



## AGENDA ITEM 8A

**MEETING:** January 15, 2014  
**TO:** Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners  
**FROM:** George Williamson, Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Report on CALAFCO Symposium Panel Participation by Commission Chair**  
The Commission will receive a summary from Chair Bass regarding her participation as a panel speaker at the UC Davis Extension and CALAFCO's event *Establishing Boundaries, Shaping the Future: A LAFCo Symposium* on December 9, 2013, in Sacramento.

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### **DISCUSSION**

The CALAFCO symposium was held to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LAFCo. Speakers consisted of policymakers and practitioners who have shaped LAFCo over the years. The one-day symposium explored LAFCOs' origins, how their roles have changed since 1963, and what the future holds for them. Chair Bass was a panelist for the session titled: *How Will LAFCOs Respond? Perspectives and Prospects*. The symposium agenda is attached.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Commission is invited to review and discuss the outcomes of the symposium.

### **Attachments**

Attachment A: Symposium Agenda



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## LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES



## Establishing Boundaries, Shaping the Future: A LAFCo Symposium

*December 9, 2013*

*SACOG, 1415 L Street, Sacramento, CA*

A half-century after their creation, it's time to reconsider the history and probe the future of Local Agency Formation Commissions. This one-day symposium explores LAFCos' origins and how their roles have changed since 1963. From simple annexations to municipal service reviews and spheres of influence, LAFCos arrived in the 21st Century with a statutory reach that stuns many observers. Learn how open space, productive farmland, affordable housing, disadvantaged unincorporated communities, and sustainability fit within LAFCos' 50-year history and how LAFCos will shape our communities in the future. Hear from the policymakers and practitioners who have shaped LAFCo over the years.

### Symposium Agenda

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| 9:00 - 9:30   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 9:30 - 9:40   | <b>Welcome and Symposium Challenge</b><br><i>Julia Lave Johnston, Director, LUNR, UC Davis Extension</i><br><i>Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO</i>   |
| 9:40 - 10:20  | <b>What Happened? LAFCO's Five Phases</b><br><i>Peter Detwiler, former Senate Local Government Committee Consultant</i>   |
| 10:20 - 10:35 | <b>Morning Break</b>  |
| 10:35 - 11:25 | <b>LAFCO Reconsidered: A Moderated Panel Discussion</b><br>Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Terry Watt, Planning Consultant (INVITED)</i></li> <li>• <i>Martha Guzman-Aceves, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office</i></li> <li>• <i>Eric Parfrey, Executive Committee, Mother Lode Chapter, Sierra Club</i></li> </ul> Moderator:<br><i>Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, San Benito LAFCo</i> |

- 11:25 - 1:00      **Lunch and Keynote Speaker**  
*Honorable Robert Hertzberg, former Assembly Speaker*
- 1:00 - 2:15      **What Is To Be Done? Five Prescriptions For The 21st Century**  
Panelists:
  - *Paul Zykofsky, Associate Director, Local Government Commission*
  - *Phoebe Seaton, Director, Community Equity Initiative, CRLA, Inc*
  - *Michael Coleman, Finance Advisor*
  - *Erik Vink, Executive Director, Delta Protection Commission*
  - *Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer, San Bernardino, LAFCo*Moderator:  
*Michael Colantuono, Colantuono & Levin PC*
- 2:15 - 2:25      **Afternoon Break**
- 2:25 - 3:10      **How Will LAFCos Respond? Perspectives and Prospects**  
Panelists:
  - *Virginia Bass, Commissioner, Humboldt LAFCo*
  - *Jeff Blanchfield, Commissioner, Marin LAFCo*
  - *Ron Greenwood, Commissioner, Sacramento LAFCo*
  - *Eugene Montanez, Commissioner, Riverside LAFCo*Moderator:  
*Debbie Michel, Chief Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee*
- 3:10 – 3:30      **Pulling It Together: What We Heard, What May Happen**  
Panelists:
  - *Bob Braitman, Executive Officer, San Benito LAFCo*
  - *Michael Colantuono, Colantuono & Levin PC*
  - *Debbie Michel, Chief Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee*Moderator:  
*Julia Lave Johnson, Director, LUNR, UC Davis Extension*
- 3:30              **Symposium Closes**

*Thank you for attending!*