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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S UPDATE

On May 18, 2008, former Councilman and State Assemblyman **Mike Gotch** died of cancer at Scripps Memorial Hospital in San Diego. His wife, Janet was by his side at the time he died. Mike Gotch was sixty years old.

In 1976 at the age of 30, Mike Gotch was appointed as the Executive Officer of the San Diego LAFCO. He served as Executive Officer until his election to the San Diego City Council in 1979. In 1981, he became San Diego's first permanent representative on LAFCO pursuant to a new State Law. After serving eight years on the City Council and several terms as Deputy Mayor, he decided not to run for another term. In 1987, Mike Gotch left politics and LAFCO, and became the Vice President of Torrey Enterprises, Inc. In 1988, he re-emerged as the Alternate Public Member of the San Diego LAFCO. In 1990, Mike Gotch once again left LAFCO after being elected to the State Assembly (1990-94). He served as Chairman of the Local Government Committee and authored a number of bills, most notably AB 1335, often referred to as

the "Gotch bill". The Gotch bill provided LAFCOs with authority to initiate district consolidations.

After leaving the assembly in 1994, Mike Gotch moved full time to Napa County and served on the Napa LAFCO as a public member. In 1998, he became CALAFCO's first paid Executive Director. In 1999, Mike Gotch resigned from CALAFCO and became the Legislative Secretary for Governor Davis. He served until 2003. After re-entering public life again, Gotch split his time between his property in Napa County and his desert home in the Borrego Valley. He served as a Board member of the Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Anza Borrego Foundation and Institute. He was also a founding member of the Borrego Village Association.

The June 2, 2008 LAFCO meeting agenda includes the following items:

Consent Item

- Brunswick Annexation to Leucadia Wastewater District

Public Hearing Items

- Consolidation of East County and San Miguel Consolidated FPDs
- North Avenue Reorganization (City of Escondido)

Other Business Items

- Legislative Report
- Meeting Cancellation
- Appellate Court Ruling Update

LAFCO CALENDAR

• **June 2, 2008:** Regular LAFCO Meeting (9:00 a.m. at the County Administration Center, Room 302).