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March 9, 2011
Agenda Item 15a

AB 54 (Solorio D) Drinking water.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/6/2010

Status: 1/24/2011-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and E.S. & T.M.

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Summary:

Would allow the department to issue a letter of no prejudice, as defined, to a public water system that is a lead applicant for a project that may be funded by the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund and would make expenditures related to the project reimbursable in specified circumstances. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: Adds authority to LAFCo for reorganization of mutual water companies, and include in MSR's whether drinking water sources comply with safe drinking water standards.

AB 912 (Gordon D) Local government: organization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2011

Status: 2/18/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

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Summary:

Would authorize the commission, where the commission is considering a change of organization that consists of the dissolution of a district with zero sphere of influence, to immediately order the dissolution if the dissolution was initiated by the district board, or to, within 30 days following the approval of the application by the commission, hold at least one noticed public hearing on the proposal, and order the dissolution without an election, unless a majority protest exists, as specified.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Special District Consolidations, Special District Powers

CALAFCO Comments: Allows a commission to immediately dissolve a special district with a zero SOI or to dissolve a districts after a public hearing and the lack of a majority protest.

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AB 46 (John A. Pérez D) Local government: cities.

Current Text: Amended: 2/28/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/6/2010

Last Amended: 2/28/2011

Status: 3/1/2011-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would provide that every city with a population of less than 150 people as of January 1, 2010, would be disincorporated into those cities' respective counties as of 90 days after the effective date of the bill, unless a county board of supervisors determines, by majority vote within that 90-day period, that continuing such a city within that county's boundaries would serve a public purpose because the location of the city, in a rural or isolated location, makes it impractical for the residents of the community to organize in another forum of local governance.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Disincorporation/dissolution

CALAFCO Comments: As written this bill applies only to Vernon, California. It bypasses much of the C-K-H disincorporation process, leaving LAFCo only the responsibility of assigning assets and liabilities following disincorporation.

AB 187 (Lara D) State Auditor: audits: high-risk local government agency audit program.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/25/2011

Status: 1/26/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee February 25.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would authorize the State Auditor to establish a high-risk local government agency audit program to identify, audit, and issue reports on any local government agency, including any city, county, or special district, or any publicly created entity that the State Auditor identifies as being at high risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement or that has major challenges associated with its economy, efficiency, or effectiveness. The bill would also authorize the State Auditor to consult with the State Controller, Attorney General, and other state agencies in identifying local government agencies that are at high risk.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Service Reviews/Spheres

CALAFCO Comments: Would allow the State Auditor to audit and issue reports on any local agency it identifies as being at high risk for waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement.

[AB 555](#) (Norby R) Local agency formation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2011

Status: 2/17/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 governs the procedures for the formation, change of organization, and reorganization of cities and special districts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the act.

Position: None at this time

Subject:

CALAFCO Comments: Placeholder bill, currently targeted to C-K-H.

[AB 781](#) (John A. Pérez D) Agricultural preserve.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2011

Status: 2/18/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

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Summary:

Would authorize a county or city having a general plan, after a public hearing, to establish an agricultural preserve.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag/Open Space Protection

CALAFCO Comments: Allows a city or county with a general plan to establish an agricultural preserve following a public hearing.

[AB 1266](#) (Nielsen R) Local government: Williamson Act: agricultural preserves: advisory board.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2011

Status: 2/22/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

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Summary:

Would specify matters on which the advisory board may advise the legislative body of a county or city. This bill would also state that the advisory board is not the exclusive mechanism through which the legislative body can receive advice on or address matters regarding agricultural preserves.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: Specifies additional responsibilities for the county or city Williamson Act advisory board. May also be a placeholder for more significant modifications to the Williamson Act.

[SB 46](#) (Correa D) Local government: compensation disclosure.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/9/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/9/2010

Status: 2/19/2011-Set for hearing March 16.

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Calendar:

3/16/2011 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:

Would require filers, as defined, to annually file a compensation disclosure form, as specified. This bill would require the Secretary of State to develop the form, which would provide for the disclosure of, among other things, salaries and stipends, automobile and equipment allowances, and incentive and bonus payments. This bill would also require a county, city, city and county, school district, special district, or joint powers agency that maintains an Internet Web site to post the information contained on the filed form on that Internet Web site, as specified. The bill would authorize a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action by mandamus to enforce the provisions of the bill, as specified. The duties imposed on local departmental agencies by the bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Similar to a 2010 bill, this would require all those who file a Form 700 to also file a compensation disclosure report.

[SB 160](#) (Huff R) Local government: reorganization.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/2/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/2/2011

Status: 2/10/2011-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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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. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that act.

Position: None at this time

Subject:

CALAFCO Comments: Appears to be a placeholder bill. Typically the senior republican on the Senate Finance & Committee introduces this bill as a placeholder. Usually used for some other purpose than LAFCo.

[SB 191](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2011

Status: 2/19/2011-Set for hearing March 16.

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Calendar:

3/16/2011 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2011, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter](#)

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

[SB 192](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2011

Status: 2/19/2011-Set for hearing March 16.

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Calendar:
3/16/2011 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:
This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2011, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

Attachments:
[CALAFCO Support Letter](#)

Position: Support
Subject: LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 193 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2011

Status: 2/19/2011-Set for hearing March 16.

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Calendar:
3/16/2011 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:
This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2011, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:
[CALAFCO Support Letter](#)

Position: Support
Subject: LAFCo Administration
CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

SB 194 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2011

Status: 2/19/2011-Set for hearing April 27.

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Calendar:
4/27/2011 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:
Would increase the maximum amount from \$1,000 to \$5,000. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time
Subject:
CALAFCO Comments: This is the Senate local government Omnibus Bill. At this point CALAFCO does not have any items in the bill nor has any objections to any of the items currently in the bill.

SB 244 (Wolk D) Land use: general plan: disadvantaged unincorporated communities.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/10/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/10/2011

Status: 3/1/2011-Set for hearing April 6.

2Year Dead	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Calendar:
4/6/2011 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:
Would require, prior to January 1, 2014, and thereafter upon each revision of its housing element, a city or county to review and update one or more elements of its general plan, as necessary to

address the presence of island, fringe, or legacy unincorporated communities, as defined, inside or near its boundaries, and would require the updated general plan to include specified information. This bill would also require the city or county planning agency, after the initial revision and update of the general plan, to review, and if necessary amend, the general plan to update the information, goals, and program of action relating to these communities therein. By adding to the duties of city and county officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities

CALAFCO Comments: Adds a review of disadvantaged communities - in both incorporated and unincorporated areas - to the Housing Element of the General Plan. At this point does not involve LAFCo, and the definitions appear to be consistent with C-K-H.

SB 618 (Wolk D) Local government: Williamson Act: compatible uses.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2011

Status: 2/20/2011-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 22.

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Summary:

Would additionally provide that the erection, construction, alteration, operation, or maintenance of renewable energy, and the operation of gas, electric, water, communication, or agricultural laborer housing are considered compatible uses within any agricultural preserve.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: Allows renewable energy generation (wind, solar farms) as an acceptable use for Williamson Act lands.

SB 648 (Berryhill R) Local government: Williamson Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2011

Status: 2/20/2011-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 22.

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Summary:

Would provide an alternative method of cancellation of a contract by a landowner for contracts that are 10 or more years old, and where the landowner has not received a lowered assessment value on the land during the previous 10 consecutive years based on the existence of a residence, including agricultural laborer housing, on the land being valued. The bill would require the board or council, upon petition by the landowner and a showing that these conditions exist, and would prohibit the board or council from charging a cancellation fee.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: Provides an alternative method for immediate cancellation of a Williamson Act contract under certain circumstances.

SB 668 (Evans D) Local government: Williamson Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2011

Status: 2/19/2011-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 21.

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Summary:

Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize local governments to accept donations from private entities to offset any reduced amount the local government receives in subvention payments for Williamson Act contracts.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: Would allow cities and counties to accept private donations to offset loss of Williamson Act subventions.

AB 83 (Jeffries R) Environment: CEQA exemption: recycled water pipeline.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/5/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/5/2011

Status: 1/27/2011-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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Summary:

Would additionally exempt a project for the installation of a new pipeline, not exceeding a specified length, for the distribution of recycled water within an improved public street, highway, or right-of-way. Because a lead agency, which may include a local agency, is required to determine whether a project qualifies for those exemptions, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: CEQA

CALAFCO Comments: Exempts recycled water pipelines from CEQA in certain circumstances.

AB 148 (Smyth R) Local government: ethics training: disclosure.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/14/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2011

Status: 2/3/2011-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would additionally define the term ethics laws to include compensation setting guidelines as established by specified organizations. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Disclosure Requirements, LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Would add compensation setting guidelines to the ethics training requirements for officials.

AB 162 (Smyth R) Local government: financial reports.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/19/2011

Status: 2/18/2011-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would additionally require that, if an audit of a local agency reveals certain financial irregularities, the findings be sent separately to the Controller immediately after the audit has been concluded. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Requires disclosure to the State Controller of a variety of irregularities discovered in a local agency annual audit. May have some application for MSR updates.

AB 182 (Davis D) Political Reform Act of 1974: statements of economic interests.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/24/2011

Status: 2/3/2011-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

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Summary:

Would permit the pilot program to continue until December 31, 2012. In addition, beginning on January 1, 2013, this bill would permanently permit the filing officers of all government agencies to accept the electronic filing of statements of economic interests by all public officials required to file those statements under the act, in accordance with regulations that may be adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Beginning in 2013 would allow electronic filing of statement of economic

interests.

[AB 307](#) (Nestande R) Joint powers agreements: public agency: federally recognized Indian tribe.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2011

Status: 2/24/2011-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would include a federally recognized Indian tribe as a public agency that may enter into a joint powers agreement. This bill would also make conforming changes by repealing now redundant code sections. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Municipal Services

CALAFCO Comments: Would allow any federally recognized Indian tribe to act as a public agency to participate in any Joint Powers Authority. Significantly expands current law on Indian tribe participation in a JPA.

[AB 392](#) (Alejo D) Ralph M. Brown Act: posting agendas.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2011

Status: 2/15/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

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Summary:

Would additionally require the legislative body of the local agency, at least 72 hours before a regular meeting of that body, to post the writings that relate to an agenda item for the open session of that regular meeting. This bill would require the legislative body to post the agenda and the writings on its Internet Web site, if any, as specified. The bill would repeal the procedure for the disclosure of any writings that are distributed less than 72 hours prior to the meeting and would instead prohibit the legislative body from acting on or discussing an item on the agenda for which a related writing was not properly disclosed at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, except as provided. By expanding the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: Adds additional posting requirements to Brown Act.

[AB 438](#) (Williams D) County free libraries: withdrawal.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/14/2011

Status: 2/15/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

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Summary:

Would require that if the city's trustees, common council, or legislative body or the board of trustees of a library district intends to operate the city's or the district's library or libraries itself with the help of a private company that will employ library staff, that notice to the county board of supervisors be preceded by voter approval of the decision to withdraw from the county free library system and to employ a private contractor to operate the city's or the district's library or libraries. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Special District Principle Acts

CALAFCO Comments: Applies to Library Districts or city libraries that want to privatize some or all services.

[AB 582](#) (Pan D) Open meetings: local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2011

Status: 2/17/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

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Summary:

Would require that proposed compensation increases for unrepresented employees be publicly noticed, as prescribed. By adding to the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Disclosure Requirements

CALAFCO Comments: Requires public disclosure of compensation increases for unrepresented employees.

AB 1265 (Nielsen R) Local government: Williamson Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2011

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Summary:

Would specify that payments under the contracts that are authorized until January 1, 2015, may be collected after January 1, 2015.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: Defers payments until 2015.

AB 1287 (Buchanan D) Local government: audits.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2011

Status: 2/22/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

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Summary:

Would require local agencies, defined to include cities, counties, a city and county, special districts, authorities, or public agencies, to comply with General Accounting Office standards for financial and compliance audits and would prohibit an independent auditor from engaging in financial compliance audits unless, within 3 years of commencing the first of the audits, and every 3 years thereafter, the auditor completes a quality control review in accordance with General Accounting Office standards.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Would require regular audits of all local agencies.

SB 27 (Simitian D) Public retirement: final compensation: computation: retirees.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/6/2010

Status: 1/20/2011-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.

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Summary:

Would provide that any change in salary, compensation, or remuneration principally for the purpose of enhancing a member's benefits would not be included in the calculation of a member's final compensation for purposes of determining that member's defined benefit. The bill would generally require the board of each state and local public retirement system to establish, by regulation, accountability provisions that would include an ongoing audit process to ensure that a change in a member's salary, compensation, or remuneration is not made principally for the purpose of enhancing a member's retirement benefits. This bill would revise the definition of "creditable compensation" and would limit the calculation of a member's final compensation to an amount not to exceed the average increase in compensation received within the final compensation period and the 2 preceding years by employees in the same or a related group as that member. This bill would also provide that a person who retires on or after January 1, 2013, may not perform services for any employer covered by a state or local retirement system until that person has been separated from service for a period of at least 180 days. This bill would provide for the implementation of these required changes under the laws that govern PERS and STRL. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments:

SB 31 (Correa D) Local government: lobbyist registration.**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/6/2010 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 12/6/2010**Status:** 1/20/2011-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that will require each local government to create a lobbyist registration program as a condition of the local government being eligible to apply for any discretionary grant from any state agency or department.

Position: Watch**Subject:** LAFCo Administration**CALAFCO Comments:** Likely not to affect LAFCos as they rarely apply for state grants, but watching anyway.**SB 186 (Kehoe D) The Controller.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/7/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/7/2011**Status:** 2/19/2011-Set for hearing March 16.

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Calendar:

3/16/2011 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:

Would authorize the Controller to exercise discretionary authority to perform an audit or investigation of any county, city, special district, or redevelopment agency, if necessary, to ensure compliance with state law, grant agreements, local ordinances, and to determine fiscal viability. This bill would require the Controller to prepare a report of the results of the audit or investigation and to file a copy with the local legislative body. This bill would also provide that specified costs incurred by the Controller shall be borne by the county, city, or redevelopment agency and state that reimbursements collected, upon appropriation to the Controller, be available to offset costs of enforcing this provision.

Position: None at this time**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies**CALAFCO Comments:** Allows Controller to audit local agencies and determine fiscal viability.**SB 235 (Negrete McLeod D) Water and flood districts: reorganization of district governing board.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/9/2011**Status:** 2/19/2011-Set for hearing March 16.

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3/16/2011 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:

Would authorize the governing board of a district, as defined, to reorganize the district to reduce the total membership of the governing board by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the board. The bill would prescribe procedures for the reorganization of the governing board of the district, including procedures for the reapportionment of division boundaries within the district in those districts that elect directors based on their residence within a division of the district, and procedures for the appointment of members of the governing board to the remaining seats on a recognized board. The bill would require a district that reorganizes its governing board pursuant to these provisions to notify specified local agencies.

Position: None at this time**Subject:** Special District Principle Acts**CALAFCO Comments:** Allows specified water districts to reorganize their board of directors to reduce the number of directors, by action of the Board.**SB 288 (Negrete McLeod D) Local government: independent special districts.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)**Introduced:** 2/14/2011**Status:** 3/1/2011-Set for hearing April 6.

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Calendar:

4/6/2011 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:

Would additionally authorize the governing board of an independent special district, as defined, to provide, by resolution, for the establishment of a revolving fund in an amount not to exceed 110% of 1/12 of the independent special district's adopted budget for that fiscal year, and would require the resolution establishing the fund to make specified designations relating to the purposes for which the fund may be expended, the district officer with authority and responsibility over the fund, the necessity for the fund, and the maximum amount of the fund. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Special District Powers, Special District Principle Acts

CALAFCO Comments: Allows special districts as defined by C-K-H to set up special revolving funds.

SB 436 (Kehoe D) Land use: mitigation lands: nonprofit organizations.

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Summary:

Would state the findings and declarations of the Legislature with respect to the preservation of natural resources through such mitigation, and would state that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to allow state and local public agencies and nonprofit organizations to utilize the tools and strategies they need for improving the effectiveness, cost-efficiency, and durability of mitigation for California's natural resources.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Ag/Open Space Protection

CALAFCO Comments: Placeholder bill that indicates it relates to additional tools for the preservation and mitigation of ag and open space lands.

SB 449 (Pavley D) Controller: local agency financial review.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2011 [pdf](#) [html](#)

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Calendar:

4/6/2011 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, WOLK, Chair

Summary:

Would additionally authorize the Controller to conduct a preliminary review to determine the existence of a local agency financial problem, and perform an audit upon completion of that review, subject to specified criteria. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Allows state controller to audit local agencies.

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