



**Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County**  
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**Consistent with California Assembly Bill 361 and California Government Code Section 54953 due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and the recommendations for physical distancing, there will be no physical or in-person meeting location available to the public. Instead, the meeting will be conducted solely by teleconference. The meeting will be accessible for all members of the public to attend via the link and phone number listed below.**

**LAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda**  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 9:00 AM

<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>
Diane Dillon	Beth Painter	Brendon Freeman

**This meeting will be conducted by teleconference. Written public comments may be submitted PRIOR to the meeting by 5:00 P.M. on March 14, 2022. Public comments DURING the meeting: See “COVID-19 – Notice of Meeting Procedures” on pages 2 and 3 of the agenda.**

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**1. Call to Order**

**2. Public Comment**

Anyone may comment on a subject that is not scheduled on the current agenda if the subject is within the jurisdiction of the Legislative Committee. Individuals will be limited to three minutes. No action will be taken by the Legislative Committee a result of any item presented at this time.

**3. [Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 8, 2021 Legislative Committee Meeting](#)**

**4. Review Legislative Policies and Platforms**

Consistent with the Commission’s [Legislative Policy](#), the Legislative Committee will review the local [Legislative Platform](#) as well as the [legislative policies of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions \(CALAFCO\)](#). The Legislative Committee will determine if amendments to the Commission’s Legislative Policy or Platform should be recommended for Commission consideration.

**5. Review Proposed Legislation**

The Legislative Committee will review proposed state legislation affecting LAFCOs as tracked by CALAFCO. If consistent with the Commission’s adopted Legislative Platform, the Legislative Committee will recommend formal positions on proposed legislation for the full Commission’s consideration at its April 4, 2022 regular meeting. The Committee will review [24 bills tracked by CALAFCO](#) and consider the [positions of CALAFCO, California State Association of Counties, and League of California Cities](#).

**6. Adjournment**

## MEETING INFORMATION

### **COVID-19 – Notice of Meeting Procedures**

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING:** In order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Commission will conduct this meeting as a teleconference in compliance with California Assembly Bill 361 and California Government Code Section 54953 due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and the recommendations for physical distancing, and members of the Commission or Commission staff may participate in this meeting telephonically or electronically. Members of the public may participate in the meeting, as described below.

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**SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS TO BE READ AT THE MEETING:** Any member of the public may submit a written comment to the Commission before the meeting by **March 14, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.** by email to [info@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:info@napa.lafco.ca.gov) or by mail to Napa LAFCO at 1754 Second Street, Suite C, Napa, CA 94559-2450. If you are commenting on a particular item on the agenda, please identify the agenda item number and letter. Any comments of 500 words or less (per person, per item) will be read into the record if: (1) the subject line includes “COMMENT TO COMMISSION – PLEASE READ”; and (2) it is received by the Commission prior to the deadline of **March 14, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.**

**SUBMITTING SUPPLEMENTAL WRITTEN COMMENTS:** Any member of the public may submit supplemental written comments to the Commission, beyond the 500-word limit for comments read into the record, and those supplemental written comments will be made a part of the written record.

#### **SUBMITTING SPOKEN COMMENTS DURING THE COMMISSION MEETING:**

Electronically:

1. We request that you identify yourself by name as this will be visible online and will be used to notify you that it is your turn to speak.
2. When the Commission calls for the item on which you wish to speak, click “participants”, a menu will appear. On computer or tablet: click on the “raise hand” icon or word. On a smartphone: click on your name in the list of participants, click on “raise hand”. Staff will unmute speakers in turn.
3. When you are called upon to speak, please provide your name and address for the record.
4. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted (3 minutes).

By phone (please avoid the speakerphone function to prevent echoing):

1. Your phone number will appear but not your name.
2. When the Commission calls for the item on which you wish to speak, press \*9 to “raise your hand”. Staff will unmute speakers in turn. You will be called upon using the last four digits of your phone number, since your name is not visible. You will be prompted to press \*6 to be unmuted.
3. When you are called upon to speak, please provide your name and address for the record.
4. When called, please limit your remarks to the time limit allotted (3 minutes).

**VIEWING RECORDING OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING:** The Commission’s teleconference meeting will be recorded. Members of the public may access the teleconference meeting and other archived Commission meetings by going to [https://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov/cm\\_meeting\\_video.aspx](https://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov/cm_meeting_video.aspx). Please allow up to one week for production time.

**AGENDA ITEMS:** The Commission may reschedule items on the agenda. The Commission will generally hear uncontested matters first, followed by discussions of contested matters, and staff announcements in that order.

**CONDUCT OF HEARINGS:** A contested matter is usually heard as follows: (1) discussion of the staff report and the environmental document; (2) testimony of proponent; (3) testimony of opponent; (4) public testimony; (5) rebuttal by proponent; (6) provision of additional clarification by staff as required; (7) close of the public hearing; (8) Commission discussion and Commission vote.

**VOTING:** A quorum consists of three members of the Commission. No action or recommendation of the Commission is valid unless a majority of the quorum of the Commission concurs therein.

**OFF AGENDA ITEMS:** Matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission and not on the posted agenda may be addressed by the public under "Public Comments" on the Agenda. The Commission limits testimony on matters not on the agenda to 500-words or less for a particular subject and in conformance with the COVID-19-Notice of Meeting Procedures. The Commission cannot take action on any unscheduled items.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for assistive listening devices or other considerations should be made 72 hours in advance through LAFCO staff at (707) 259-8645 or [info@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:info@napa.lafco.ca.gov).

**POLITICAL REFORM ACT:** Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56700.1 and 81000 et seq., any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly contributes \$1,000 or more or expends \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a change of organization or reorganization that will be, or has been, submitted to LAFCO must comply, to the same extent as provided for local initiative measures, with reporting and disclosure requirements of the California Political Reform Act of 1974. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Fair Political Practices Commission. Pursuant to Government Code Section 84308, if you wish to participate in the proceedings indicated on this agenda, you or your agent is prohibited from making a campaign contribution of \$250 or more to any Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner. This prohibition begins on the date you begin to actively support or oppose an application before LAFCO and continues until three months after a final decision is rendered by LAFCO. If you or your agent has made a contribution of \$250 or more to any Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner during the 12 months preceding the decision, that Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner must disqualify themselves from the decision in the proceeding. However, disqualification is not required if the Commissioner or Alternate Commissioner returns that campaign contribution within 30 days of learning both about the contribution and the fact that you are a participant in the proceedings.

**MEETING MATERIALS:** Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members of the Commission regarding any item on this agenda after the posting of the agenda and not otherwise exempt from disclosure will be made available for public review at <https://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov> or by contacting LAFCO staff at [info@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:info@napa.lafco.ca.gov) or call the LAFCO office at (707) 259-8645. If the supplemental materials are made available to the members of the Commission at the meeting, a copy will be available for public review at <https://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov>. Staff reports are available online at [https://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov/staff\\_reports.aspx](https://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov/staff_reports.aspx) or upon request to LAFCO staff at [info@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:info@napa.lafco.ca.gov) or call the LAFCO office at (707) 259-8645.

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**LAFCO Legislative Committee Meeting**

Monday, March 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM

**Zoom Teleconference Meeting**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>
Diane Dillon	Beth Painter	Brendon Freeman

**1. Call to Order**

All members present.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comments received.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

March 9, 2020 Legislative Committee meeting minutes approved.

**4. Review Legislative Platforms**

The Committee reviewed the Commission's Legislative Platform as well as the legislative policies of CALAFCO. No changes to the Commission's Legislative Platform were recommended.

**5. Review Proposed Legislation**

The Committee reviewed 29 bills that were being tracked by CALAFCO, proposed amendments to California Government Code (G.C.) §56133 from San Diego LAFCO, and proposed amendments to Senate Bill (SB) 13 (Dodd) from the City of St. Helena. The Committee agreed to recommend all of the following at the Commission's April 5, 2021 meeting:

- Submit a letter to the Legislature in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 959;
- Watch AB 1250, SB 273, and SB 403, and return with updates as appropriate at future Commission meetings;
- Discuss SB 13 and the City of St. Helena's proposed amendments, and consider submitting a formal position letter to the Legislature; and
- Discuss San Diego LAFCO's proposed amendments to G.C. §56133(e) and consider taking a position in concept.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.



## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA

### *Legislative Policy*

(Adopted: December 4, 2017)

- 1) The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County (“the Commission”) shall establish a standing committee to review proposed legislation (“Legislative Committee”). At the beginning of each two-year legislative session, the Commission shall appoint (or re-appoint) two members to the Legislative Committee, in addition to LAFCO’s Executive Officer. Meetings of the Legislative Committee must be noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.
- 2) The Legislative Committee shall, at least annually, review the California Association of LAFCOs’ legislative platform as well as the Commission’s adopted legislative platform if applicable and determine what action is needed in terms of adopting or amending a local legislative platform. The Legislative Committee shall present recommendations to the full Commission with respect to actions related to the local legislative platform.
- 3) The Legislative Committee shall, at least annually, review proposed legislation affecting LAFCO. The Executive Officer shall continue monitoring proposed legislation and present recommendations to the full Commission with respect to formal positions on proposed legislation.
- 4) In the event that proposed legislation affecting LAFCO cannot be considered by the full Commission due to timing, the Executive Officer is authorized to submit written correspondence to the legislation’s author regarding the Commission’s position if the position is consistent with the adopted legislative platform of the Commission. The Chair, or the Vice-Chair if the Chair is unavailable, shall review and approve the written correspondence prior to it being submitted by the Executive Officer.
- 5) All submitted correspondence pursuant to this policy will be included on the next available Commission agenda.



## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA

### *Legislative Platform*

(Adopted: February 5, 2018; Last Amended: May 4, 2020)

The following core guiding principles underlie the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County's activities. Each of these principles is centered on Napa LAFCO having in-depth, active communication with respect to all relevant constituents.

- Municipal Service Reviews based on local agency, Napa County, & LAFCO needs
- Re-writing policies (on a schedule) to be comprehensive, effective, and transparent
- Forecasting issues relating to local services and boundaries, as well as State legislation
- Active involvement of agency constituents in problem-solving local agency sustainability
- Engagement with local city/town general plan updates
- Active with local agencies in managing housing growth and related issues including transportation

The following serves as Napa LAFCO's Legislative Platform for purposes of informing actions relating to proposed legislation. Napa LAFCO will first review and consider the positions of the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Special Districts Association, including their stated reasons for their positions, before recommending the full Commission take a formal position on proposed legislation.

### **1. LAFCO Purpose and Authority**

- 1.1 Support legislation which enhances Napa LAFCO's authority and powers to carry out the legislative findings and authority in Government Code §56000 et seq., and oppose legislation which diminishes Napa LAFCO's authority.
- 1.2 Support authority for Napa LAFCO to establish local policies to apply Government Code §56000 et seq. based on local needs and conditions, and oppose any limitations to that authority.
- 1.3 Oppose additional Napa LAFCO responsibilities which require expansion of current local funding sources. Oppose unrelated responsibilities which dilute Napa LAFCO's ability to meet its primary mission.
- 1.4 Support alignment of responsibilities and authority of Napa LAFCO and regional agencies which may have overlapping responsibilities in orderly growth, preservation, and service delivery, and oppose legislation or policies which create conflicts or hamper those responsibilities.

- 1.5 Oppose grants of special status to any individual agency or proposal to circumvent the Napa LAFCO process.
- 1.6 Support individual commissioner responsibility that allows each commissioner to independently vote their conscience on issues affecting their own jurisdiction.
- 1.7 Support the independence of Napa LAFCO from local agencies.
- 1.8 Support recognition of Napa LAFCO's spheres of influence by other agencies involved in determining and developing long-term growth and infrastructure plans.
- 1.9 Support efforts to acquire funding for local projects if the funding efforts are supported by the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

## **2. Agricultural, Watershed, and Open Space Protection**

- 2.1. Support legislation which clarifies Napa LAFCO's authority to identify, encourage, and ensure the preservation of agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.
- 2.2. Support policies which encourage cities, counties and special districts to direct development away from agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.
- 2.3. Support policies and tools which protect agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.
- 2.4. Support the continuance of the Williamson Act and restoration of program funding through State subvention payments.
- 2.5. Support the recognition and use of spheres of influence as a management tool to provide better planning of growth and development, and to preserve agricultural, watershed, and open space lands.



# **CALAFCO 2022 Legislative Policies**

*As adopted by the Board of Directors on November 12, 2021*

## **1. LAFCo Purpose and Authority**

- 1.1. Support legislation that enhances LAFCo authority and powers to carry out the legislative findings and authority in Government Code §56000 et seq. Oppose legislation that diminishes LAFCo authority.
- 1.2. Support authority for each LAFCo to establish local policies to apply Government Code §56000 et seq. based on local needs and conditions. Oppose any limitations to that authority.
- 1.3. Oppose additional LAFCo responsibilities that require expansion of current local funding sources. Oppose unrelated responsibilities that dilute LAFCo ability to meet its primary mission.
- 1.4. Support alignment of responsibilities and authority of LAFCo and regional agencies that may have overlapping responsibilities in orderly growth, agricultural and open space preservation, and municipal service delivery. Oppose legislation or policies that create conflicts or hamper those responsibilities.
- 1.5. Oppose grants of special status to any individual agency or proposal to circumvent the LAFCo process.
- 1.6. Support individual commissioner responsibility that allows each commissioner to independently vote his or her conscience on issues affecting his or her own jurisdiction.

## **2. LAFCo Organization**

- 2.1. Support LAFCo independence from local agencies.
- 2.2. Oppose the re-composition of any LAFCo to create special seats and recognize the importance of balanced representation provided by cities, the county, the public, and special districts in advancing the public interest.
- 2.3. Support representation of special districts on all LAFCos in counties with independent districts and oppose removal of special districts from any LAFCo.
- 2.4. Support communication and collaborative decision-making among neighboring LAFCos when growth pressures and multicounty agencies extend beyond an individual LAFCo's boundaries.

## **3. Agricultural and Open Space Protection**

- 3.1. Support legislation that clarifies LAFCo authority to identify, encourage and ensure the preservation of agricultural and open space lands.
- 3.2. Encourage a consistent definition of agricultural and open space lands.
- 3.3. Support policies that encourage cities, counties and special districts to discourage development on all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands.
- 3.4. Support policies and tools that protect all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands.
- 3.5. Support the continuance of the Williamson Act and restoration of program funding through State subvention payments.



**4. Orderly Growth**

- 4.1. Support the recognition and use of spheres of influence as a planning tool pertaining to growth and development, and the preservation of agricultural and open space lands.
- 4.2. Support recognition of LAFCo spheres of influence by other agencies involved in determining and developing long-term growth and infrastructure plans.
- 4.3. Support orderly boundaries of local agencies and the elimination of islands within the sphere of influence and boundaries of agencies.
- 4.4. Support communication among cities, counties, special districts, stakeholders and affected parties through a collaborative process that resolves service, infrastructure, housing, land use, and fiscal issues, prior to application to LAFCo.
- 4.5. Support cooperation between counties and cities on decisions related to development within a city's designated sphere of influence.
- 4.6. Support cooperation between cities and special districts on decisions related to development within city and district spheres of influence that overlap.
- 4.7. Support the recognition of extreme natural disasters and disaster preparedness when considering growth and service delivery issues.

**5. Service Delivery and Local Agency Effectiveness**

- 5.1. Support the use of LAFCo resources to review Regional Transportation Plans, with a focus on sustainable communities strategies and other growth plans to ensure reliable services, orderly growth, and conformity with LAFCo's legislative mandates. Support efforts that enhance meaningful collaboration between LAFCos and regional planning agencies.
- 5.2. Support LAFCo authority as the preferred method of local governance. Support the availability of LAFCo tools that provide options for local governance and efficient service delivery, including the authority to impose conditions that assure a proposal's conformity with LAFCo's legislative mandates.
- 5.3. Support a deliberative and open process for the creation or reorganization of local governments that evaluates the proposed new or successor agency's long-term financial viability, governance structure and ability to efficiently deliver proposed services.
- 5.4. Support the availability of tools for LAFCo to insure equitable distribution of revenues to local government agencies consistent with their service delivery responsibilities.
- 5.5. Support legislation and collaborative efforts among agencies and LAFCos that encourage opportunities for sharing of services, staff and facilities to provide more efficient and cost-effective services.

## **2022 Legislative Priorities**

### **Primary Issues**

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#### **Authority of LAFCo**

Support legislation that maintains or enhances LAFCo's authority to condition proposals in order to address any or all financial, growth, service delivery, and agricultural and open space preservation issues. Support legislation that maintains or enhances LAFCo's ability to make decisions regarding boundaries and formations, and to enact recommendations related to the delivery of services and the agencies providing them, including changes of organization and reorganizations.

#### **Agriculture and Open Space Protection**

Support policies, programs and legislation that recognize LAFCo's mission to protect and mitigate the loss of all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands and that encourage other agencies to coordinate with local LAFCOs on land preservation and orderly growth. Support efforts that encourage the creation of habitat conservation plans.

#### **Water Availability**

Support policies, programs and legislation that promote an integrated approach to water availability and management. Promote adequate water supplies and infrastructure planning for current and planned growth and disadvantaged communities, and that support the sustainability of all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands. Support policies that assist LAFCo in obtaining accurate and reliable water supply information in order to evaluate current and cumulative water demands for service expansions and boundary changes. Such policies should include the impacts of expanding water company service areas on orderly growth, and the impacts of consolidation or dissolution of water companies providing services.

#### **Viability of Local Services**

Support policies, programs and legislation that maintain or enhance LAFCo's ability to review and act to determine the efficient and sustainable delivery of local services and the financial viability of agencies providing those services to meet current and future needs including those identified in regional planning efforts such as sustainable communities strategies. Support legislation that provides LAFCo and local communities with options for local governance that ensures efficient, effective, and quality service delivery. Support efforts that provide tools to local agencies to address aging infrastructure, fiscal challenges, declining levels of services, and inadequate services to disadvantaged communities.

## **Issues of Interest**

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### **Housing**

Provision of territory and services to support housing plans consistent with State affordable housing mandates, regional land use plans and local LAFCo policies.

### **Transportation**

Effects of Regional Transportation Plans and expansion of transportation systems on future urban growth and service delivery needs, and the ability of local agencies to provide those services.

### **Flood Control**

The ability and effectiveness of local agencies to maintain and improve levees and protect current infrastructure. Carefully consider the value of uninhabited territory, and the impact to public safety of proposed annexation to urban areas of uninhabited territory at risk of flooding. Support legislation that includes assessment of agency viability in decisions involving new funds for levee repair and maintenance. Support efforts that encourage the creation of habitat conservation plans.

### **Adequate Municipal Services in Inhabited Territory**

Consistency of expedited processes for inhabited annexations with LAFCo law that include fiscal viability. Promote environmental justice for underserved inhabited communities, funding sources should be identified for extension of municipal services, including options for annexation of contiguous disadvantaged unincorporated communities. Support policies, programs, and legislation that would provide adequate municipal services to disadvantaged communities. Promote the delivery of adequate, sustainable, efficient, and effective levels of municipal services through periodic updates and reviews of Municipal Service Reviews, Spheres of Influence, and related studies prepared by LAFCOs.

### **Climate Adaptation**

The ability and effectiveness of local agencies to proactively and effectively address issues that impact municipal service infrastructure and service delivery that include sea level rise, sand erosion, and levee protection. Adequate resources for local agencies to prepare for and appropriately respond to extreme disasters related to climate change. Ensure local agencies are considering climate resiliency when considering future development.

# CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Thursday, March 10, 2022

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**[AB 2957](#) (Committee on Local Government) Local government: reorganization.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 3/2/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 3/2/2022

**Status:** 3/3/2022-From printer. May be heard in committee April 2.

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**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization, reorganization, and sphere of influence changes for cities and districts, as specified. Current law requires that an applicant seeking a change of organization or reorganization to submit a plan for providing services within the affected territory. Current law requires a petitioner or legislative body desiring to initiate proceedings to submit an application to the executive officer of the local agency formation commission, and requires the local agency formation commission, with regard to an application that includes an incorporation, to immediately notify all affected local agencies and any applicable state agency, as specified. This bill would define the term "successor agency," for these purposes to mean the local agency a commission designates to wind up the affairs of a dissolved district.

**Attachments:**

[LAFCo Support letter template](#)

[CALAFCO Support letter](#)

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the annual Omnibus bill sponsored by CALAFCO.

As introduced it makes 3 minor, technical non-substantive changes in CKH: (1)

Replaces "to be completed and in existence" with "take effect" under GCS 56102;

(2) Adds GCS 56078.5: "Successor Agency" means the local agency the

Commission designates to wind up the affairs of a dissolved district; and (3)

Replaces "proposals" with "applications" within GCS 56653(a), 56654(a), (b), and

(c), and 56658(b)(1) and (b)(2).

CALAFCO support letter and LAFCo support letter template are in the attachments section.

**[SB 938](#) (Hertzberg D) The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000: protest proceedings: procedural consolidation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/8/2022

**Status:** 2/16/2022-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Summary:**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, except as specified. Under current law, in each county there is a local agency formation commission that oversees these changes of organization and reorganization. With a specified exception, current law provides for protest proceedings for a change of organization or reorganization following adoption of a resolution making certain determinations by the commission, as provided. Current law sets forth required procedures for the commission following a protest hearing depending on the nature of the conducting authority, as defined, the type of change of organization or reorganization, and the results of the protest proceeding. The bill would reorganize and consolidate the above-described procedures. The bill would make conforming changes and remove obsolete provisions.

**Attachments:**

[SB 938 LAFCo support letter template](#)

[SB 938 CALAFCO Support letter](#)

[SB 938 CALAFCO Fact Sheet](#)

[SB 938 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Sponsor

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** CALAFCO is the sponsor of this bill. SB 839 represents a collaborative three-year effort (by an 18-member working group) to clean up, consolidate, and clarify existing statutory provisions associated with consolidations and dissolutions, as well as codify the conditions under which a LAFCo may initiate dissolution of a district at the 25 percent protest threshold. In response to a recommendation made in the 2017 Little Hoover Commission report (Special Districts: Improving Oversight and Transparency), CALAFCO initiated a working group of stakeholders in early 2019 to discuss the protest process for dissolutions of special districts.

The bill's current format (dated 2/8/22) represents the restructuring of existing protest provisions scattered throughout CKH. There have been some minor technical language added for clarifications. These changes are all minor in nature (by legislative standards).

The bill will be amended to reflect the newly designed process that codifies the ability for LAFCo to initiate a district dissolution at 25% protest threshold. The conditions under which this can occur include one or more of the following, any/all of which must be documented via determinations in a Municipal Service Review (MSR):

1. The agency has one or more documented chronic service provision deficiencies that substantially deviate from industry or trade association standards or other government regulations and its board or management is not actively engaged in efforts to remediate the documented service deficiencies;
2. The agency spent public funds in an unlawful or reckless manner inconsistent with the principal act or other statute governing the agency and has not taken any

- action to prevent similar future spending;
3. The agency has consistently shown willful neglect by failing to consistently adhere to the California Public Records Act and other public disclosure laws the agency is subject to;
  4. The agency has failed to meet the minimum number of times required in its governing act in the prior calendar year and has taken no action to remediate the failures to meet to ensure future meetings are conducted on a timely basis;
  5. The agency has consistently failed to perform timely audits in the prior three years, or failed to meet minimum financial requirements under Government Code section 26909 over the prior five years as an alternative to performing an audit, or the agency's recent annual audits show chronic issues with the agency's fiscal controls and the agency has taken no action to remediate the issues.

The proposed process is:

1. LAFCo to present the MSR in a 21-day noticed public hearing. At that time the LAFCo may choose to adopt a resolution of intent to dissolve the district. The resolution shall contain a minimum 12-month remediation period.
2. The district will have a minimum of 12 months to remediate the deficiencies.
3. Half-way through the remediation period, the district shall provide LAFCo a written report on the progress of their remediation efforts. The report is to be placed on a LAFCo meeting agenda and presented at that LAFCo meeting.
4. At the conclusion of the remediation period, LAFCo conducts another 21-day noticed public hearing to determine if district has remedied deficiencies. If the district has resolved issues, commission rescinds the resolution of intent to dissolve the district and the matter is dropped. If not, commission adopts a resolution making determinations to dissolve the district.
5. Standard 30-day reconsideration period.
6. Protest proceedings at 25% threshold can be noticed with a required 60-day protest period.
7. Protest hearing is held and amount of qualified protests determined based on 25% threshold. LAFCo either orders dissolution, election, or termination.

As this bill - when amended - adds requirements for LAFCos and districts, it will likely be keyed fiscal (for now it is not). An author fact sheet and CALAFCO fact sheet are posted in our attachments section as well as the CALAFCO Support letter and LAFCo support letter template.

**SB 1490 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/28/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/28/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Calendar:**

3/17/2022 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, CABALLERO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would enact the First Validating Act of 2022, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the first of three annual validating acts.

**[SB 1491](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/28/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/28/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Calendar:**

3/17/2022 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, CABALLERO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would enact the Second Validating Act of 2022, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the second of three annual validating acts

**[SB 1492](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/28/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/28/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Calendar:**

3/17/2022 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, CABALLERO, Chair

**Summary:**

Would enact the Third Validating Act of 2022, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the third of three annual validating acts.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/12/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/12/2022

**Status:** 1/20/2022-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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**Calendar:**

3/21/2022 2:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, RIVAS, LUZ, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law requires, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, the Natural Resources Agency to update, as prescribed, the state's climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan. Existing law establishes the Office of Planning and Research in state government in the Governor's office. Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the office to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as prescribed. This bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would require the office, through the program, to encourage the inclusion of eligible entities with land use planning and hazard mitigation planning authority into regional climate networks.

**Attachments:**

[AB 1640 Author Fact](#)

**Subject:** Climate Change

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is a follow up and very similar to AB 897 (2021). The bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined (including LAFCo), to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would authorize a regional climate network to engage in activities to address climate change, as specified. Further, it requires a regional climate network to develop a regional climate adaptation and resilience action plan and to submit the plan to OPR for review, comments, and certification. The bill would require OPR to: (1) encourage the inclusion of eligible entities with land use planning and hazard mitigation planning authority into regional climate networks; (2) develop and publish guidelines on how eligible entities may establish regional climate networks and how governing boards may be established within regional climate networks by 7-1-23; and (3) provide technical assistance to regions seeking to establish a regional climate network, facilitate coordination between regions, and encourage regions to incorporate as many eligible entities into one network as feasible.

The difference between this bill and AB 897 is this bill removes requirements for OPR to develop guidelines and establish standards and required content for a regional climate adaptation and resilience action plan (to be produced by the network), and removes some specified technical support requirements by OPR. Those requirements were covered in SB 170, a budget trailer bill from 2021.

The bill is author-sponsored and keyed fiscal. An author fact sheet is included in our attachments area.

**[AB 1773](#) ([Patterson R](#)) Williamson Act: subvention payments: appropriation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/3/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/3/2022



**Status:** 2/10/2022-Referred to Coms. on AGRI. and L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

The Williamson Act, also known as the California Land Conservation Act of 1965, authorizes a city or county to enter into contracts with owners of land devoted to agricultural use, whereby the owners agree to continue using the property for that purpose, and the city or county agrees to value the land accordingly for purposes of property taxation. Existing law sets forth procedures for reimbursing cities and counties for property tax revenues not received as a result of these contracts and continuously appropriates General Fund moneys for that purpose. This bill, for the 2022-23 fiscal year, would appropriate an additional \$40,000,000 from the General Fund to the Controller to make subvention payments to counties, as provided, in proportion to the losses incurred by those counties by reason of the reduction of assessed property taxes. The bill would make various findings in this regard.

**Attachments:**

[AB 1773 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Ag Preservation - Williamson

**CALAFCO Comments:** AB 1773 resurrects funding the Williamson Act for the 2022-2023 budget year. The Williamson Act was created to preserve open space and conserve agricultural land. For many years, the state funded the Act at around \$35-\$40 million per year. This funding ceased during the recession, and has not been reinstated since. AB 1773 would allocate \$40 million from the General Fund to the Williamson Act for the purpose of subvention payments.

The bill is author-sponsored, has a general-fund appropriation, and is keyed fiscal. An author fact sheet is posted in our attachments section.

**[AB 1944](#) (Lee D) Local government: open and public meetings.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/10/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/10/2022

**Status:** 2/18/2022-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Current law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health. This bill would specify that if a member of a legislative body elects to teleconference from a location that is not public, the address does not need to be identified in the notice and agenda or be accessible to the public when the legislative body has elected to allow members to participate via teleconferencing.

**Attachments:**

[AB 1944 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill would delete the requirement that an individual participating in a Brown Act meeting remotely from a non-public location must disclose the address of the location. If the governing body chooses to allow for remote participation, it must also provide video streaming and offer public comment via video or phone.

The bill is author sponsored and keyed fiscal. The author's fact sheet is posted in our attachments area.

**[AB 2081](#) ([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) **Municipal water districts: water service: Indian lands.****

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2022

**Status:** 2/24/2022-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed
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**Summary:**

Te Municipal Water District Law of 1911 provides for the formation of municipal water districts and grants to those districts specified powers. Current law permits a district to acquire, control, distribute, store, spread, sink, treat, purify, recycle, recapture, and salvage any water for the beneficial use of the district, its inhabitants, or the owners of rights to water in the district. Current law, upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions, requires a district to provide service of water at substantially the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to the Indian tribe’s lands that are not within a district, as prescribed. Current law also authorizes a district, until January 1, 2023, under specified circumstances, to apply to the applicable local agency formation commission to provide this service of water to Indian lands, as defined, that are not within the district and requires the local agency formation commission to approve such an application. This bill would extend the above provisions regarding the application to the applicable local agency formation commission to January 1, 2025.

**Attachments:**

[AB 2081 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill extends the sunset date created in AB 1361 (2017). Current law, upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions, requires a district to provide service of water at substantially the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to the Indian tribe’s lands that are not within a district, as prescribed. Current law also authorizes a district, under specified circumstances, to apply to the applicable LAFCo to provide this service of water to Indian lands, as defined, that are not within the district and requires the LAFCo to approve such an application. This bill extends the sunset date from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2025.

CALAFCO opposed AB 1361 in 2017 as the process requires LAFCo to approve the extension of service, requires the district to extend the service, and does not require annexation upon extension of service. CALAFCO reached out to the author's office requesting information as to the reason for the extension and we have not been given a reason.

The bill is keyed fiscal. An author fact sheet is included in the attachments area.

**AB 2449 (Rubio, Blanca D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2022

**Status:** 3/3/2022-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with specified teleconferencing requirements in specified circumstances when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health. This bill would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with those specified teleconferencing requirements if at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body participates in person from a singular location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the local agency's jurisdiction. The bill would impose prescribed requirements for this exception relating to notice, agendas, the means and manner of access, and procedures for disruptions. The bill would require the legislative body to implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with federal law.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill authorizes the use of teleconferencing without noticing and making available to the public teleconferencing locations if a quorum of the members of the legislative body participate in person from a singular location that is noticed and open to the public and require the legislative body to offer public comment via video or phone.

CALAFCO reached out to the author's office for information and we've not yet heard back. The bill is not keyed fiscal.

**AB 2647 (Levine D) Local government: open meetings.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2022

**Status:** 2/19/2022-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

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**Summary:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires the meetings of the legislative body of a local agency to be conducted openly and publicly, with specified exceptions. Current law makes agendas of public meetings and other writings distributed to the members

of the governing board disclosable public records, with certain exceptions. Current law requires a local agency to make those writings distributed to the members of the governing board available for public inspection at a public office or location that the agency designates. This bill would instead require a local agency to make those writings distributed to the members of the governing board available for public inspection at a public office or location that the agency designates or post the writings on the local agency's internet website in a position and manner that makes it clear that the writing relates to an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Brown Act

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill seeks to amend the law to make clear that writings that have been distributed to a majority of a local legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting can be posted online in order to satisfy the law.

The bill is sponsored by the League of Cities and is not keyed fiscal.

**SB 852 (Dodd D) Climate resilience districts: formation: funding mechanisms.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/9/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/18/2022

**Last Amended:** 3/9/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Summary:**

Current law authorizes certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. Current law provides for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by property tax increment revenues, and requires the authority to adopt a community revitalization and investment plan for the community revitalization and investment area that includes elements describing and governing revitalization activities. This bill would authorize a city, county, city and county, special district, or a combination of any of those entities to form a climate resilience district for the purposes of raising and allocating funding for eligible projects and the operating expenses of eligible projects. The bill would define "eligible project" to mean projects that address sea level rise, extreme heat, extreme cold, the risk of wildfire, drought, and the risk of flooding, as specified.

**Attachments:**

[SB 852 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special District Principle Acts

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill creates the Climate Resilience Districts Act. The bill completely bypasses LAFCo in the formation and oversight of these new districts because the districts are primarily being created as a funding mechanism for local climate resilience projects (as a TIF or tax increment finance district - for which LAFCos also have no involvement).

The bill authorizes a city, county, city and county, special district, or a combination of any of those entities to form a climate resilience district for the purposes of raising and allocating funding for eligible projects and the operating expenses of eligible projects. The bill defines "eligible project" to mean projects that address sea level rise, extreme heat, extreme cold, the risk of wildfire, drought, and the risk of flooding, as specified. The bill authorizes a district created pursuant to these provisions to have boundaries that are identical to the boundaries of the participating entities or within the boundaries of the participating entities. The bill also authorizes specified local entities to adopt a resolution to provide property tax increment revenues to the district. The bill would also authorize specified local entities to adopt a resolution allocating other tax revenues to the district, subject to certain requirements. The bill would provide for the financing of the activities of the district by, among other things, levying a benefit assessment, special tax, property-related fee, or other service charge or fee consistent with the requirements of the California Constitution. It requires 95% of monies collected to fund eligible projects, and 5% for district administration. The bill would require each district to prepare an annual expenditure plan and an operating budget and capital improvement budget, which must be adopted by the governing body of the district and subject to review and revision at least annually.

Section 62304 details the formation process, Section 62305 addresses the district's governance structure, and 62307 outlines the powers of the district.

This bill is sponsored by the Local Government Commission and is keyed fiscal. A fact sheet is included in our attachments section.

**SB 1100 (Cortese D) Open meetings: orderly conduct.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/9/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2022

**Last Amended:** 3/9/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Calendar:**

3/17/2022 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, CABALLERO, Chair

**Summary:**

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a legislative body of a local agency, as those terms are defined, be open and public and that all persons be permitted to attend and participate. Current law requires every agenda for regular meetings of a local agency to provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body on any item of interest to the public, before or during the legislative body's consideration of the item, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. This bill would authorize the members of the legislative body conducting a meeting to remove an individual for willfully interrupting the meeting. The bill, except as provided, would require removal to be preceded by a warning by the presiding member of the legislative body that the individual is disrupting the proceedings, a request that the individual curtail their disruptive behavior or be subject to removal, and a reasonable opportunity to respond to the warning.

**Attachments:**  
[SB 1100 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch  
**Subject:** Brown Act  
**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill would authorize the removal of an individual from a public meeting who is “willfully interrupting” the meeting after a warning and a request to stop their behavior. “Willfull interrupting” is defined as intentionally engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that substantially impairs or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting in accordance with law.

The bill is author-sponsored and keyed fiscal. An author fact sheet is posted in our attachments section.

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**[AB 897](#) (Mullin D) Office of Planning and Research: regional climate networks: regional climate adaptation and resilience action plans.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/14/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Last Amended:** 7/14/2021

**Status:** 8/27/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/16/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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**Summary:**

Current law requires, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, the Natural Resources Agency to update, as prescribed, the state’s climate adaptation strategy, known as the Safeguarding California Plan. Current law establishes the Office of Planning and Research in state government in the Governor’s office. Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to be administered by the office to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as prescribed. This bill would authorize eligible entities, as defined, to establish and participate in a regional climate network, as defined. The bill would require the office, through the program, to encourage the inclusion of eligible entities with land use planning and hazard mitigation planning authority into regional climate networks. The bill would authorize a regional climate network to engage in activities to address climate change, as specified.

**Attachments:**  
[CALAFCO Support July 2021](#)  
[AB 897 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Climate Change

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, the bill builds on existing programs through OPR by promoting regional collaboration in climate adaptation planning and providing guidance for regions to identify and prioritize projects necessary to respond to the climate vulnerabilities of their region.

As amended, the bill requires OPR to develop guidelines (the scope of which are outlined in the bill) for Regional Climate Adaptation Action Plans (RCAAPs) by 1-1-23 through their normal public process. Further the bill requires OPR to make recommendations to the Legislature on potential sources of financial assistance for the creation & implementation of RCAAPs, and ways the state can support the creation and ongoing work of regional climate networks. The bill outlines the authority of a regional climate network, and defines eligible entities. Prior versions of the bill kept the definition as rather generic and with each amended version gets more specific. As a result, CALAFCO has requested the author add LAFCOs explicitly to the list of entities eligible to participate in these regional climate networks.

As amended on 4/7, AB 11 (Ward) was joined with this bill - specifically found in 71136 in the Public Resources Code as noted in the amended bill. Other amendments include requiring OPR to, before 7-1-22, establish geographic boundaries for regional climate networks and prescribes requirements in doing so.

This is an author-sponsored bill. The bill necessitates additional resources from the state to carry out the additional work required of OPR (there is no current budget appropriation). A fact sheet is posted in the tracking section of the bill.

As amended 4/19/21: There is no longer a requirement for OPR to include in their guidelines how a regional climate network may develop their plan: it does require ("may" to "shall") a regional climate network to develop a regional climate adaptation plan and submit it to OPR for approval; adds requirements of what OPR shall publish on their website; and makes several other minor technical changes.

As amended 7/1/21, the bill now explicitly names LAFCo as an eligible entity. It also adjusts several timelines for OPR's requirements including establishing boundaries for the regional climate networks, develop guidelines and establish standards for the networks, and to make recommendations to the Legislature related to regional adaptation. Give the addition of LAFCo as an eligible entity, CALAFCO is now in support of the bill.

Amendments of 7/14/21, as requested by the Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee, mostly do the following: (1) Include "resilience" to climate adaptation; (2) Prioritize the most vulnerable communities; (3) Add definitions for "under-resourced" and "vulnerable" communities; (4) Remove the requirement for OPR to establish geographic boundaries for the regional climate networks; (5) Include agencies with hazard mitigation authority and in doing so also include the Office of Emergency Services to work with OPR to establish guidelines and standards required for the climate adaptation and resilience plan; and (6) Add several regional and local planning documents to be used in the creation of guidelines.

2/24/22 UPDATE: It appears this bill is being replaced with AB 1640 (Ward, Mullin, etc.). CALAFCO will keep this bill on Watch and follow the new bill.

**AB 903** (**Frazier D**) **Los Medanos Community Healthcare District.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Last Amended:** 4/19/2021

**Status:** 7/14/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was GOV. & F. on 5/19/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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**Summary:**

Would require the dissolution of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District, as specified. The bill would require the County of Contra Costa to be successor of all rights and responsibilities of the district, and require the county to develop and conduct the Los Medanos Area Health Plan Grant Program focused on comprehensive health-related services in the district's territory. The bill would require the county to complete a property tax transfer process to ensure the transfer of the district's health-related ad valorem property tax revenues to the county for the sole purpose of funding the Los Medanos Area Health Plan Grant Program. By requiring a higher level of service from the County of Contra Costa as specified, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill mandates the dissolution of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District with the County as the successor agency, effective 2-1-22. The bill requires the County to perform certain acts prior to the dissolution. The LAFCo is not involved in the dissolution as the bill is written. Currently, the district is suing both the Contra Costa LAFCo and the County of Contra Costa after the LAFCo approved the dissolution of the district upon application by the County and the district failed to get enough signatures in the protest process to go to an election.

The amendment on 4/5/21 was just to correct a typo in the bill.

As amended on 4/19/21, the bill specifies monies received by the county as part of the property tax transfer shall be used specifically to fund the Los Medanos Area Health Plan Grant Program within the district's territory. It further adds a clause that any new or existing profits shall be used solely for the purpose of the grant program within the district's territory.

The bill did not pass out of Senate Governance & Finance Committee and will not move forward this year. It may be acted on in 2022.

2022 UPDATE: Given Member Frazier is no longer in the Assembly and the appellate court overturned the lower court's decision, it is likely the bill will not move forward. CALAFCO will retain WACTH on the bill.

**AB 975 (Rivas, Luz D) Political Reform Act of 1974: statement of economic interests and gifts.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/18/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amended:** 5/18/2021

**Status:** 2/1/2022-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

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**Summary:**

The Political Reform Act of 1974 regulates conflicts of interests of public officials and requires that public officials file, with specified filing officers, periodic statements of economic interests disclosing certain information regarding income, investments, and other financial data. The Fair Political Practices Commission is the filing officer for statewide elected officers and candidates and other specified public officials. If the Commission is the filing officer, the public official generally files with their agency or another person or entity, who then makes a copy and files the original with the Commission. This bill would revise and recast these filing requirements to make various changes, including requiring public officials and candidates for whom the Commission is the filing officer to file their original statements of economic interests electronically with the Commission.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** FPPC

**CALAFCO Comments:** As introduced, this bill makes two notable changes to the current requirements of gift notification and reporting: (1) It increases the period for public officials to reimburse, in full or part, the value of attending an invitation-only event, for purposes of the gift rules, from 30 days from receipt to 30 days following the calendar quarter in which the gift was received; and (2) It reduces the gift notification period for lobbyist employers from 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the gift was provided to 15 days after the calendar quarter. Further it requires the FPPC to have an online filing system and to redact contact information of filers before posting.

The amendment on 4/21/21 just corrects wording (technical, non-substantive change).

The amendments on 5/18/21 clarify who is to file a statement of economic interest to include candidates (prior text was office holders).

UPDATE AS OF 2/24/22 - The author's office indicates they are moving forward with the bill this year and are planning amendments. They are not clear what those amendments will be so CALAFCO will retain a WATCH position on the bill.

**AB 1195 (Garcia, Cristina D) Drinking water.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/24/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amended:** 5/24/2021

**Status:** 7/14/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 6/9/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	2 year	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed
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**Summary:**

Current law establishes the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms. Current law authorizes the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of certain moneys and continuously appropriates the moneys in the fund to the state board for grants, loans,

contracts, or services to assist eligible recipients. This bill would prohibit a public water system from transferring or abandoning a water right held by the public water system except upon approval of the state board, as prescribed.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Letter of Concern - April 2021](#)

[AB 1195 Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch With Concerns

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** As amended on 4-6-21, the bill was gut and amended and now creates the So LA County Human Rights to Water Collaboration Act. It requires the Water Board to appoint a commissioner to implement the Safe & Affordable Funding for Equity & Resilience Program and gives the commissioner certain authorities (although they are not clearly spelled out). It requires the commissioner by 12-31-24 to submit to the Water Board a plan for the long-term sustainability of public water systems in southern LA County and prescribes what shall be included in the plan. The bill also creates a technical advisory board and requires the commissioner to oversee the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

In its current form the bill creates numerous concerns. CALAFCO's letter of concern is posted in the tracking section of the bill, and includes: (1) Focus of the bill is very broad as is the focus of the commissioner; (2) In an attempt to prevent privatization of water systems there is language regarding severing water rights. That language could be problematic should a consolidation be ordered; (3) Diminishing local control that is being invested in the state (an ongoing concern since SB 88); (4) A clear distinction needs to be made between an Administrator and Commissioner; (5) The poorly written section on the technical advisory board; and (6) The lack of LAFCo involvement in any consolidation process.

As amended on 5-24-21, the bill changes the water rights provision now requiring approval by the water Board; uses the definitions of "at risk system" and "at risk domestic well" found in SB 403 (Gonzalez) as well as the 3,300 connect cap; requires the commissioner appointed by the board to be from the local area; requires the commissioner to do certain things prior to completing the regional plan; and requires the commissioner to apply to LA LAFCo for extension of service, consolidation or dissolution as appropriate. The bill also creates a pilot program for LA LAFCo giving them the authority to take action rather than the water board, providing it is within 120 days of receipt of a completed application. If the LAFCo fails to take action within that time, the matter goes to the water board for their action.

The pilot program also gives LA LAFCo the authority to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application; further giving LAFCo authority to consider consolidation or extension of service with a local publicly owned utility that provides retail water, a private water company or mutual; the bill also waives protest proceedings, gives the LAFCo authority to address governance structure and CEQA is waived, provides full LAFCo indemnification and funding.

There are still issues with the proposed technical advisory board section of the bill, and questions about timing of some of the processes. CALAFCO continues to work with the author and speakers' offices as well as other stakeholders on ongoing amendments.

The bill is author-sponsored and we understand there is currently no funding

source. A fact sheet is posted in the tracking section of the bill. CALAFCO's letter of concern is also posted there.

THIS IS NOW A 2-YEAR BILL.

UPDATE AS OF 2/10/22 - According to the author's office, the author is not intending to move the bill forward at this time. CALAFCO will continue to WATCH and monitor the bill. As a result, the bill was downgraded from a P-1 to a P-3.

**AB 1935 (Grayson D) Resource conservation districts: formation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/10/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/10/2022

**Status:** 2/18/2022-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**Summary:**

Current law authorizes the formation of a resource conservation district in accordance with prescribed procedures for the control of runoff, the prevention or control of soil erosion, the development and distribution of water, and the improvement of land capabilities. Under current law, a proposal to form a district may be made by a petition of registered voters, as specified. Current law requires, within 30 days after the date of filing a petition, the executive officer of the local agency formation commission to cause the petition to be examined and prepare a certificate of sufficiency, as provided. Current law authorizes, within 15 days after a notice of insufficiency, the chief petitioners to file with the executive officer a supplemental petition, as provided. Current law requires, within 10 days after the date of filing a supplemental petition, the executive officer to examine the supplemental petition and certify in writing the results of their examination. This bill would increase the amount of time, from 30 to 45 days after the date of filing a petition, for the executive officer of the local agency formation commission to cause the petition to be examined and prepare a certificate of sufficiency.

**Position:** Placeholder - Spot Bill

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration

**CALAFCO Comments:** According to the author's office, this is a spot bill and the topic will change. CALAFCO was unaware of the bill prior to introduction.

**AB 2041 (Garcia, Eduardo D) California Safe Drinking Water Act: primary drinking water standards: compliance.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2022

**Status:** 2/24/2022-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed
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**Calendar:**

3/22/2022 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS, QUIRK, Chair

**Summary:**

Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to take specified actions if the state board adopts a primary drinking water standard with a compliance period

for which public water systems are given a designated period of time to install necessary measures, including, but not limited to, installation of water treatment systems, to comply with the primary drinking water standard without being held in violation of the primary drinking water standard. Those actions would include, among other actions, developing a financial plan to assist public water systems that will require financial assistance in procuring and installing the necessary measures.

**Attachments:**

[AB 2041 Author Fact Sheet](#)

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill would require the SWRCB to take specified actions if the SWRCB adopts a primary drinking water standard with a compliance period for which public water systems are given a designated period of time to install necessary measures, including, but not limited to, installation of water treatment systems, to comply with the primary drinking water standard without being held in violation of the primary drinking water standard. Those actions would include, among other actions, developing a financial plan to assist public water systems that will require financial assistance in procuring and installing the necessary measures.

CALAFCO reached out to the author's office for information on the bill and has not heard back. The bill is keyed fiscal. An author fact sheet is attached.

**SB 12 (McGuire D) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/1/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amended:** 7/1/2021

**Status:** 7/14/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was H. & C.D. on 6/24/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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**Summary:**

Current law requires that the Office of Planning and Research, among other things, coordinate with appropriate entities, including state, regional, or local agencies, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities, as provided. This bill would require the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after July 1, 2024, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, as specified, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the above-described clearinghouse.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Growth Management, Planning

**CALAFCO Comments:** UPDATE 2/24/22: According to the author's office, they do plan to move this bill forward in 2022 and no other details are available at this time.

**SB 418 (Laird D) Pajaro Valley Health Care District.**

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 2/4/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2021

**Last Amended:** 1/24/2022

**Status:** 2/4/2022-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 1, Statutes of 2022.

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**Summary:**

Would create the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as specified, except that the bill would authorize the Pajaro Valley Health Care District to be organized, incorporated, and managed, only if the relevant county board of supervisors chooses to appoint an initial board of directors.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special District Principle Acts

**CALAFCO Comments:** Gut and amended on 1/14/22, this bill forms the Pajaro Valley Health Care District within Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. The formation, done by special legislation, bypasses the LAFCo process, with language explicitly stating upon formation, LAFCo shall have authority. The bill requires that within 5 years of the date of the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the district, the board of directors shall divide the district into zones. The bill would require the district to notify Santa Cruz LAFCo when the district, or any other entity, acquires the Watsonville Community Hospital. The bill requires the LAFCo to order the dissolution of the district if the hospital has not been acquired by January 1, 2024 through a streamlined process, and requires the district to notify LAFCo if the district sells the Watsonville Community Hospital to another entity or stops providing health care services at the facility, requiring the LAFCo to dissolve the district under those circumstances in a streamlined process.

Given the hospital has filed bankruptcy and this is the only hospital in the area and serves disadvantaged communities and employs a large number of people in the area, the bill has an urgency clause.

Several amendments were added on 1/24/22 by the ALGC and SGFC all contained within Section 32498.7.

CALAFCO worked closely with the author's office, Santa Cruz County lobbyist and the Santa Cruz and Monterey LAFCos on this bill. We have requested further amendments which the Senator has agreed to take in a follow-up bill this year. Those amendments include requiring Santa Cruz LAFCo to adopt a sphere of influence for the district within 1 year of formation; the district filing annual progress reports to Santa Cruz LAFCo for the first 3 years, Santa Cruz LAFCo conducting a special study on the district after 3 years, and representation from both counties on the governing board.

The bill is sponsored by the Pajaro Valley Healthcare District Project and is not keyed fiscal.

**SB 969 (Laird D) Pajaro Valley Health Care District.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/2/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/10/2022

**Last Amended:** 3/2/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Summary:**

Current law creates the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as specified, and authorizes the Pajaro Valley Health Care District to be organized, incorporated, and managed, only if the relevant county board of supervisors chooses to appoint an initial board of directors. Current law requires, within 5 years of the date of the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, the board of directors to divide the district into zones and number the zones consecutively. Current law requires the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to govern any organizational changes for the district after formation. Current law requires the district to notify the County of Santa Cruz local agency formation commission (LAFCO) when the district, or any other entity, acquires the Watsonville Community Hospital. Existing law requires the LAFCO to dissolve the district under certain circumstances. This bill would require the LAFCO to develop and determine a sphere of influence for the district within one year of the district's date of formation, and to conduct a municipal service review regarding health care provision in the district by December 31, 2025, and by December 31 every 5 years thereafter.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is a follow up to SB 418 (Laird) and contains some of the amendments requested by CALAFCO and Monterey and Santa Cruz LAFCos. As introduced the bill requires Santa Cruz LAFCo to adopt a sphere of influence for the district within 1 year of formation; the district filing annual progress reports to Santa Cruz LAFCo for the first 2 years, Santa Cruz LAFCo conducting a Municipal Service Review on the district every 5 years with the first being conducted by 12-31-25. Our final requested amendment, ensuring representation from both counties on the governing board, is still being worked on and not reflected in the introduced version of the bill.

**SB 1449 (Caballero D) Unincorporated areas.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

Would state the intent of the Legislature to establish the policy of the state to ensure that the living standards within unincorporated areas of the state are consistent with standards of cities within the same county and funding mechanisms to support the financial investments required by cities and counties to accomplish this goal.

**Position:** Placeholder - Spot Bill

**Subject:** Other

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is currently a spot bill. According to the author's office, they are working on state funding to incentivize annexation of inhabited territory (when the VLF was taken away, so too was any financial incentive to annex inhabited territory). For many years bills have been run to reinstate funding, none of which have ever successfully passed. There is no other information available on this bill at this time. CALAFCO will continue conversations with the author's office as this is an important topic for LAFcos. (The bill will remain a P-3 until amended.)

**[SB 1489](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2022.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/28/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/28/2022

**Status:** 3/9/2022-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.

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**Summary:**

Current law sets forth requirements for the passage of city ordinances. Current law requires ordinances to be read in full either at the time of introduction or passage except when, after reading the title, further reading is waived by regular motion adopted by majority vote of the legislative body. This bill would provide that a reading of the title or ordinance is not required if the title is included on the published agenda and a copy of the full ordinance is made available to the public online and in print at the meeting prior to the introduction or passage.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** This is the Senate Governance & Finance Committee annual omnibus bill.

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AB 2957	sponsor	watch	watch
SB 938	sponsor	watch	watch
SB 1490	watch	support	watch
SB 1491	watch	support	watch
SB 1492	watch	support	watch
AB 1640	NP	pending	watch
AB1773	watch	support	NP
AB1944	watch	pending	watch
AB2081	watch	pending	watch
AB2449	watch	pending	watch
AB2647	watch	support	sponsor
SB852	watch	pending	watch
SB1100	watch	support	watch
AB897	support	watch	support
AB903	watch	watch	NP
AB975	watch	pending	watch
AB1195	watch with concern	watch	watch
AB1935	Placeholder - spot bill	pending	NP
AB2041	watch	pending	watch
SB12	watch	watch	watch
SB418	watch	watch	NP
SB 969	watch	watch	NP
SB1449	Placeholder - spot bill	pending	watch
SB 1489	watch	watch	watch

CALAFCO tracking: 24 bills as of March 10, 2022
<b>NP:</b> No Position
<b>NT:</b> Not Tracking