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September 13, 2017

To: LAFCo Commissioners

From: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer

Subject: Legislative Report – Information Only

Bills Currently Being Tracked by the CALAFCO Legislative Committee

As reported previously, CALAFCO has sponsored or co-sponsored three bills this year:

- AB 464 (Gallagher), and AB 979 and AB 1725 (Assembly Local Government Committee). This bill makes necessary technical changes to existing LAFCo law to solidify the current practice of LAFCos approving annexations of territory already receiving services from a local agency through an out-of-area service agreement (Government Code Section 56133). CALAFCO requested letters from local LAFCos requesting the Governor's signature. San Mateo LAFCo's letter was included in July's legislative report. The Governor signed the bill on Monday, July 10.
- AB 1725. This is the annual omnibus bill used by CALAFCO to make non-substantive technical corrections to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. CALAFCO requested letters requesting the Governor's signature. Please see San Mateo LAFCo's attached letter. As of the writing of this report, the Governor has not signed the bill.
- AB 979 (CALAFCO co-sponsored with the California Special Districts Association.) This bill proposes to streamline the process to seat special districts on LAFCos and also includes language requiring LAFCos to assist independent special district selection committees with the consolidated countywide redevelopment agency oversight board appointment process. CALAFCO requested letters requesting the Governor's signature. Please see San Mateo LAFCo's attached letter. The Governor signed the bill on September 1, 2017.

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Other Bills of Interest to LAFCos

- SB 448 (Wieckowski) provides a mechanism to identify inactive special districts and requires LAFCos to dissolve the inactive districts via an expedited process. The bill contains other provisions requiring the State Controller to publish a list of all independent special districts and a list of all inactive special districts. Since its introduction, the bill has been amended to remove all requirements regarding idle special districts. Please see San Mateo LAFCo's attached letter. This bill is on the Governor's desk for signature.
- AB 1728 (Assembly Local Government Committee) would require health care districts to adopt annual budgets, establish and maintain a website with certain required content, and adopt policies for grant-making activities. This bill is currently on the Governor's desk for signature.

Note: The last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills is October 15, 2017.

Attachments: AB 1725 Request to Sign Letter
AB 979 Request to Sign Letter
SB 448 Support Letter
Legislative Daily Report 9-12-2017

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September 7, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor
State of California
California State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **Request to Sign AB 1725 – Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill**

Dear Governor Brown:

The San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) respectfully requests that you sign **Assembly Bill 1725** (Assembly Local Government Committee), which is now before you for action. **AB 1725** makes changes and clarifications to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which governs the work of Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCos). These changes are necessary as LAFCos implement the Act and small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. **AB 1725** makes several minor technical changes, corrects obsolete and incorrect code references, and makes minor updates to outdated sections. Without making any policy changes, the revised language greatly clarifies the laws and eliminates outdated and confusing language, thereby creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

Because this legislation helps ensure that the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state, and clearer to all who use the Act, we respectfully urge you to sign **AB 1725**.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martha Poyatos'.

Martha Poyatos
Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
Misa Lennox, Principal Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
Tom Dyer, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary to the Governor
Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
Senator Jerry Hill
Pamela Miller, Executive Director, California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

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August 24, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor
State of California
California State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request to Sign AB 979 (Lackey) – Local Agency Formation Commissions District Representation

Dear Governor Brown:

The San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) respectfully requests that you sign **Assembly Bill 979** (Lackey) which is now before you for action. **AB 979** facilitates streamlining the process of seating special district representation on LAFCos.

The statutory mission of LAFCos is to discourage urban sprawl, preserve agricultural land and open space, encourage the orderly formation and development of local agencies, and ensure the efficient provision of services by those local agencies. By statute, each LAFCo is composed of representatives from the county, cities within the county, and a member of the public (with each seat having an alternate). Special districts have the ability to opt into representation on LAFCos and since 1972, special districts have chosen to obtain representation on 30 of the 58 LAFCos, including San Mateo LAFCo.

Under current law, special districts may acquire representation on a LAFCo if a majority of all special districts in the county adopt a Board resolution supporting such action, with all of them having to be adopted within a one-year period. This can be a time-intensive process requiring resources and an organized effort. **AB 979** simplifies this process by mirroring the existing election process for appointment of LAFCo commissioners through the Independent Special Districts Selection Committee. The change would allow special district representation on LAFCo to be achieved through a more streamlined process while still allowing for each district to vote on the matter. San Mateo LAFCo has firsthand experience adding special district representation to our commission under the cumbersome process set forth in the Cortese Knox Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act.

Simplifying the LAFCo representation process would create a forum for LAFCos and special districts in the 28 counties with no special district representation to more effectively consider participation on LAFCo and provide an opportunity for LAFCos and special districts to work together. We believe special district representation on LAFCo provides a more diverse and balanced decision-making foundation to the LAFCo process.

We respectfully urge you to sign **AB 979**.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martha Poyatos'.

Martha Poyatos
Executive Officer

cc: The Honorable Tom Lackey, Assemblymember
Tom Dyer, Chief Deputy Legislative Secretary to the Governor
Assemblymember Kevin Mullin
Senator Jerry Hill
Pamela Miller, Executive Director, California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

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July 26, 2017

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Senator
California State Senate
California State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **Support of SB 448 (as amended July 17, 2017)**

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

On behalf of the San Mateo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), we have been monitoring your bill **SB 448**. The July 17 amendments remove the remaining LAFCo concerns and as a result, we are pleased to support the bill. We thank you for working closely with the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) to resolve our concerns with the bill.

The proposed authority for LAFCos to dissolve inactive districts as defined in the bill and identified by the State Controller's Office (SCO) through the contemplated streamlined process creates great efficiencies for LAFCo. Further, we support the idea of increased communication and enhanced transparency through LAFCo directly receiving reports from the special districts over which they have authority. Having the SCO clearly identify independent special districts on their website is also a great step in gaining efficiencies and greater transparency at the state level.

Thank you again for taking our concerns into consideration and for your work with CALAFCO on this bill. We are pleased to support **SB 448**.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Poyatos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Martha" and last name "Poyatos" clearly legible.

Martha Poyatos
Executive Officer

cc: Evita Chavez, Legislative Assistant,
Office of Senator Bob Wieckowski

Assemblymember Kevin Mullin

Senator Jerry Hill

Pamela Miller, Executive Director,
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

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[AB 464](#) ([Gallagher R](#)) Local government reorganization.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/10/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2017

Last Amended: 3/14/2017

Status: 7/10/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 43, Statutes of 2017.

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Summary:

Under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, current law requires that an applicant seeking a change of organization or reorganization submit a plan for providing services within the affected territory that includes, among other requirements, an enumeration and description of the services to be extended to the affected territory and an indication of when those services can feasibly be extended. This bill would specify that the plan is required to also include specific information regarding services currently provided to the affected territory, as applicable, and make related changes.

Attachments:

- [CALAFCO Letter Requesting Governor Signature](#)
- [CALAFCO Letter of Support April 2017](#)

Position: Sponsor

Subject: Annexation Proceedings

CALAFCO Comments: This bill makes a fix to Gov. Code Sec. 56653 based on the court finding in the case of The City of Patterson v. Turlock Irrigation District. The court found that because the services were already being provided via an out of area service agreement, the application for annexation was deemed incomplete because it was not a new service to be provided. By making the fix in statute, any pending/future annexation for a territory that is already receiving services via an out of area service agreement will not be in jeopardy.

As amended, corrections were made to: 56653(b)(3) reading "proposed" rather than "provided", and in Government Code Section 56857 an exemption added pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 9608 for territory already receiving electrical service under a service area agreement approved by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 9608.

[AB 979](#) ([Lackey R](#)) Local agency formation commissions: district representation.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/1/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amended: 5/15/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 203, Statutes of 2017.

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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides for the selection of representatives of independent special districts on each local agency formation commission by an independent special district selection committee pursuant to a nomination and election process. This bill would additionally require the executive officer to call and hold a meeting of the special district selection committee upon the adoption of a resolution of intention by the committee relating to proceedings for representation of independent special districts upon the commission pursuant to specified law.

Attachments:

- [CALAFCO Request Governor Signature August 2017](#)
- [CALAFCO Sponsor/Support Letter April 2017](#)

Position: Sponsor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is co-sponsored by CALAFCO and CSDA. As amended, the bill amends code Sec. 56332.5 to streamline the process of seating special districts on LAFCo by mirroring current statute 56332 (the process for electing special district representatives into the special district seats). Keeping the process voluntary, it allows for voting by mail whether or not the district wants to have special districts represented on LAFCo. Further, it will allow for the consolidation of that question with the independent special district selection committee appointment to a countywide redevelopment agency oversight board pursuant to Health and Safety Code 34179 (j)(3).

AB 1361 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.

Current Text: Amended: 9/8/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amended: 9/8/2017

Status: 9/11/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

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9/12/2017 #275 SENATE SEN THIRD READING FILE - ASM BILLS

Summary:

The Municipal Water District Law of 1911 provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts specified powers. Current law permits a district to acquire, control, distribute, store, spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage any water for the beneficial use of the district, its inhabitants, or the owners of rights to water in the district. Current law, upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions, requires a district to provide service of water at substantially the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to the Indian tribe’s lands that are not within a district, as prescribed. This bill would authorize a district to apply to the applicable local agency formation commission to provide this service of water to Indian lands, as defined, that are not within the district.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Oppose letter 09 01 17](#)

[CALAFCO Oppose letter 07 12 17](#)

Position: Oppose

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill allows water districts to provide service to an Indian tribe’s lands that are not within the district boundaries without going through the current statutory process of approval by the local agency formation commission (LAFCo). Amendments were taken by the author during the Senate Governance and Finance Committee hearing July 19 that include LAFCo's ability to apply certain terms and conditions to the application by the water agency and limits the land to be served to lands in trust. However, CALAFCO still has a number of concerns and will continue to work with the author and sponsor.

AB 1725 (Committee on Local Government) Local agency formation.

Current Text: Enrolled: 9/7/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 3/20/2017

Last Amended: 7/20/2017

Status: 9/5/2017-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling. (Ayes 77. Noes 0.).

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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, as specified. The act defines various terms for these purposes, including the term “contiguous,” which the act defines as territory adjacent to territory within the local agency. This bill would instead define “contiguous” as territory that abuts or shares a common boundary with territory within a local agency.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Letter Requesting Governor Signature](#)

[CALAFCO Letter of Support April 2017](#)

Position: Sponsor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This is the annual Omnibus bill. The bill makes only minor, non-substantive technical changes to CKH.

SB 37 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/5/2016 [Text](#)

Introduced: 12/5/2016

Status: 5/26/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/25/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Summary:

Beginning with the 2004–05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, existing law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2017–18 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter Feb 2017](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is identical to SB 817 (Roth, 2016), SB 25 (Roth, 2015) and SB 69 (Roth, 2014) with the exception of the chaptering out language included in the 2016 version (which addressed the companion bill AB 2277 (Melendez, 2016)). The bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2017/18 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

SB 448 (Wieckowski D) Local government: organization: districts.

Current Text: Enrolled: 9/7/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Last Amended: 7/17/2017

Status: 9/11/2017-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 4 p.m.

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Summary:

Current law requires a report of an audit of a special district’s accounts and records made by a certified public accountant or public accountant to be filed with the Controller and the county auditor of the county in which the special district is located within 12 months of the end of the fiscal year or years under examination. This bill would instead require special districts defined by a specified provision to file those audit reports with the Controller and special districts defined by another specified provision to file those audit reports with the Controller and with the local agency formation commission of either the county in which the special district is located or, if the special district is located in 2 or more counties, with each local agency formation commission within each county in which the district is located.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter July 2017](#)

[CALAFCO Oppose Unless Amended Letter](#)

Position: Support

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: As amended on July 17, this bill authorizes LAFCo to dissolve inactive districts (after determining they meet the criteria set forth in the statute) by holding one hearing, without conducting a special study and with the waiver of protest proceedings. The State Controller is required to notify LAFCo when a district is inactive. LAFCo then has 90 days to initiate dissolution, and another 90 days in which to hold the hearing to dissolve. Should the LAFCo determine the district does not meet the criteria, no dissolution occurs and LAFCo notifies the Controller the district is not inactive. Should the LAFCo determine the district does meet the

criteria then it is ordered to be dissolved. The bill also requires a district to provide LAFCo with their audits at the same time they provide them to the Controller.

All of our issues have been resolved with the current version and as a result our position has been changed from Oppose Unless Amended to Support.

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[AB 267](#) **(Waldron R) Community services districts.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/1/2017

Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/1/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Summary:

Current law provides for the organization and powers of community services districts, including the continuation of any community services district, improvement district of a community services district, or zone of a community services district, that was in existence on January 1, 2006. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: According to the author's office this is a spot bill.

[AB 548](#) **(Steinorth R) Omnitrans Transit District.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/4/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2017

Last Amended: 4/4/2017

Status: 4/28/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 3/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Summary:

Would create the Omnitrans Transit District in the County of San Bernardino. The bill would provide that the jurisdiction of the district would initially include the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucaipa, and unspecified portions of the unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino. The bill would authorize other cities in the County of San Bernardino to subsequently join the district.

Position: None at this time

CALAFCO Comments: This bill, as amended, appears to dissolve the Omnitrans JPA and form a new independent special district to be known as the Omnitrans Transit District. The formation process does not include LAFCo. CALAFCO is reaching out to the author's office for more details.

[AB 577](#) **(Caballero D) Disadvantaged communities.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/9/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2017

Last Amended: 3/9/2017

Status: 4/28/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.S. & T.M. on 2/27/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Summary:

Current law defines a disadvantaged community as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income for various purposes, that include, but are not limited to, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, eligibility for certain entities to apply for funds from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, and authorization for a community revitalization and investment authority to carry out a community revitalization plan. This bill would expand the definition of a disadvantaged community to include a community with an annual per capita income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual per capita income.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, this bill is intended to expand the definition of disadvantaged communities to include multi-family households. According to the author's office this will be a two-year bill. CALAFCO will retain a Watch position until any amendments are in print.

AB 645 (Quirk D) Local government: organization: dissolution.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2017

Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/2/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Summary:

Under current law, if a change of organization consists of a dissolution, the commission is required to order the dissolution subject to confirmation of voters if, among other things, the proposal was not initiated by the commission and if a subject agency has not objected to the proposal, the commission has found that, for an inhabited territory protests have been signed by either 25% of the number of landowners within the affected territory who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the territory or 25% of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing or owning land within the affected territory. This bill would decrease that threshold to 10% of the number of landowners within the affected territory who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the territory or 10% of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing or owning land within the affected territory.

Position: Watch

Subject: CKH General Procedures, Disincorporation/dissolution, Special District Consolidations

CALAFCO Comments: According to the author's office this is a spot bill pending the outcome of the Alameda LAFCo special study on Eden Healthcare District. Update: The author's office indicates they will hold off moving this bill. CALAFCO will continue to Watch.

AB 892 (Waldron R) Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.

Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amended: 3/23/2017

Status: 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Summary:

Current law, upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions, requires a district to provide service of water at substantially the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to the Indian tribe's lands that are not within a district, as prescribed. This bill would authorize, rather than require, a district to provide this service of water. The bill would apply this authorization to all Indian tribes whose lands are owned by the tribe.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: According to the author's office, this may very well become a two-year bill. The intent of the bill was to make it permissive for an Indian tribe to negotiate directly with a water provider to obtain water services. This would circumvent LAFCo. This bill expands on last year's bill by Gonzalez-Fletcher, AB 2470. The author's office has indicated the bill will not move forward in it's current version. They understand CALAFCO's concerns. CALAFCO will continue to monitor the bill for any amendments and will consider a position if/when amendments are in print.

AB 1479 (Bonta D) Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties.

Current Text: Amended: 9/1/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amended: 9/1/2017

Status: 9/11/2017-Senate amendments concurred in. To Engrossing and Enrolling.

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Summary:

Would, until January 1, 2023, require public agencies to designate a person or persons, or office or offices to act as the agency’s custodian of records who is responsible for responding to any request made pursuant to the California Public Records Act and any inquiry from the public about a decision by the agency to deny a request for records. The bill also would make other conforming changes. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Oppose

Subject: Public Records Act

CALAFCO Comments: As amended this bill requires any public agency to designate a person/office to act as the agency's custodian of records who will be responsible for responding to all public records requests and to respond to an inquiries as to why the agency denied the request for records. Further the bill adds a failure to respond for records or an improperly assessed fee can be considered a civil penalty and allows the courts to issue fines ranging from \$1000 - \$5000.

AB 1728 (Committee on Local Government) Health care districts: board of directors.

Current Text: Enrolled: 9/5/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 3/22/2017

Status: 9/7/2017-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Each health care district has a board of directors with specific duties and powers respecting the creation, administration, and maintenance of the district, including purchasing, receiving, having, taking, holding, leasing, using, and enjoying property. This bill would require the board of directors to adopt an annual budget in a public meeting, on or before September 1 of each year, that conforms to generally accepted accounting and budgeting procedures for special districts, establish and maintain an Internet Web site that lists contact information for the district, and adopt annual policies for providing assistance or grant funding, if the district provides assistance or grants.

Attachments:

[AB 1728 CALAFCO Letter of Support](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Other

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill requires healthcare districts to adopt annual budgets, establish and maintain a website (and prescribes the required site content), and adopt policies for grant funding.

SB 206 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/10/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/1/2017

Status: 7/10/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 57, Statutes of 2017.

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Summary:

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2017, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Letter Requesting Governor Signature 06 26 17](#)

[CALAFCO Support Feb 2017](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 207 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/10/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/1/2017

Status: 7/10/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 58, Statutes of 2017.

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Summary:

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2017, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

Attachments:

- [CALAFCO Letter Requesting Governor Signature 06 26 17](#)
- [CALAFCO Support Feb 2017](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

[SB 208](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/10/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/1/2017

Status: 7/10/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 59, Statutes of 2017.

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Summary:

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2017, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

- [CALAFCO Letter Requesting Governor Signature 06 26 17](#)
- [CALAFCO Support Letter Feb 2017](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

[SB 365](#) (Dodd D) Regional park and open-space districts: County of Solano.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/1/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2017

Last Amended: 7/13/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 216, Statutes of 2017.

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Summary:

Current law authorizes proceedings for the formation of a regional park and open-space or regional open-space district in specified counties in the state to be initiated by resolution of the county board of supervisors adopted after a noticed hearing, and specifies the contents of the resolution. This bill, in addition, would authorize the formation of a regional district in the County of Solano to be initiated by resolution of the county board of supervisors after a noticed hearing. The bill would specify the contents of the resolution, including a requirement that the resolution call an election, as prescribed.

Attachments:

- [SB 365 CALAFCO Letter of Oppose 03 28 17](#)

Position: Oppose

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This bill calls for the formation of a regional park and open space district which will circumvent the LAFCo formation process.

[SB 435](#) (Dodd D) Williamson Act: payments to local governments.

Current Text: Amended: 5/2/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Last Amended: 5/2/2017

Status: 5/25/2017-May 25 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

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Summary:

Would, under the Williamson act, reduce the amount per acre paid to a city, county, or city and county under these provisions to \$2.50 for prime agricultural land, \$0.50 for all other land devoted to open-space uses of statewide significance, and, for counties that have adopted farmland security zones, \$4 for land that is within, or within 3 miles of the sphere of influence of, each incorporated city.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter May 2017](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: This bill renews partial subvention funding for the Williamson Act as a fiscal incentive to lift contract moratoria, implements solar use easements and Farmland Security Zone Contracts, and increases subvention funding for counties that adopt conservation planning strategies for agriculturally zoned property that further our state's sustainable community goals.

SB 634 (Wilk R) Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

Current Text: Amended: 9/8/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amended: 9/8/2017

Status: 9/8/2017-Read third time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

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9/12/2017 #92 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS

Summary:

Current law, the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law, created the Castaic Lake Water Agency and authorizes the agency to acquire water and water rights, including water from the State Water Project, and to provide, sell, and deliver water at wholesale for municipal, industrial, domestic, and other purposes. This bill would repeal the Castaic Lake Water Agency Law.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Letter Removing Opposition 06 26 17](#)

[CALAFCO Letter Oppose Unless Amended 03 27 17](#)

Position: Neutral

Subject: Special District Consolidations

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill consolidates two independent water districts in Los Angeles. The bill was amended to include LAFCo in the process via an application for binding conditions. As statute does not allow the local LAFCo to deny the application when both district boards have adopted resolutions of support, the amendments of May 26 address all of CALAFCO's concerns. As a result CALAFCO has removed our opposition and now is neutral on the bill.

SB 693 (Mendoza D) Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District.

Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [Text](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amended: 7/3/2017

Status: 9/5/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

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Calendar:

9/12/2017 #69 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - SENATE BILLS

Summary:

Would specifically authorize the establishment of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District, by petition or resolution submitted to the Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission before January 1, 2020, subject to specified existing laws governing recreation and park districts, including their formation, except as provided. The bill would authorize specified city councils and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to appoint members to, and the

executive officer of the conservancy to serve as a member on, the initial board of directors of the district.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This bill forms the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District while leaving a majority of the LAFCo process intact. CALAFCO will keep watching to ensure it stays that way.

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