



AGENDA ITEM 9A

MEETING: November 15, 2017
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: George Williamson, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **CALAFCO Conference Report Out**
The Commission will receive a report out regarding the CALAFCO Annual Conference. This is being presented for information only.

DISCUSSION

The CALAFCO 2017 Annual Conference was held October 25 - 27 at the Bahia Hotel in Mission Bay, San Diego. Commissioners Bass, Johnson and Lake attended, as well as Executive Officer Williamson.

CALAFCO held elections for the 2018 Board of Directors at the Annual Conference. Commissioner Lake was elected as the Northern Region's District representative on the CALAFCO Board. We wish to congratulate Commissioner Lake for her interest and involvement at the CALAFCO level. The full CALAFCO Board convened at the conference on October 27th. The agenda is included as Attachment A.

Commissioner Bass also presented as a panel speaker at the session "Show me the Money! Challenges and Opportunities for LAFCo Funding". She spoke of the Commission's efforts to address fire services more comprehensively in Municipal Service Reviews and discussed Measure Z funds as a non-traditional revenue source that has supported LAFCo and County staff to provide both planning and technical assistance to local fire departments considering annexation, consolidation, or formation. The presentation slides are included as Attachment B.

Accessing Conference Materials:

All of the conference presentation materials can be accessed on the CALAFCO website in the Education tab under 2017 Conference Materials. You must be logged into the Members section. To log-in as a new user, go to www.calafco.org/user and select Create New Account. Once you have entered your desired user name and e-mail address, CALAFCO will be notified and approve you. You will then get a follow-up email from the system and have full access to resources on the CALAFCO website.

RECOMMENDATION

This item has been agendized for information only. The Commission is invited to discuss the item and provide direction to staff on any related matter as needed.

Attachments

Attachment A: October 27th CALAFCO Board Meeting Agenda
Attachment B: Show me the Money! Presentation slides

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSIONS



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, 27 October 2017

7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Bahia Hotel/Del Mar Meeting Room

998 West Mission Bay Drive

San Diego, CA 92109

MEETING AGENDA

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Call to Order and Establish Quorum	Chair Curatalo	
1. Introduce and Seat New Board Members	Chair Curatalo	
2. Acknowledge and Thank Outgoing Board Members	Chair Curatalo	
CONSENT		
3. Minutes, 18 August, 2017 Board Meeting*	Kris Berry	3
ACTION		
4. Adoption of updated Association Policies*	Pamela Miller	9
5. Election of 2017-2018 Board Officers*	Chair Curatalo	17
6. Adopt Board Meeting Schedule for 2018*	Pamela Miller	19
7. Legislative Committee Staff Appointments*	Pamela Miller	21
8. Appointment of CALAFCO Deputy Officer*	Pamela Miller/ Stephen Lucas	23
9. Appointment of Board Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Finances	Exec. Committee	
INFORMATION		
10. 2017 CALAFCO Conference Report and Thank You	Bill Kirby/ Carolyn Emery/ Pamela Miller	
11. Board Member Reports and Announcements		
12. Executive Director's Report	Pamela Miller	

Adjourn to Friday, December 8, 2017 Board of Directors meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Sacramento, California

* Staff Report included in agenda packet. The remaining reports will be given orally at the meeting. If you have any questions or desire additional information please call Pamela Miller at (916) 442-6536.

ATTACHMENT B

Collaborative Planning & Funding



Commissioner Virginia Bass, Humboldt LAFCo


Agenda

- Humboldt LAFCo Overview
- Commission Priorities
- Measure Z Countywide Sales Tax for Public Safety/Essential Services
- Sustainable Fire Services Planning



Humboldt County Quick-Facts

- Humboldt County: rural and geographically-isolated yet diverse!
 - Redwoods, rivers, ocean, bay, recreation
 - Timber production, agriculture (dairy), agriculture (cannabis)
 - Small business and entrepreneurial culture
 - 7 cities occupy just about 1% of the total land area
 - 30% of the county is either in public ownership or tribal lands



Humboldt LAFCo Quick-Facts

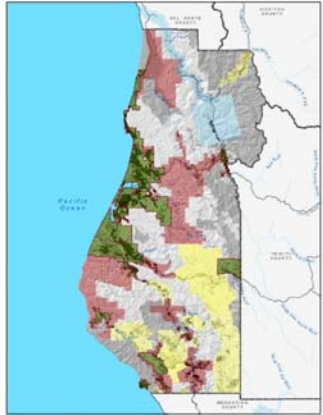
- Annual Budget = \$160,000
 - 25% MSR and SOIs
 - 30% Application Processing
 - 30% Staffing and Legal Services (by contract)
 - 15% Services and Supplies
- Commission priorities focused on:
 - Outreach and Education – promoting increased understanding of LAFCo's role among member agencies and the community
 - MSR/SOI Updates – building agency collaboration to address shared needs through regional MSRs
 - Planning and Technical Assistance – facilitating collaborative planning and coordination with local agencies to explore reorganization options

Regional Fire Services MSRs

- Commission recognized the need to address fire services more comprehensively in Municipal Service Reviews
- Organized countywide fire services into 5 sub-regions
- Reviewed 41 fire-related districts (FPDs and CSDs) and non-districts (volunteer fire companies)

The problem:

- Boundaries do not match where services are provided
- Lack of adequate funding to sustain current level of fire protection
- Limited capacity and/or resources to address the issue



- Fire Related Districts** ■
- Tribal Lands** ■
- Out of District Response (Goodwill Service)** ■
- Non-District Fire Companies** ■

Progress to Date

- Increased understanding of fire department service areas and challenges
- Spheres of influence match out of district response areas
- Three new fire districts formed with voter approved special taxes
- Two district annexations approved



Looking Ahead

- Continue to make progress on *sustainable fire services planning* efforts
 - Partnership between LAFCo and County staff
 - Funded by County through Measure Z half-cent general sales tax
- Continue to explore all potential funding and organizational options
 - Near-term consolidation of fire services anticipated in the "Avenue of the Giants" provided by 2 FPDs, 2 CSDs, and 4 VFCs

Measure Z Funding for Fire

- Second year of Measure Z funding to the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs Association
- Over 1.8 million has been allocated to:
 - Purchase equipment and PPEs
 - Pay dispatch fees
 - Continue multi-year *sustainable fire services planning* effort



How Measure Z has helped

- Funding for **PLANNING** to address shared challenges and to explore reorganizational options for improving and sustaining fire services
 - Funding for **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** to cover costs associated with the LAFCo application process, district formation elections, special tax approvals, and Board of Equalization filing
- *These are costs that have previously prohibited the local fire service from addressing the lack of complete community coverage and sustainable revenue**