



AGENDA ITEM 6A

MEETING: July 21, 2021
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **CALAFCO Annual Conference Items**
The Commission will receive a report relating to 2021 CALAFCO Annual Conference to be held on October 6-8th at Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach. Requested actions include appointment of voting delegates, board nominations for county and special district seats, and achievement award submittals.

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commission (CALAFCO) sponsors a three-day annual conference towards the end of the calendar year. The program is typically theme-based with sessions generally geared towards commissioners and executive staff. Typically about 300 LAFCo commissioners and staff attend.

BACKGROUND

After two long years, CALAFCO is pleased to announce the conference registration and hotel reservations are now open for the upcoming 2021 Annual Conference scheduled for October 6-8th at Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach. This marks CALAFCO's 50th "Golden Anniversary in the Golden State". A conference announcement is included as Attachment A. Program details including speaker confirmations, session summaries and more will follow soon.

The Commission has budgeted \$2,500 for registration costs and \$2,600 for lodging and travel expenses, which could fund up to 4 commissioners/staff. Early bird rates are available for registrations received by August 31, 2021.

DISCUSSION

There are three separate actions tied to the upcoming CALAFCO Annual Conference. These actions are to (a) appoint voting delegates, and (b) consider making nominations for CALAFCO Board of Directors and (c) achievement awards. An expanded 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 business meeting held at the Annual Conference. The board elections will be conducted by regions while the business meeting provides an opportunity for the entire membership to hear from CALAFCO regarding organization activities. Delegates may be commissioners or staff.

Board Nominations

The Commission is assigned to CALAFCO's Northern Region with 18 other LAFCos. Currently, Commissioner Couch serves as the Northern Region's District member with the current 2-year Board term expiring this year. The nomination period is currently open for two seats in the Northern Region: one County member seat and one Special District member seat. Terms of office are two years and begin at the Annual Meeting held at the Annual Conference. A detailed summary of the nomination and election process is provided as Attachment B.

Achievement Awards

CALAFCO invites LAFCos to nominate for various achievement awards. The awards were established in 1997 and currently include 8 categories range from "Outstanding CALAFCO Commissioner" to "Lifetime Achievement Award." The deadline for submitting nominations is Friday, August 13th and recipients will be selected by a Board committee with announcements made at the conference banquet dinner. A complete listing of award categories is provided as Attachment C.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Commissioners indicate their interest in attending the CALAFCO Conference in October and consider appointing a delegate and alternate delegate accordingly. Staff will provide a verbal report on possible achievement award nominations at the meeting.

Attachments

- Attachment A: CALAFCO Conference Announcement
- Attachment B: CALAFCO Board Nominations
- Attachment C: CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations



Announcing The 2021 CALAFCO Annual Conference

Hosted by CALAFCO

October 6 - 8

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



Highly Relevant & Diverse General & Breakout Session Topics

- The New Era: State of the State in terms of extreme water and fire issues, and what it means for LAFCo* (Wed)
- Looming pension liabilities (Thu)
- City/District funding and property tax agreements (Thu)
- Post-pandemic workforce best practices for hiring staff (Thu)
- Hot topic facilitated breakouts – two rounds (Thu)
- The “bilities” of water and the LAFCo connection: Availability, accessibility, and portability (along with quality and state mandates)* (Wed)
- Cyber Security threats to LAFCos and local agencies* (Fri)
- Annual CALAFCO Legislative Update* (Fri)
- CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting (for all CALAFCO members)* (Thu)

*Note: The Program is subject to change.
Indicates General Session

Special Highlights

LAFCo 101

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

*Wednesday from
10:00 a.m. to Noon*

Special Thursday afternoon session:

Hot Topic Roundtables

Join us for a special kind of breakout session format: **topical roundtables**. Choose the topics that are of most interest to you and join the conversation. This is a chance to share issues, existing best practice solutions, and create new and innovation solutions. Each round of the two-round breakouts will be approx. 50 mins.

Topical list still being prepared and may include LAFCo indemnification, sea level rise, pandemic recovery, local fire issues, local water issues.

It's been 2 years since we've seen you...are you missing each other?

**We've Created
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**



Make your reservations now at the **Hyatt Regency** at the special CALAFCO rate of \$194 (excludes tax and fees). Special rates available 3 days pre- and post-conference on availability, includes in-room wifi and parking.

Reservation cutoff date is 9/6/21.

TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, PLEASE VISIT: <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SNARJ/G-CAL2> or call directly at 949-975-1234 and reference CALAFCO event.

Visit www.calafco.org for Conference details or call us at 916-442-6536.

**Mark your calendar and
plan to attend!**

**Registration is now open!
Visit www.calafco.org**

Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures and Forms

The procedures for nominations and election of the CALAFCO Board of Directors [Board] are designed to assure full, fair and open consideration of all candidates, provide confidential balloting for contested positions and avoid excessive demands on the time of those participating in the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The Board nomination and election procedures shall be:

1. APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTION COMMITTEE:

- a. Following the Annual Membership Meeting the Board shall appoint an Election Committee of four members of the Board. The Election Committee shall consist of one member from each region whose term is not ending.⁸
- b. The Board shall appoint one of the members of the Election Committee to serve as Chairman. The CALAFCO Executive Officer shall appoint a CALAFCO staff member to serve as staff for the Election Committee in cooperation with the CALAFCO Executive Director.⁸
- c. Each region shall designate a regional representative to serve as staff liaison to the Election Committee.⁸
- d. Goals of the Committee are to provide oversight of the elections process and to encourage and solicit candidates by region who represent member LAFCoS across the spectrum of geography, size, and urban suburban and rural population if there is an open seat for which no nominations papers have been received close to the deadline.⁸

2. ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBER LAFCoS:

- a. No later than three months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Election Committee Chair shall send an announcement to each LAFCo for distribution to each commissioner and alternate. The announcement shall include the following:⁸
 - i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. A regional map including LAFCoS listed by region.
 - iii. The dates by which all nominations must be received by the Election Committee. The deadline shall be no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. Nominations received after the closing date shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Elections Committee action."⁸
 - iv. The names of the Election Committee members with the Committee Chairman's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.⁸
 - v. The address to send the nominations forms.
 - vi. A form for a Commission to use to nominate a candidate and a candidate resume form of no more than one page each to be completed for each nominee.
- b. No later than four months before the annual membership meeting, the Election Committee Chairman shall send an announcement to the Executive Director for distribution to each member LAFCo and for publication in the newsletter and on the web site. The

Key Timeframes for Nominations Process

Days*	
90	Nomination announcement
30	Nomination deadline
14	Committee report released

*Days prior to annual membership meeting

announcement shall include the following:⁸

- i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. The specific date by which all nominations must be received by the Election Committee. Nominations received after the closing dates shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Election Committee action."⁸
 - iii. The names of the Election Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.⁸
 - iv. Requirement that nominated individual must be a commissioner or alternate commissioner from a member in good standing within the region.
- c. A copy of these procedures shall be posted on the web site.

3. THE ELECTION COMMITTEE:

- a. The Election Committee and the regional representatives have the responsibility to monitor nominations and help assure that there are adequate nominations from each region for each seat up for election. No later than two weeks prior to the Annual Conference, the Election Committee Chair shall distribute to the members the Committee Report organized by regions, including copies of all nominations and resumes, which are received prior to the end of the nomination period.⁸
- b. At the close of the nominations the Election Committee shall prepare regional ballots. Each region will receive a ballot specific to that region. Each region shall conduct a caucus at the Annual Conference for the purpose of electing their designated seats. Caucus elections must be held prior to the annual membership meeting at the conference. The Executive Director or assigned staff along with a member of the Election Committee shall tally ballots at each caucus and provide the Election Committee the names of the elected Board members and any open seats. In the event of a tie, the staff and Election Committee member shall immediately conduct a run-off ballot of the tied candidates.⁸
- c. Make available sufficient copies of the Committee Report for each Voting Delegate by the beginning of the Annual Conference.
- d. Make available blank copies of the nomination forms and resume forms to accommodate nominations from the floor at either the caucuses or the annual meeting (if an at-large election is required).
- e. Advise the Executive Director to provide "CANDIDATE" ribbons to all candidates attending the Annual Conference.⁸
- f. Post the candidate statements/resumes organized by region on a bulletin board near the registration desk.
- g. Regional elections shall be conducted as described in Section 4 below. The representative from the Election Committee shall serve as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of the caucus election.⁸
- h. Following the regional elections, in the event that there are open seats for any offices subject to the election, the Election Committee Chair shall notify the Chair of the Board of Directors that an at-large election will be required at the annual membership meeting and to provide a list of the number and category of seats requiring an at-large election.⁸

4. ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR LAFCO IN GOOD STANDING NOT ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING⁶

Limited to the elections of the Board of Directors

- a. Any LAFCo in good standing shall have the option to request an electronic ballot if there will be no representative attending the annual meeting.
- b. LAFCOs requesting an electronic ballot shall do so in writing no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- c. The Executive Director shall distribute the electronic ballot no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- d. LAFCo must return the ballot electronically to the executive director no later than three days prior to the annual meeting.
- e. LAFCOs voting under this provision may discard their electronic ballot if a representative is able to attend the annual meeting.
- f. LAFCOs voting under this provision may only vote for the candidates nominated by the Election Committee and may not vote in any run-off elections.⁸

5. AT THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS DURING THE REGIONAL CAUCUSES OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

- a. The Election Committee Chairman, another member of the Election Committee or the Chair's designee (hereafter called the Presiding Officer) shall:⁸
 - i. Review the election procedure with the membership.
 - ii. Present the Election Committee Report (previously distributed).
 - iii. Call for nominations from the floor by category for those seats subject to this election:
 1. For city member.
 2. For county member.
 3. For public member.
 4. For special district member.
- b. To make a nomination from the floor, a LAFCo, which is in good standing, shall identify itself and then name the category of vacancy and individual being nominated. The nominator may make a presentation not to exceed two minutes in support of the nomination.
- c. When there are no further nominations for a category, the Presiding Officer shall close the nominations for that category.
- d. The Presiding Officer shall conduct a "Candidates Forum". Each candidate shall be given time to make a brief statement for their candidacy.
- e. The Presiding Officer shall then conduct the election:
 - i. For categories where there are the same number of candidates as vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:

1. Name the nominees and offices for which they are nominated.
2. Call for a voice vote on all nominees and thereafter declare those unopposed candidates duly elected.
- ii. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
 1. Poll the LAFCoS in good standing by written ballot.
 2. Each LAFCo in good standing may cast its vote for as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. The vote shall be recorded on a tally sheet.
 3. Any ballots submitted electronically for candidates included in the Election Committee Report shall be added to the tally.⁸
 4. With assistance from CALAFCO staff, tally the votes cast and announce the results.
- iii. Election to the Board shall occur as follows:
 1. The nominee receiving the majority⁶ of votes cast is elected.
 2. In the case of no majority, the two nominees receiving the two highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election. Electronic ballots are not included in the tally for any run-off election(s).⁶
 3. In case of tie votes⁶:
 - a. A second run-off election shall be held with the same two nominees.
 - b. If there remains a tie after the second run-off, the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.
 4. In the case of two vacancies, any candidate receiving a majority of votes cast is elected.⁶
 - a. In the case of no majority for either vacancy, the three nominees receiving the three highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - b. In the case of no majority for one vacancy, the two nominees receiving the second and third highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - c. In the event of a tie, a second run-off election shall be held with the tied nominees. If there remains a tie after the second run-off election the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.

6. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

- a. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, names will be listed in the order nominated.
- b. The Election Committee Chair shall announce and introduce all Board Members elected at the Regional Caucuses at the annual business meeting.⁸
- c. In the event that Board seats remain unfilled after a Regional Caucus, an election will be held immediately at the annual business meeting to fill the position at-large. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the election process will follow the procedures described in Section 4 above. Any commissioner or alternate from a member LAFCo may be nominated

- for at-large seats.
- d. Seats elected at-large become subject to regional election at the expiration of the term. Only representatives from the region may be nominated for the seat.
- e. As required by the Bylaws, the members of the Board shall meet as soon as possible after election of new board members for the purpose of electing officers, determining meeting places and times for the coming year, and conducting any other necessary business.

7. LOSS OF ELECTION IN HOME LAFCO

Board Members and candidates who lose elections in their home office shall notify the Executive Director within 15 days of the certification of the election.

8. FILLING BOARD VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Appointees must be from the same category as the vacancy, and should be from the same region.

**CALAFCO Regions
FOUR REGIONS**



The counties in each of the four regions consist of the following:

Northern Region

Butte
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Humboldt
Lake
Lassen
Mendocino
Modoc
Nevada
Plumas
Shasta
Sierra
Siskiyou
Sutter
Tehama
Trinity
Yuba

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Southern Region

Orange
Los Angeles
Imperial
Riverside
San Bernardino
San Diego

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Coastal Region

Alameda
Contra Costa
Marin
Monterey
Napa
San Benito
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Solano
Sonoma
Ventura

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Central Region

Alpine
Amador
Calaveras
El Dorado
Fresno
Inyo
Kern
Kings
Madera
Mariposa
Merced
Mono
Placer
Sacramento
San Joaquin
Stanislaus
Tulare
Tuolumne
Yolo

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CALAFCO Board Members 2020-21*(as of June 1, 2021)*

Board Member Name	LAFCo - Region	Type (Term Expires)
Bill Connelly - Secretary	Butte - <i>Northern</i>	County (2021)
David Couch	Humboldt - <i>Northern</i>	District (2021)
Blake Inscore	Del Norte - <i>Northern</i>	City (2022)
Gay Jones	Sacramento - <i>Central</i>	District (2022)
Michael Kelley – Chair	Imperial - <i>Southern</i>	County (2021)
Christopher Lopez	Monterey – <i>Coastal</i>	County (2022)
Daron McDaniel	Merced – <i>Central</i>	County (2022)
Michael McGill – Immediate Past Chair	Contra Costa - <i>Coastal</i>	District (2022)
Jo MacKenzie	San Diego - <i>Southern</i>	District (2021)
Margie Mohler - Treasurer	Napa - <i>Coastal</i>	City (2021)
Tom Murray	San Luis Obispo - <i>Coastal</i>	Public (2021)
Anita Paque – Vice Chair	Calaveras - <i>Central</i>	Public (2021)
Daniel Parra	Fresno - <i>Central</i>	City (2021)
Josh Susman	Nevada - <i>Northern</i>	Public (2022)
Acquanetta Warren	San Bernardino – <i>Southern</i>	City (2022)
David West	Imperial - <i>Southern</i>	Public (2022)

Board of Directors 2021/2022 Nominations Form

Nomination to the CALAFCO Board of Directors

In accordance with the Nominations and Election Procedures of CALAFCO,

_____ LAFCo of the _____ Region

Nominates _____

for the (check one) City County Special District Public

Position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors to be filled by election at the next Annual Membership Meeting of the Association.

LAFCo Chair

Date

NOTICE OF DEADLINE

Nominations must be received by **September 7, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. to be considered by the Election Committee.

Send completed nominations to:

CALAFCO Election Committee

CALAFCO

1020 12th Street, Suite 222

Sacramento, CA 95814

Or email to: info@calafco.org

**Board of Directors
2021/2022 Candidate Resume Form
(Complete both pages)**

Nominated By: _____ LAFCo Date: _____

Region (please check one): Northern Coastal Central Southern

Category (please check one): City County Special District Public

Candidate Name _____

Address _____

Phone Office _____ Mobile _____

e-mail _____

Personal and Professional Background:

LAFCo Experience:

CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

Availability:

Other Related Activities and Comments:

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Or email to: info@calafco.org

Date: May 24, 2021

To: CALAFCO Members
LAFCo Commissioners and Staff
Other Interested Organizations

From: CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

Subject: 2021 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations



On behalf of the Association, we are pleased to announce the newly updated CALAFCO Achievement Awards program and the opening of the nomination period. During the past year while the Committee and program were in hiatus due to the pandemic, the program underwent a comprehensive review and update. On April 30, 2021, the Board of Directors unanimously approved and adopted the program.

Each year, CALAFCO recognizes outstanding achievements by dedicated and committed individuals and/or organizations from throughout the state at the Annual Conference Achievement Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be on October 7 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport, during the awards banquet.

Recognizing individual and organizational achievements is an important responsibility. It provides visible recognition and support to those who go *above and beyond* in their work to advance the principles and goals of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. We invite you to use this opportunity to nominate the individuals and organizations you feel deserve this important recognition based on the criteria outlined. *Please carefully review the nomination instructions and the criteria for each category. Incomplete nominations will not be considered by the Committee, nor will nominations that do not adhere to the submittal guidelines.*

For this year only, the nomination period covers the 2020 and 2021 timeframe. This is because there were no awards last year. This will be a one-time only expansion of the timeframe. ***SPECIFICALLY, THAT IS JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. Please ensure your nomination highlights achievements only during this timeframe.***

To make a nomination, please use the following procedure:

1. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo, a CALAFCO Associate Member, or any other organization.
2. Each nomination must meet the specific award category criteria for consideration. The Committee will not consider any nomination for an award for any category other than the one for which it was submitted. Duplicate nominations *will not be considered by the Committee.*
3. Nominations ***must be submitted with a completed nomination form.*** Please use a separate form for each nomination. The form is your opportunity to highlight the most important points of your nomination.
4. Nomination *Executive Summaries* must be *limited to no more than 250 words in length.* Nomination *Summaries* must be *limited to no more than 1,000 words or 2 pages in length maximum.* You are encouraged to write them in a clear, concise and understandable manner. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount *will not be considered by the Committee.*

5. All supporting information (e.g. reports, news articles, etc.) must be submitted with the nomination. *Limit supporting documentation to no more than 3 pages.* If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount *will not be considered by the Committee.*
6. All nomination materials must be submitted at one time and must be received by the deadline. No late nominations will be accepted – no exceptions. Electronic submittals are required and must be submitted as pdf document, using the fillable pdf document provided.
7. **Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021.** Send nominations via e-mail to:

Stephen Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer
slucas@buttecounty.net

AND

Christine Crawford, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer
christine.crawford@yolocounty.org

Please contact Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer, at slucas@buttecounty.net or (530) 538-7784 with any questions.

Members of the 2021 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee

Board Members:

Anita Paque, Committee Chair (Calveras LAFCo, Central Region)

Daron McDaniel (Merced LAFCo, Central Region)

Jo MacKenzie (San Diego LAFCo, Southern Region)

Margie Mohler (Napa LAFCo, Coastal Region)

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Included as attachments:

- Achievement Awards Program Summary
- 2021 Achievement Award nomination form
- Achievement Award categories, nomination and selection criteria
- Listing of prior Achievement Award recipients





CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS SUMMARY OF PROGRAM CHANGES

AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 30, 2021

Purpose of the changes

There are several goals to updating the CALAFCO Achievement Awards program.

First, nomination criteria did not exist for any award. By adding specific nomination criteria to each award, it will be easier for those considering submittal of a nomination to have clear standards that must be met in order for any nomination to be considered. Further, the criterion creates guidelines for the author of a nomination submittal.

Next, also non-existent were selection criteria. By creating selection criteria for each award, the Awards Committee has clear guidelines by which to review and consider each nomination within a given award category. Each proposed selection criteria is customized to the nomination criteria for that award category. This clear criterion also allows nominators to understand what will be considered by the Awards Committee as the nominations for a given category are considered.

We believe both of these goals create a more transparent and comprehensive Achievement Awards program for our membership.

Additionally, the updated Awards Program does several other things. First, it spotlights achievements *above and beyond* what is expected in the normal course of business. Second, it streamlines the current Award categories. Finally, it links specific achievements back to the mission and purpose of LAFCo, thereby enhancing their value and meaning.

On April 30, 2021, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the updated program. This approval was preceded by months of comprehensive review and work by the Association's Executive Director and Regional Officers, followed by a unanimous approval and recommendation to the Board by the Awards Committee.

Difference of the prior program to the updated program

In addition to the differences noted above, there are other notable differences:

- Prior program had eleven (11) total award categories whereas the updated program has eight (8).
- Eliminated *Distinguished Service Award* (already awarding longevity in *Lifetime Achievement Award*).
- Rolled *Outstanding LAFCo Clerk* into *Outstanding LAFCo Professional* and expanded to all LAFCo personnel. With the new criteria, each LAFCo personnel role shall be treated equally.
- Changed *Outstanding CALAFCO Member* to *Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer*, thereby excluding "staff person" and expanding scope to all who volunteer for the Association, not just Board or staff.
- Added nomination criteria to *Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member*.
- Combined the following four awards into one (with two distinct categories): *Most Effective Commission, Project of the Year, Government Leadership Award and Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award*. These are now the *Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award*.

- Criteria for this new award was taken from all four eliminated awards and tied directly to several aspects of the mission of LAFCo through the creation of the two distinct award subcategories.

Adopted changes to the membership and voting of the Achievement Awards Committee

There are two other changes directly affecting the Awards Committee. One relates to the membership structure of the Awards Committee and the other is to the voting.

First, the four Regional Officers are full voting members of the Committee. These Officers enhance the perspective of the Board Committee Members through their technical expertise and “on the ground” experiences. By adding them as voting members (they were previously “advisors” to the Committee), the full voting membership is nine (9).

And finally, it is now a policy of the Committee that any voting member abstain from voting on any category in which a nomination has been submitted by/for their LAFCo or a member (staff or commissioner) of their LAFCo. With bringing the voting membership to nine, this abstention should not pose a problem in terms of not having a quorum of votes cast.



2021 Achievement Award Nominations
Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Achievement Award Nomination Form

NOMINEE - Person or Agency Being Nominated

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

NOMINATION CATEGORY (check one – see category criteria on attached sheet)

- Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer
- Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member
- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding LAFCo Professional
- Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service (choose one category below)
 - Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*
 - Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*
- Legislator of the Year (must be approved by the full CALAFCO Board)
- Lifetime Achievement Award

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:



**2021 Achievement Award Nominations
Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In no more than 250 words, summarize why this recipient is the most deserving of this award.



**2021 Achievement Award Nominations
Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

NOMINATION SUMMARY

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (this section must be no more than 1,000 words or 2 pages maximum).



CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES, NOMINATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

CALAFCO recognizes excellence within the LAFCo community and the full membership by presenting the *Achievement Awards* at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Nominations are being accepted until **3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021** in the following categories:

Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer

Award Summary:

Recognizes a CALAFCO volunteer who has provided exemplary service during the past year. Exemplary service is service which clearly goes above and beyond that which is asked or expected in the charge of their responsibilities. This category may include a CALAFCO Board member, regional officer, program volunteer, or any other requested volunteer.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must have volunteered for the Association during the year in which the nomination is being made.
2. Nominee does not have to be a CALAFCO member.
3. Volunteer efforts must have demonstrated the individual going above and beyond what was asked/expected with positive and effective results.
4. Nominee can be a CALAFCO Board member, regional officer, program volunteer or any other volunteer.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to each nominee, regardless of their position or role as a volunteer. Only the contributions and outcomes shall be considered, not the individual's position.
3. The extent of the volunteerism and the overall impact to the statewide Association and membership based on that volunteerism shall be considered.
4. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member

Award Summary:

Presented to an active CALAFCO Associate Member (person or agency) that has advanced or promoted the cause of LAFCos by consistently producing distinguished work that upholds the mission and goals of LAFCos and has helped elevate the role and mission of LAFCos through its work. Recipient consistently demonstrates a collaborative approach to LAFCo stakeholder engagement. Further, the individual or firm has a proven commitment to the Association membership through volunteering time and resources to further the cause of LAFCo and CALAFCO.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a CALAFCO Associate Member in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be an Associate Member for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. The Associate Member nominated shall have been an Associate Member in good standing with the Association for at least one year prior to the year for which the nomination is being made.
4. As an Associate Member, the nominee may be an individual, firm or agency.
5. The nominee may be an individual within an Associate Member firm or agency.
6. Nominee shall demonstrate that through their work as an Associate Member, the role and mission of LAFCo has been upheld and furthered.
7. Nominee must have proven cooperative and collaborative approaches to situations and solutions that affect LAFCos statewide as an Associate Member.
8. Proven commitment to the Association's membership as an Associate Member by volunteering resources to the Association during the year in which the nomination is made.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. The level of volunteering time and resources to the Association shall be a consideration with all other nomination criteria.

Outstanding Commissioner

Award Summary:

Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission. Extraordinary service is considered actions above and beyond those required in the course of fulfilling their statutory responsibilities as a Commissioner. It requires consistently demonstrating independent judgment on behalf of the interest of the entire county, developing innovative and collaborative solutions to local issues, and leading the commission and community by example.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a Commissioner of a LAFCo in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be a Commissioner for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. Proven demonstration of consistently exercising independent judgment for the greater good of the County is required.
4. Proven leadership of the commission and the community through collaborative, innovative and creative solutions to local issues is required.
5. Proven effective results and outcomes shall be demonstrated in the nomination.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. Representation type (city-county-district-public) shall not be a consideration nor shall be the size or geographic area of the LAFCo on which the Commissioner serves.
4. The overall impact of the leadership of the Commissioner shall be considered.
5. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

Award Summary:

Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, Clerk, Legal Counsel or any other LAFCo staff person for exemplary service during the past year. Exemplary service is considered actions which clearly go above and beyond that which is asked, expected, or required in the charge of their LAFCo responsibilities.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a staff person of a LAFCo in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be a staff person for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. As a staff person, the nominee can be either an employee of the LAFCo or a contractor providing employee-type services to the LAFCo.
4. Efforts must be demonstrated that the individual has consistently gone above and beyond or outside the scope of their role or job responsibilities, with proven results that otherwise would not have occurred.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. Position within a LAFCo shall not be a consideration, nor shall be the size or geographic area of the LAFCo.
4. The overall impact of the LAFCo professional to their LAFCo and the greater community shall be considered.
5. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Award Summary:

Recognizes any individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the statewide LAFCo community in terms of longevity of service, exemplary advocacy of LAFCo-related legislation, proven leadership in approaching a particular issue or issues, and demonstrated support in developing and implementing innovative and creative ways to support the goals of LAFCos throughout California. At a minimum, the individual should be involved in the LAFCo community for at least twenty (20) years.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nomination must be received from a member LAFCo or Associate Member in good standing with the Association.
2. A minimum of 20 years direct involvement with the LAFCo community is required for consideration.
3. During that time, nominee shall have a proven positive impact and effect on the support and evolution of LAFCos statewide.
4. This includes advocacy of LAFCos statewide through legislation, developing creative and innovative solutions to LAFCo issues that serve beyond their LAFCo to the greater good, and collaborative stakeholder approaches to issues and opportunities to further the cause and mission of LAFCo.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Preference may be given to nominees who also have proven experience volunteering for CALAFCO through a regional officer role, serving on committees, serving on the CALAFCO Board, or any other method of volunteering for the Association that serves to promote and support the mission and work of LAFCos throughout the state.

Legislator of the Year

Award Summary:

Presented to a member of the California State Senate or Assembly in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCo goals that have a statewide effect. The recipient shall have demonstrated clear support and effort to further the cause and ability of LAFCos to fulfill their statutory mission. Selected by CALAFCO Board by super majority.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee shall be a California State legislator during the full year in which the nomination was made.
2. Nominee must have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the Legislature on behalf of LAFCos statewide, with efforts resulting in a positive impact for all LAFCos.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. All Legislator of the Year nominations shall be forwarded by the Achievement Awards Committee to the Board for consideration.
3. Selection of the recipient of this award shall be done with a super majority approval of the Board (present at the time of the vote).

Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award

Awarded to an individual, group or agency for actions that rise above expected or common functions or actions that are LAFCo-related; *and* reduce or eliminate common institutional roadblocks; *and* result in a truly extraordinary public service outcome. Individuals, a LAFCo, or collaborative effort among multiple LAFCos or a LAFCo with other entities are eligible. Other entities shall be decision-making bodies at the local, regional or state level. This award has two distinct categories, each focusing on specific areas of the LAFCo mission.

Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award categories:

1. *Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*
2. *Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*

Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award categories:

Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl

Includes the development and implementation of programs or other actions associated with agriculture, water, flood control, parks and recreation, habitat conservation plans and public lands. Demonstrates the recipient has identified, encouraged and ensured the preservation of agricultural and open space lands. Proven actions that encourage cities, counties and special districts to direct development away from all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands. Includes demonstrated consideration given in decisions to Regional Transportation Plans, including sustainable communities strategies and other growth plans to ensure reliable services, orderly growth, and sustainable communities.

Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services

Includes the development and implementation of innovate support and systems within internal LAFCo operations in the support of local agencies. Actions produce systemic and sustainable improvements and innovation of local government. Proven facilitation of constructive discussions with local and regional agencies and proactive outreach to local and regional agencies as well as local stakeholders and communities to identify issues and solutions and demonstrated action as a coordinating agency in offering and supporting unique local solutions to meet local challenges. Successful demonstration of development of capacities and abilities of local agencies. Provide tools and resources to local agencies to address aging infrastructure, fiscal challenges and the maintenance of existing services. Demonstrated action to streamline the provision of local services with proven results that services are consistent or have been improved as a result, with little to no increased cost to the consumer. Focused efforts and proven results to ensure delivery of services to all communities, especially disadvantaged communities.

Nomination criteria:

1. Clear demonstration that the actions rise above expected or common functions or actions.
2. The actions reduced or eliminated common institutional roadblocks.
3. The actions clearly proven a truly extraordinary public service outcome that is systemic and sustainable.
4. Identified unique circumstances and factors leading to the solution/project.
5. The innovative steps taken by the LAFCo or entity/entities/individual to solve the problem, overcome the situation, or to take action.
6. Clear description of the results/outcomes of the work and the short- and long-term effects.
7. How this work can be promoted as a LAFCo best practice.
8. Clear demonstration how this nomination meets all criteria.

Selection Criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to each nominee within each category. The size or geographic area of the LAFCo within a given category shall not be a consideration.
3. The overall impact of the actions and outcomes to the greater community being served shall be considered.
4. The level of impact based on the required nomination criteria shall be considered.



PREVIOUS CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2019

Distinguished Service Award	Charley Wilson , Orange LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Jim DeMartini , Stanislaus LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	David Church , San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Project of the Year	Orange LAFCo , for <i>San Juan Capistrano Utilities MSR</i>
Government Leadership Award	CA State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles County and Los Angeles LAFCo , for <i>Sativa Water District</i>
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	Butte LAFCo
Legislator of the Year	Assembly Member Mike Gipson
Lifetime Achievement Award	John Benoit , various LAFCos, Jurg Heuberger , Imperial LAFCo

2018

Distinguished Service Award	John Withers , Orange LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	Santa Clara LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	Margie Mohler , Napa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	George Williamson , Del Norte LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Elizabeth Valdez , Riverside LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	Best Best & Krieger
Project of the Year	Lake LAFCo , water services consolidation
Government Leadership Award	City of Porterville, County of Tulare, Dept. of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Self Help Enterprises, Community Water Center for East Porterville water supply project
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	Mike Ott , San Diego LAFCo
Legislator of the Year	Assembly Member Anna Caballero
Lifetime Achievement Award	Pat McCormick , Santa Cruz LAFCo, George Spiliotis , Riverside LAFCo

2017

Most Effective Commission	Los Angeles LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Sblend Sblendorio , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	John Marchand , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Paul Novak , Los Angeles LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Richelle Beltran , Ventura LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	Policy Consulting Associates
Project of the Year	County Services MSR , Butte LAFCo, and Santa Rosa Annexation , Sonoma LAFCo

Government Leadership Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.
Kathy Rollings McDonald (San Bernardino)

2016

Distinguished Service Award
Most Effective Commission
Outstanding CALAFCO Member
Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding LAFCo Professional
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk
Project of the Year
Government Leadership Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Peter Brundage, Sacramento LAFCo
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
John Leopold, Santa Cruz LAFCo
Don Tatzin, Contra Costa LAFCo
Steve Lucas, Butte LAFCo
Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Orange LAFCo
Countywide Water Study, (Marin LAFCo)
Southern Region of CALAFCO
Bob Braitman (retired Executive Officer)

2015

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in
Local Government Leadership Award
Distinguished Service Award
Most Effective Commission
Outstanding CALAFCO Member
Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding LAFCo Professional
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk
Project of the Year

Government Leadership Award

CALAFCO Associate Member of the Year
Legislators of the Year Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Yuba County Water Agency

Mary Jane Griego, Yuba LAFCo
Butte LAFCo
Marjorie Blom, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo
Matthew Beekman, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo
Sam Martinez, San Bernardino LAFCo
Terri Tuck, Yolo LAFCo
Formation of the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38 (Ventura LAFCo) and **2015 San Diego County Health Care Services five-year sphere of influence and service review report** (San Diego LAFCo)
The Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the Zone 7 Water Agency
Michael Colantuono of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley
Assembly member Chad Mayes
Jim Chapman (Lassen LAFCo) and **Chris Tooker** (formerly of Sacramento LAFCo)

2014

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in
Local Government Leadership Award
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Outstanding Commissioner
Outstanding LAFCo Professional
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk
Project of the Year

David Church, San Luis Obispo LAFCo

Kate McKenna, Monterey LAFCo
Santa Clara LAFCo
Stephen Lucas, Butte LAFCo
Paul Norsell, Nevada LAFCo
Kate McKenna, Monterey LAFCo
Paige Hensley, Yuba LAFCo
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June 1, 2021

To: Local Agency Formation Commission
Members and Alternate Members

From: Gay Jones, Committee Chair
CALAFCO Board Election Committee
CALAFCO Board of Directors

CALAFCO



RE: Nominations for 2021/2022 CALAFCO Board of Directors

Nominations are now open for the fall elections of the CALAFCO Board of Directors. Serving on the CALAFCO Board is a unique opportunity to work with other commissioners throughout the state on legislative, fiscal and operational issues that affect us all. The Board meets four to five times each year at alternate sites around the state. Any LAFCo commissioner or alternate commissioner is eligible to run for a Board seat.

CALAFCO's Election Committee is accepting nominations for the following seats on the CALAFCO Board of Directors:

Central Region

City Member
Public Member

Southern Region

County Member
District Member

Northern Region

County Member
District Member

Coastal Region

City Member
Public Member

The election will be conducted during Regional Caucuses at the CALAFCO Annual Conference prior to the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach at the John Wayne Airport, CA.

Please inform your Commission that the CALAFCO Election Committee is accepting nominations for the above-cited seats until *Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.*

Incumbents are eligible to run for another term. Nominations received by September 7 will be included in the Election Committee's Report and will be on the ballot. The Report will be distributed to LAFCo members no later than September 23, 2021 and ballots made available to Voting Delegates at the Annual Conference. Nominations received after this date will be returned; however, nominations will be permitted from the floor during the Regional Caucuses or during at-large elections, if required, at the Annual Membership Meeting.

For those member LAFCos who cannot send a representative to the Annual Meeting an electronic ballot will be made available if requested in advance. **The ballot request must be made no later than Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Completed absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 a.m., Monday, October 4, 2021.**

Should your Commission nominate a candidate, the Chair of your Commission must complete the attached Nomination Form and the Candidate's Resume Form or provide the specified information in another format other than a resume. Commissions may also include a letter of recommendation or resolution in support of their nominee.

The nomination forms and materials must be received by the CALAFCO Executive Director no later than Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Here is a summary of the deadlines for this year's nomination process:

- **June 1** – Nomination Announcement and packet sent to LAFCo membership and posted on the CALAFCO website.
- **September 7** – Completed Nomination packet due
- **September 7** – Request for an absentee/electronic ballot due
- **September 7** – Voting delegate name due to CALAFCO
- **September 23** – Distribution of the Election Committee Report (includes all completed/submitted nomination papers)
- **September 23** – Distribution of requested absentee/electronic ballots.
- **October 4** – Absentee ballots due to CALAFCO
- **October 7** - Elections

Returning the nomination form prior to the deadline ensures your nominee is placed on the ballot. Names will be listed in the order nominations were received should there be multiple candidates. Electronic filing of nomination forms and materials is encouraged to facilitate the recruitment process. Please send e-mails with forms and materials to info@calafco.org. Alternatively, nomination forms and materials can be mailed to the address below. Please forward nominations to:

CALAFCO Election Committee c/o Executive Director
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
1020 12th Street, Suite 222
Sacramento, California 95814
EMAIL: info@calafco.org

Questions about the election process can be sent to the Chair of the Committee, Gay Jones, at gjones@calafco.org or by calling her at 916-208-0736. You may also contact CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller at pmiller@calafco.org or by calling 916-442-6536.

Members of the 2021/2022 CALAFCO Election Committee are:

Gay Jones, Chair gjones@calafco.org	Sacramento LAFCo (Central Region) 916-208-0736
Blake Inscore binscore@calafco.org	Del Norte LAFCo (Northern Region) 707-951-0517
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Attached please find a copy of the CALAFCO Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures as well as the current listing of Board Members and corresponding terms of office.

Please consider joining us!

Enclosures