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**April 2, 2007**  
**Agenda Item No. 8b**

March 27, 2007

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**FROM:** Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: Legislative Report (Discussion)**

The Commission will receive a report from staff on the current session of the California Legislature. The report discusses the adopted legislative positions of CALAFCO and is being presented for discussion.

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Staff is a member of the CALAFCO Legislative Committee, which meets on a quarterly basis to review and offer legislative recommendations to the CALAFCO Board of Directors. On March 2, 2007, the CALAFCO Board met to consider positions on bills that has been introduced during the current legislative session and have either a direct impact on LAFCO law or the laws LAFCO helps to administer. A summary of these bills and the adopted positions of CALAFCO is provided below.

**Support**

- **Assembly Bill 745 (Jim Silva)**  
Existing law authorizes LAFCO to adopt written policies and procedures requiring lobbying disclosures for persons attempting to influence pending Commission decisions. AB 745 would extend this authority by allowing LAFCO to require lobbying disclosures for persons attempting to influence others who are signing petitions or voting in elections under the purview of the Commission.
- **Assembly Bill 1263 (Anna Caballero)**  
Existing law requires LAFCO to conduct municipal service reviews and make specific determinations in anticipation of updating an agency's sphere of influence. AB 1263 would revise the determinations LAFCO is required to make as part of the service review process. This bill is sponsored by CALAFCO.
- **Assembly Bill 819 (Dennis Hollingsworth)**  
Existing law establishes a sunset date on the authority of LAFCO to consolidate districts formed under different statutes. AB 819 would remove the sunset date. AB 819 would also expand the authority of LAFCO to initiate a proposal for the formation of a successor special district. This bill is sponsored by CALAFCO.

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- **Assembly Bill 1262 (Anna Caballero)**  
Existing law establishes a sunset date of January 1, 2008 for the required city/county meeting to discuss any proposed sphere changes. (This code section states that LAFCO shall “give great weight” to an agreement reached between a city and county regarding a proposed sphere in making its own determination.) AB 1262 would remove the sunset date and make the city/county meeting requirement a permanent feature of LAFCO law.

### **Watch**

- **Assembly Bill 1019 (Sam Blakeslee)**  
Existing planning and zoning laws in California require cities and counties to adopt general plans that include housing elements, which must provide a satisfactory plan for meeting their assigned regional housing needs. AB 1019 would require, where land proposed for annexation or incorporation to a city that includes parcels designated in a county's housing element to meet its regional housing need goal, the maximum number of units that may be constructed and transferred to the annexing or incorporating city as part of its fair share regional housing need.
- **Senate Bill 162 (Negrete McLeod)**  
Existing law requires LAFCO to address certain factors in considering proposals involving change of organizations or reorganizations. SB 162 would require LAFCOs to also consider the effect of the proposal with respect to “environmental justice.”
- **Senate Bill 301 (Gloria Romero)**  
SB 301 would provide funding to interested residents who want to commission a study on costs of incorporating a community.

The next meeting of the CALAFCO Legislative Committee is scheduled for May 4, 2007 in Sacramento. Staff will provide a report on the Committee’s discussion at the Commission’s May 7, 2007 meeting.

Attachments: none