



**San Diego County**  
**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
 Regional Service Planning | Subdivision of the State of California

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**AGENDA REPORT**  
 Consent | Action

August 1, 2022

**TO:** Commissioners

**FROM:** Keene Simonds, Executive Officer  
 Tamaron Luckett, Commission Clerk

**SUBJECT:** CALAFCO Annual Conference Items

**SUMMARY**

The San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will consider action items relating to the upcoming California Association of LAFCOs’ (CALAFCO) Annual Conference scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Newport Beach. This includes a recommendation for the Commission to appoint Commissioners MacKenzie and Vanderlaan as delegate and alternate delegate, respectively. It is also recommended the Commission authorize the Chair to nominate interested city and public members to serve on the CALAFCO Board and ahead of a September 4<sup>th</sup> submittal deadline.

**BACKGROUND**

**2022 CALAFCO Annual Conference**

CALAFCO is hosting its Annual Conference beginning Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach. The Annual Conference typically draws approximately 300 participants with representation from most of the 58 members. Preconference activities are planned and include an introductory workshop on LAFCO geared for new Commissioners. General session topics planned include LAFCO’s role in municipal service review planning. A preliminary program is attached.

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## **DISCUSSION**

This item is for San Diego LAFCO to consider two separate actions tied to the upcoming CALAFCO Annual Conference scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> in Newport Beach. These actions involve (a) appointing voting delegates and (b) making nominations for Board vacancies for city and public member seats. Additional discussion follows.

### **Appointment of Voting Delegates**

Each LAFCO is responsible under CALAFCO bylaws for appointing a delegate and alternate delegate to participate in the board elections and the subsequent business meeting held on the second day of the Annual Conference. The board elections – as detailed in the succeeding section – will be conducted by regions while the business meeting provides an opportunity for the entire membership to hear from, and ask questions to, CALAFCO regarding organization activities. Delegates may be an alternate or staff. Appointments must be submitted to CALAFCO by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Nominations**

The Commission is assigned to CALAFCO's southern region with five other LAFCOs. This region has one city seat and one public seat up for election in October. Terms for both seats expire at the end of the calendar year and CALAFCO invites LAFCOs to nominate candidates. Terms are four years and nominations for open seats need to be signed by the respective LAFCO Chair and include a completed resume form for the candidate. Nominations must be submitted to CALAFCO by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **ANALYSIS**

Commissioners MacKenzie and Vanderlaan have previously communicated their intention to attend the upcoming CALAFCO Annual Conference. Absent other Commissioners attending it would be reasonable to appoint Commissioners Mackenzie and Vanderlaan as delegate and alternate delegate, respectively. It also appears reasonable to authorize the Chair to make any Board nominations on behalf of the Commission for interested city or public members ahead of the September 19<sup>th</sup> deadline. This would allow the Chair to coordinate any interest among the members in step with vetting interest in these positions with other LAFCOs in the region.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended San Diego LAFCO appoint Commissioners MacKenzie and Vanderlaan as delegate and alternate delegate for CALAFCO's Annual Conference scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> along with delegating Board nominations to the Chair. These recommendations are further detailed in the succeeding section as Alternate One.

## ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION

The following alternatives are available to the Commission under a single motion:

### Alternative One (Recommended)

(a) Appoint Commissioners MacKenzie and Vanderlaan as delegate and alternate delegate for the 2022 CALAFCO Annual Conference.

(b) Authorize the Chair to nominate any interested city or public member for election to the CALAFCO Board ahead of the DATE filing deadline.

### Alternative Two

Continue to a special meeting ahead of the September 19<sup>th</sup> deadline and provide additional direction to staff as needed.

### Alternative Three

No action.

## PROCEDURES

This item has been placed on San Diego LAFCO's agenda as part of the consent calendar. A successful motion to approve the consent calendar will include taking affirmative action on the staff recommendation unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

On behalf of the Executive Officer,



Tamaron Luckett  
Commission Clerk

### Attachment:

- 1) Preliminary 2022 Annual Conference Program

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# Announcing The 2022 CALAFCO Annual Conference



Hosted by CALAFCO

## October 19 - 21

Hyatt Regency, Newport Beach  
Conveniently located near the John Wayne Airport

### Relevant & Diverse General & Breakout Session Topics

- Everything you ever wanted to know about Municipal Service Reviews but were afraid to ask.
- All about Fire, Fire Districts, and Fire Service Impacts
- Recruitment and Succession Planning
- Avoiding Conflicts of Interest and Other legal pitfalls
- Grand Juries and LAFCOs – Why Can't We Be Friends?
- The Definitive Session on Pensions – LAFCO's two-fold Responsibility to Take Care of Its Own and Review Agencies
- How commission meetings can go wrong
- Legislative Update

*Please note that the Program is still under development and topics are subject to change.*

### Special Highlights

#### LAFCo 101 & More

An introduction (and more) to LAFCo and LAFCo law for Commissioners, Staff, and anyone interested in learning more about LAFCo

*Wednesday morning*

#### Mobile Workshop

*"It's a Shore Thing:  
Navigating Municipal  
Service Delivery within  
Coastal Areas"*

A mobile workshop on multi-agency collaboration that starts with a 2 hour harbor boat ride to Marina Park Community Center for lunch and presentations.  
*(Limited to 85)*

*Wednesday morning*

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### Invaluable Networking Opportunities for Reconnection!

- Regional Roundtable discussions on current regional LAFCo issues
- Extended roundtable discussion for LAFCo legal counsel
- Networking breakfasts and extended breaks
- Welcome Reception Wednesday
- Thursday Pre-dinner Reception & breaks with Sponsors
- Awards Banquet Thursday

**Hyatt Regency Newport Beach at  
the John Wayne Airport**



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Visit [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org) for more Conference details or call us at 916-442-6536.

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