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TO: Each Member of the Commission

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SUBJECT: Highlights of 2009 Annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop

LAFCO staff attended the 2009 Annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Pismo Beach (April 29 – May 1) hosted by San Luis Obispo LAFCO. The conference was well attended by approximately 110 participants representing 40 of the 57 member LAFCOs.

The conference theme was *LAFCO Today: Sharpening Our Focus in a Sea of Change*. The workshop provided a number of practical and hands-on courses, as well roundtable and professional development sessions. Staff attended a variety of workshops including the following:

- Financial Analysis of Special District Metamorphoses
- Jurisdictions in Financial Distress
- CEQA Process/Procedures
- Interagency Relationships/Collaboration/Negotiations
- Water Service Providers
- Application Processing
- LAFCO and Land Use Planning
- Building Consensus in Real Time – Survey Tools
- Growth in Unincorporated Areas and Impacts on Services and Other Agencies
- Administrative Procedures for Independent LAFCOs
- Legislative Update, Changes to CKH and CALAFCO Business

The staff workshop provided hands-on training focusing on day-to-day LAFCO operations and issues of significance. In addition, the workshop provided a valuable opportunity to network with other LAFCO professionals.

The conference was enlightening and informative, and staff came away with a number of new ideas and some useful written material. CALAFCO will post conference handouts on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.

Kate and I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to attend.

cc: Silvano Marchesi, LAFCO Legal Counsel