

News from the Board of Directors

CALAFCO QUARTERLY

December 2014



CALAFCO Board and Volunteer Staff Changes

At the October Board meeting at the Annual Conference, the CALAFCO Board said goodbye to several Board members and welcomed new ones. We said farewell and thank you to Robert Bergman (Nevada) and Eugene Montanez (Riverside). We welcomed Cheryl Brothers (Orange) and Ricky Samayoa (Yuba). We also said goodbye to Sam Martinez (San Bernardino), the CALAFCO Deputy EO for the southern region, and welcomed Paul Novak (Los Angeles) as the new DEO.

CALAFCO wishes to thank Robert and Eugene for their service to the CALAFCO Board, and to Sam for the outstanding work he has done representing the southern region.

CALAFCO Board 2015 Committees

At their November 14 meeting, the CALAFCO Board appointed members to the 2015 standing committees as follows:

Legislative Committee

Jim Curatalo (South)
Gay Jones (At-Large)
William Kirby (Central)
John Leopold (Coastal)
Mike McGill (At-Large)
Ricky Samayoa (North)
Julie Allen (a)
Mary Jane Griego (a)
Juliana Inman (a)
Mike Kelley (a)
Josh Susman (a)
Stephen Tomanelli (a)

2015 Annual Conference

Jim Curatalo
Gay Jones (Chair)
Bill Kirby
Roger Welt

Nominations Committee

Cheryl Brothers
Gay Jones
Mike McGill
Josh Susman
Elliot Mulberg (Chair)

Awards Committee

Jim Curatalo
Larry Duncan
Mary Jane Griego
Mike Kelley
Bill Kirby
John Leopold
Stephen Tomanelli (Chair)
Josh Susman
Roger Welt

2014 Annual Conference in San Bernardino a Success

269 commissioners, staff, associate members and guests attended the annual conference held in Ontario this past October. There was a good representation of LAFCo's present, with 48 of the 58 member LAFCo's in attendance. Evaluation results showed a positive overall rating of 5.0 on a 6.0 scale. Participants mentioned the quality, diversity, and relevance of the session topics and speakers, opportunities for networking and sharing of information/ideas, and the conveniently located facility as some of the highlights. In addition, a very special LAFCo 101 session was offered this year, which was very well received (attended by about 120 people – at least 70 of which were from outside normal conference registration). By expanding the scope and scale of the session and opening it up for attendance by those outside the general conference, we were successful at connecting with and educating local agencies in the region about LAFCo. This is likely something that will be done each year going forward.



Financially the conference was a huge success, despite the lower than normal attendance. The host LAFCo, San Bernardino, brought in a record amount of sponsorships. Although the accounting books are not yet closed on the conference, estimates indicate approximately \$39,000 in sponsorship revenue from 22 different sponsors, and an estimated net profit of close to 40 percent.

CALAFCO wishes to thank the host, San Bernardino LAFCo, for the incredible amount of work they did in hosting the conference this year, and to the program committee for producing a fabulous program. All conference presentations are posted on the CALAFCO website for downloading.

Mark your calendars now for the 2015 annual conference in Sacramento at the Hyatt Regency downtown – **SEPTEMBER 2 - 4, 2015!**

2015 Staff Workshop

The 2015 Staff Workshop is scheduled for **April 15 - 17** in Grass Valley. The theme is **After the Gold Rush: Preserving the Past & Forging the Future**. Our host for the workshop is Nevada LAFCo. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express and Courtyard Suites in Grass Valley, and have a very special Thursday evening dinner banquet planned in Nevada City at the beautiful historic Foundry Building. The Host and Program Committees have begun their planning and details will be made available soon. A Call for Presentations is currently open, so if you have a session you would like to present, please visit the CALAFCO website for the full details and submit your proposal by December 15.



CALAFCO U Update

The last CALAFCO U for 2014 is set for December 8th in Sacramento. The topic is **LAFCo and the Law: Avoiding the Pitfalls and Potholes of CKH**. Last day to register is December 1, 2014.

CALAFCO staff is in the process of finalizing the schedule of sessions for 2015. There will be two – one in the northern area and one in the southern area. Executive Officers were polled for potential topics. Additional courses may be added during the year depending upon the need.

CALAFCO Board Actions

During their regular meeting on November 14, the Board addressed several administrative issues including:

- ◆ The first quarter financial reports were reviewed and the budget is on track so far for the year. All financial reports are located on the website.
- ◆ Approved recommended LAFCo staff appointments to the 2015 Legislative Committee.
- ◆ Brainstormed topics for discussion at the upcoming biennial strategic planning retreat at the end of January.
- ◆ Held off any legislative policy changes for the legislative committee until after the retreat.



Legislative Activities

The 2014 legislative year saw 2,260 bills introduced, of which 1,178 were chaptered and 143 were vetoed. CALAFCO sponsored one bill this year which was AB 2762, the annual Omnibus bill. Despite only sponsoring one bill, there was a great deal of other legislative activity in which CALAFCO found itself involved. We supported a number of bills (including AB 1521 – Fox, AB 1729 – Logue, AB 2156 – Achadjian, SB 69 – Roth, and SB 1230 – Senate Governance & Finance Committee Omnibus). In addition, CALAFCO worked extensively with various legislative committees and legislators' staff on a number of bills that impacted LAFCO, including AB 1527 (Perea), SB 614 (Wolk), and the groundwater management legislation.

A full report on the 2014 legislative year is located on the CALAFCO website.

The legislature will reconvene on January 5, 2015. CALAFCO's Legislative Committee met once already in November, and the first in-person meeting is scheduled for December 12 in San Diego. Work is already underway for the Omnibus bill, as well as consideration of other proposed legislative items.

Earlier this year, the CALAFCO Board directed the Committee to focus on three legislative priorities (as presented at the annual conference legislative update session), all of which the Board reconfirmed during their November 14 meeting. Those are:

- ◆ Protest Provisions continued clean-up
- ◆ Strengthening the relationship between LAFcos and JPAs
- ◆ Disincorporations

There are working groups focusing on each of these major issues, and they have been receiving feedback on their initial proposals from LAFcos and Associate Members. The Committee will hear and consider updates and revisions to proposed legislation during the December 12th meeting.

All CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting packets are posted in the Members section of the CALAFCO website.

CALAFCO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' CORNER

Welcome Newest Associate Member

CALAFCO is pleased to welcome our newest Silver Associate Member,  **Cucamonga Valley Water District**. As noted in the information they provided CALAFCO, they are a public corporation formed under the provisions of Division 12 of the State Water Code. They provide water and wastewater service to an area of approximately 47 square miles, servicing a population of 190,000 with 45,000 water connections and 35,000 sewer connections. The average daily demand of water is approximately 50 million gallons. For those of you who attended the mobile workshop while at the annual conference, you toured their Frontier Project, a LEED Platinum certified facility. For more information about that project or about the District, visit their website at www.cvwdwater.com.

CALAFCO Congratulates the 2014 Annual Achievement Award Recipients

CALAFCO wishes to congratulate all of this year's nominees, and especially those who received the 2014 Achievement Award.

- ❖ Outstanding Commissioner – **Paul Norsell** (Nevada LAFCo)
- ❖ Outstanding LAFCo Clerk – **Paige Hensley** (Yuba LAFCo)
- ❖ Outstanding LAFCo Professional – **Kate McKenna** (Monterey LAFCo)
- ❖ Distinguished Service – **Kate McKenna** (Monterey LAFCo)
- ❖ Project of the Year – **LAFCo Procedures Guide: 50th Year Special Edition** (San Diego LAFCo)
- ❖ Government Leadership – **Orange County Water District, City of Anaheim, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Yorba Linda Water District**
- ❖ Most Effective Commission – **Santa Clara LAFCo**
- ❖ Outstanding CALAFCO Member – **Stephen Lucas** (Butte LAFCo)
- ❖ Lifetime Achievement – **Susan Wilson** (Orange LAFCo)
- ❖ Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Leadership – **David Church** (San Luis Obispo LAFCo)
- ❖ Legislator of the Year – **Assembly member Katcho Achadjian**

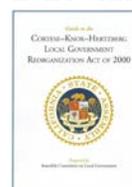


Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events

- ❖ CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting, December 12, 2014 in San Diego
- ❖ CALAFCO U, December 8, 2014 in Sacramento
- ❖ CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting, January 23, 2015 in Sacramento
- ❖ CALAFCO Board of Directors biennial strategic planning retreat, January 29, 2015 in Irvine
- ❖ CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting, January 30, 2015 in Irvine

The full CALAFCO 2015 Calendar of Events can be found on the CALAFCO website.

2014 CKH GUIDE Update Now Available



The 2014 CKH Guide Update is now available for ordering. Visit the CALAFCO website to download the order form and get your copies today!