



July 7, 2020

Dear CALAFCO Membership:

We continue to live in unprecedented times, dealing with the myriad of disruptive changes thrust upon us and our agencies. All of us continue to learn how to best navigate the path forward, both individually and collectively, with resilience and courage.

With the ongoing pandemic and the dialing back by many counties on re-opening, and the significant budget cuts looming for all local government agencies, careful consideration is being given to every decision organizations are making today. The same is true for CALAFCO and our Annual Conference.

Taking all of that into consideration with respect to the October Annual Conference, the CALAFCO Board of Directors and Executive Director believe CALAFCO has an ethical and corporate responsibility to our members, speakers, guests, their families and our collective communities. This responsibility includes mitigating as much as possible the spread of the virus and being responsible in our decisions to aid in the containment and protect the health and safety of our members. Given the fluidity of the situation, there are still no state guidelines as to larger gathering events and it is not likely they can be done safely anytime soon.

After careful thought and consideration, CALAFCO has decided to cancel this year's in-person Annual Conference which was scheduled for October 21-23 in Monterey.

So, what's next?

- Staff is researching options for a virtual event of some kind and will report to the Board of Directors during the July 24 meeting what options are reasonable and available. At this time, we do not know what that may look like, but we are hopeful by the end of the month we will know whether there will be a virtual event. As soon as there is information, you will be advised.
- CALAFCO staff may reach out to your LAFCo staff and commissioners and request feedback via a Survey Monkey survey. **Your feedback will be critical so please respond if asked.**
- CALAFCO is working with the Monterey Hyatt to re-book the Conference in 2023.
- The Board of Directors 2020 elections will be held by email ballot. Please watch for an update from the Elections Committee coming this week.
- We are researching options for holding the Annual Business Meeting and will advise you when that decision has been made.

If you have suggestions or questions, please let Executive Director Pamela Miller know. You can reach her at pmiller@calafco.org.

On behalf of the Board, we thank you for the leadership and the integrity you demonstrate as local government leaders every day, and especially in difficult times such as these.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike McGill in blue ink.

Mike McGill
Chair of the Board

Handwritten signature of Pamela Miller in blue ink.

Pamela Miller
Executive Director

CC: CALAFCO Board of Directors



CALAFCO 2020 Conference Survey

* 1. Given that CALAFCO had to cancel the in-person Annual Conference, would it be the preference of the majority of your commissioners to (PICK ONLY ONE):

- Not hold any kind of virtual Conference event at all this year
- Hold a virtual Conference event over 1 ½ - 2 days (one registration per person for the entire event)
- Hold a virtual Conference event spread out over a week (one registration per person for the entire event)
- Hold a virtual Conference series, once session at a time, over a longer period (one registration per person for the session)

* 2. What would be the maximum amount of time they would sit through a session? (PICK ONLY ONE)

- 1 hour
- 90 minutes
- 2 hours

3. Comments