in meetings with stakeholders.

Highlights of the two bills for which CALAFCO was asked to be a technical advisor for are:

- **AB 3** (*Williams*) This bill would authorize the establishment of the Isla Vista Community Services District by requiring the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara to submit a resolution of application to the Santa Barbara LAFCo, and, upon direction by the commission, place the questions of whether the district should be established and whether a utility user tax should be imposed on the ballot at the next countywide election following the completion of the LAFCo review. The bill, as written and amended numerous times, does not give the Santa Barbara LAFCo the authority to make the final determination of the formation of the district, but rather gives that authority to the voters. CALAFCO's position remains *Oppose Unless Amended*, given our policies on preserving LAFCo authority. Despite that position, the author's office sought technical assistance and feedback from CALAFCO over the past several months.
- **AB 402** (*Dodd*) This bill creates a five-year pilot opportunity for Napa and San Bernardino LAFCo Commissions to authorize an extension of services outside boundaries and spheres to support existing or planned uses pending the commission's determination that (1) a service deficiency was identified and evaluated in a MSR; and (2) the extension of services will not result in adverse impacts on open space or ag lands or have growth inducing impacts. CALAFCO previously considered (over an extensive period of time) amending GC §56133, and twice (in 2011 and again in 2013) the CALAFCO Board of Directors decided not to pursue those amendments. CALAFCO has maintained a position of *No Position* on this bill, due to the lack of consensus on the core policy issue, and the author has not accepted any amendments that would cause CALAFCO to change that position to a less favorable one.

Other bills on which we worked include:

- **SB 239** (*Hertzberg*) CALAFCO has worked extensively with the author's office on this very difficult bill, which has changed dramatically since its introduction. Also focusing on amending CG § 56133, the bill concentrates specifically on the extension of fire services and requires LAFCo approval on any contract for the extension of fire services that transfers greater than 25% of the service area or changes the employment status of more than 25% of employees of any affected agencies. Prior versions of the bill required union pre-approval of the agreement, with the current version offering an alternative to that requirement. The bill also contains a host of other provisional requirements including setting a precedent for a state agency to seek LAFCo approval prior to undertaking an action that involves the provision of services outside of a public agency's current service area under contract or agreement. CALAFCO's original position of *Oppose* was changed to one of *No Position* (again due to lack of consensus on the core policy issue) after substantive changes were made by the author. However, many concerns remain and CALAFCO continues to work with the author's staff on technical amendments.

### *Water talks*

#### **AB 115 and SB 88**

In March, CALAFCO met with OPR, the SWRCB and several members of the Governor's staff to discuss the concept of water system consolidations. This was in response to the Safe Drinking Water Plan Draft of October 2014 and the CA Water Action Plan Implementation Report of January 2015. Following that, we heard from them again in May to advise us the administration had put together a budget trailer bill on consolidations as a part of the drought relief package. After several meetings with the administration, held



both separately and with other stakeholders over a very short period of time, CALAFCO issued a 4-page letter of concern to OPR and the SWRCB. That same day the stakeholders gathered and strategized how to collectively oppose and lobby. On May 29, CALAFCO issued an official *Oppose* letter. In addition, a coalition of stakeholders issued an *Oppose* letter and began meeting with legislators and staffers in the capitol. CALAFCO met again with OPR and the SWRCB as well as the staffers of the Senate Governance & Finance and Assembly Local Government Committees.

Ultimately, both bills grant the SWRCB with authority to mandate the consolidation of water systems – public, small state and individual wells, as a response to the drought. The bill was narrowed to have the Board focus only on those located in disadvantaged communities. The SWRCB will identify those systems that have either run out of water or are undrinkable due to water quality issues, then mandate them to consolidate. It is unclear how they will prioritize their targeted entities, or how many they plan to execute. The SWRCB is to hold a hearing and make findings and once the consolidation is ordered, provide financial assistance for infrastructure (although no operations and maintenance funding) and provide compensation in the form of fair market value for the subsumed system.

Throughout the process, CALAFCO offered a host of options for the SWRCB to consider and raised countless questions and concerns, most of which were dismissed based on the language adopted in the bill. Ultimately, **AB 115** was heard in the Senate Budget Committee after being published all of 90 minutes, and was pushed through to the Senate floor. Simultaneously, **SB 88** (identical to **AB 115**) was rushing its way through and Assembly floor and back over to the Senate, where it quickly passed and found itself on the Governor's desk and signed on June 24.

Since the passage of **SB 88**, CALAFCO met with the SWRCB to discuss implementation of the legislation. There was some agreement on what "Consulting with LAFCo" should look like, and it remains to be seen how the process will actually work. In addition, we are working with members of the legislature and their staff on policy clean-up legislation. CALAFCO is committed to continuing to work with the SWRCB in creating a workable implementation process, and plans to have the focus of the October CALAFCO U be on the implementation of **SB 88**.

For a complete list of CALAFCO bills, please visit the CALAFCO website. Information is updated daily.

## FINANCIAL POLICIES AND REPORTING

The Association continues to stand on a strong financial base. The Board maintains policies and current filings which are in compliance with all federal and state requirements for 501(c)(3) organizations. The CALAFCO Policy Manual, IRS Form 990 and other key Association documents are available on the CALAFCO web site. The Association also maintains its records with the national non-profit reporting organization, GuideStar ([www.guidestar.com](http://www.guidestar.com)). In 2015 CALAFCO once again earned the *GuideStar Exchange Gold Seal* in recognition of its transparency and completeness in documentation.

All financial records are reviewed quarterly by an outside CPA with reports to the Treasurer and the Board. The Board also reviews the annual IRS Form 990 tax filing prepared by the CPA and staff.

### *2015-16 Budget*

The Board continues to manage the financial resources of the Association closely. This year LAFCo dues were increased by the CPI as authorized in the Association Bylaws. While only a 2.0% increase, the Board felt it was necessary to keep up with the increasing costs of operating the Association. The dues have not been raised beyond the CPI since FY 2008-2009, and, until FY 2012-2013 when they were raised by the CPI, dues remained stable at the 2008-09 rates.

The adopted budget for 2015-16 provides for several changes from the 2014-15 budget. The close of the fiscal year showed a slightly greater year-end balance than anticipated in the adopted budget, allowing the Association to once again avoid the use of reserve. The budget adopted in May 2015 is \$418,807, which includes a carry-over net balance and contingency fund of \$69,725. The year-end fiscal report indicates a greater than anticipated net balance of \$76,790. This is due in part to a very profitable annual conference and staff workshop, as well as diligent fiscal management on the part of staff. The Board approved several small

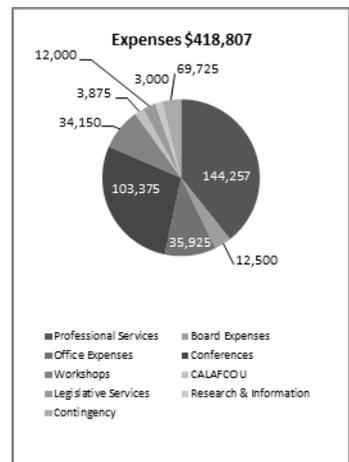
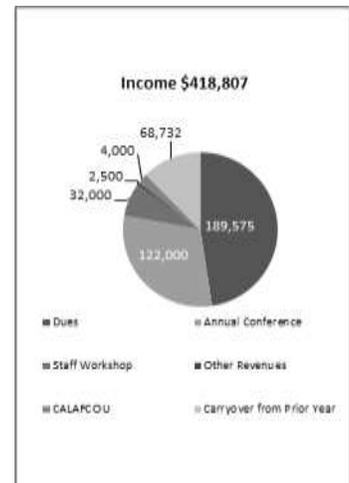
allowances for the use of Contingency funds during the last fiscal year and we are happy to report that the records retention project led to thousands of documents in hundreds of files being scanned and archived electronically. In addition, the CALAFCO office purchased new printers and office equipment, and there was a need for outside legal counsel. In total, \$17,059 of Contingency funds were spent, which is 41% of the total Contingencies. For the current fiscal year, Contingency funds will be used to fund several additional projects that will create high value for the membership. First, we will be completely revising and updating the CALAFCO website for a more user-friendly look and feel. Along with the new site, we are adding ongoing technical support to assist CALAFCO staff in keeping the site updated and refreshed, and to assist when technical issues arise. Next, we have agreed to produce several white papers in the coming 18 months. These papers will include groundwater management and sustainability and a follow up to the First 25 Years LAFCo Activity Survey to address the

Next 25 Years. In addition, CALAFCO has been approached by the American Farmland Trust to collaborate on a white paper, and by the California Special Districts Association to partner on creating a guide to forming a special district.

During the July Board meeting, after over six months of information gathering and careful deliberation, we made some decisions about the supporting structure of the organization. We are officially adding additional time the Executive Director will work for the Association, in order to better meet the evolving needs of the membership and to sustain the current level of activity and Association visibility. This means a slight impact on member LAFCo dues in the next two fiscal years. Furthermore, starting with the 2017 annual conference, we will hire a sponsorship coordinator to assist us in creating a strong branding message and increase our capacities in adding additional revenue streams.

**Restricted Fund Reserve**

Since 2005 an important goal established by the Board has been to grow and maintain a fund reserve to support member services in uncertain economic times and to avoid the need to tap members for additional funds, as had been done in the past. With an initial goal of 35% of non-conference operating expenses, the reserve balance at the close of the 2014-15 fiscal year was \$150,754, about 72% of the annual operations budget outside of the Conference, Workshop and CALAFCO U. The reserve is not part of the annual budget and requires a vote of the Board to use its funds. The Association has not used the fund reserve since the early 2000s. CALAFCO maintains its funds with the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). While the interest rate has remained low again this year, we have not lost any of the principle in our savings or investments. Last year the Board amended the organization’s policy regarding the reserve fund, changing from having a maximum of 25% held in reserves to having a minimum of 25% held in reserves.



**ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT**

**New Board Members**

Over the course of the past year, two Board members left CALAFCO, and we are grateful for the work of **Ted Novelli** (Amador LAFCo) and **Stephen Tomanelli** (Riverside LAFCo). We have been honored to welcome these two commissioners to the Board:

- **Shiva Frentzen** – El Dorado LAFCo (Central region, County member)
- **Gerard McCallum** – Los Angeles LAFCo (Southern region, Public member)

**New Associate Members**

We are proud to welcome several new Associate members to the Association this past year: *Cucamonga Valley Water District, Marjorie Blom Consulting and Ukiah Valley Sanitation District.*

*A Final Thank You*

Just last month we said goodbye to CALAFCO Executive Officer *Marjorie Blom* who retired as the Stanislaus LAFCo Executive Officer. Marjorie served as the CALAFCO Executive Officer for almost two years and prior to that was the Central region's Deputy Executive Officer for two years. We are happy to report that *Steve Lucas* (Butte LAFCo) has stepped into the role of Executive Officer, and *Kris Berry* (Placer LAFCo) is now the Central region Deputy Executive Officer.

Finally we want to recognize the leadership of our executive director *Pamela Miller* and 2014-2015 executive officer *Marjorie Blom* (Stanislaus LAFCo). Added to that is our appreciation for all the contributions of executive assistant *Jeni Tickler* in the CALAFCO office, deputy executive officers *Steve Lucas* (Butte LAFCo), *Paul Novak* (Los Angeles LAFCo), and *David Church* (San Luis Obispo LAFCo), Legal Counsel *Clark Alsop* (BB&K), and CPA *Jim Gladfelter* (Alta Mesa Group). These people, along with many other volunteers, associate members, and members of the Board have all worked together this year to bring many achievements and a strong Association to you, our Member LAFCos and Associate Members.

Sincerely Yours,

*The CALAFCO Board of Directors*

**Assembly Local Government Committee  
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE  
September 4, 2015**

**LAFCO-Related Bills**

- **AB 3** (Williams) – Establishes a formation process, boundaries, governing body, tax authority, and permissible services for the Isla Vista Community Services District. **SENATE FLOOR.**
- **AB 402** (Dodd) – Establishes a pilot program, until January 1, 2021, for Napa and San Bernardino local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs) to authorize a city or district to extend services outside of boundaries for additional purposes beyond responding to a threat to public health or safety. **SENATE FLOOR.**
- **AB 448** (Brown) – Would have modified the amount of property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees (VLF adjustment amount) allocated to counties and cities to include the growth of assessed property values which benefit cities that have annexed inhabited territory since 2004. **HELD IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**
- **AB 851** (Mayes) – Makes changes to the city disincorporation process in the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**
- **AB 1532** (Assembly Local Government Committee) – Annual Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus bill that makes several minor noncontroversial changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. **SIGNED - Chapter 114, Statutes of 2015.**
- **SB 25** (Roth) – Provides a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, with property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**
- **SB 239** (Hertzberg) – Requires a public agency to receive approval from a LAFCO to provide new or extended fire protections services outside its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to a fire protection contract. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**

**Open Data**

- **AB 169** (Maienschein) – Requires local agencies to use specified open data standards if they maintain an Internet Resource that is described or titled as "open data" and if they choose to post public records on that Internet Resource. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**
- **SB 272** (Hertzberg) – Requires cities, counties, special districts, and joint powers authorities, by July 2016, to create a catalogue of their enterprise systems and make the catalog available to the public, including on the agency's Web site. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**

**Mutual Water Companies**

- **AB 1077** (Holden) – Makes a number of changes to the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act to allow mutual water companies to use teleconferencing as a means to allow eligible persons to access board meetings. **SENATE FLOOR.**
- **AB 656** (Garcia) – Allows a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**

**Budget Bills**

- **AB 113** (Assembly Budget Committee) – Provides specificity to existing law governing the dissolution of redevelopment agencies (RDAs) and the wind-down of their existing activities and obligations. In addition, the measure addresses several ongoing issues relating to state-local fiscal situations. Provides fiscal relief for specified cities in Riverside County incorporated after 2004 which experienced fiscal stress due to lost revenue from the VLF swap, for which they were ineligible, and the loss of the enhanced VLF rate redirected in 2011 to fund public safety realignment. **SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE.**
- **SB 88** (Senate Budget Committee) – Drought Trailer Bill for 2015-16. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to require water systems that are serving disadvantaged communities with unreliable and unsafe drinking water to consolidate with or

receive service from public water systems with safe, reliable, and adequate drinking water.  
**SIGNED – Chapter 27, Statutes of 2015.**

- **SB 552** (Wolk) – Makes changes to the consolidation process established for the State Water Board by SB 88. **ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE.**

**Issues on Deck for Next Session**

- "Drought" Related Issues
- Mutual Water Companies
- Proposition 218
- Open Data/Transparency/Privacy
- Infrastructure Needs (Post-Redevelopment)

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Exhibit 1

<b>Exhibit 1 - APPLICATION ACTIVITY</b>								
<i>Project Status As of August 31, 2015</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
11-22	Oroville	SOI Plan Update	06/21/12	N/A	11/06/14	N/A	N/A	Approved. Final being prepared
15-03	Butte County	CSA No 4 Expansion of Powers	10/06/14	10/13/14	03/05/15			Approved - Final being prepared
15-04	Oroville	South Oroville Annexation No. 1	10/27/14	12/09/14	02/05/15	07/02/15	08/15/15	Approved-Protest Hearing failed
15-05	Oroville	Lower Wyandotte Annexation No. 4	10/27/14	12/09/14	03/05/15	08/10/15		Approved - Processing
15-08	Biggs	MSR/SOI Plan Updates	01/29/15		pending			Incomplete
15-12	Buzztail CSD	Divestiture of Service	03/16/15	05/14/15	07/02/15			Processing
15-14	SFWPA	Foothill Blvd. Annexation No. 07	03/11/15	04/09/15	05/07/15	07/13/15	08/31/15	Approved
15-17	Chico	Chapman Annexation No. 1	04/17/15	05/17/15	07/02/15			Processing- To be Recorded 7/2020
15-18	Chico	Mulberry Annexation No. 1	04/17/15	05/17/15	07/02/15			Processing- To be Recorded 7/2020
15-19	Chico	Ext. of Services - Non Compliant Parcels	05/12/15	N/A	09/09/15	N/A	N/A	
15-20	Chico	West Sacramento Ave Annexation	06/10/15	06/23/15	09/09/15			
15-21	Chico	Ext. of Services - 716 Oak Lawn Avenue	07/13/15	N/A	09/09/15	N/A	N/A	
15-22	Chico	Ext. of Services - 2273 East 8th Street	06/25/15	N/A	09/09/15	N/A	N/A	
SP-57	LAFCo	Gateway at Butte Creek						Consultation