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Agenda Item 10

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
651 Pine Street, Sixth Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Legislative Report - Update and Positions

Dear Members of the Commission:

The first year of the 2015-16 legislative session is in full swing. CALAFCO is sponsoring two bills including its annual omnibus bill, which is in progress, and AB 851 (see below). CALAFCO is also tracking a number of bills which have direct and indirect impact on LAFCOs (see attached CALAFCO Legislative Report). At this time, we draw your attention to the following bills:

AB 851 (Mayes) – *Disincorporation* – This is one of two CALAFCO sponsored bills which addresses the antiquated disincorporation statutes. CALAFCO supports the bill in concept and is working with the author on several amendments.

AB 3 (Williams) – *Isla Vista Community Services District* – This bill would allow for the formation of the Isla Vista CSD which bypasses the LAFCO process. There are concerns with AB 3 as proposed; CALAFCO and Santa Barbara LAFCO are closely watching the bill.

AB 402 (Dodd) – *Service Extensions Outside Boundaries* - This bill expands LAFCOs' existing authority to approve new and extended services beyond the agencies' spheres of influence (SOIs), based on specified findings. AB 402 is nearly identical to a proposal that CALAFCO considered in 2011; however, due to conflicting views amongst the CALAFCO membership, the proposal was never pursued. CALAFCO has not taken a position on AB 402.

AB 448 (Brown) and **SB 25** (Roth) – *VLF/ERAF* – These are companion bills that reinstate the VLF payment (through ERAF) for annexations and incorporations. CALAFCO has taken a support position on these bills.

SB 184 (Senate Governance & Finance Committee) – This is the Committee's annual omnibus bill (separate from the CALAFCO omnibus bill). CALAFCO is currently “watching” this bill pending several amendments.

SB 239 (Hertzberg) – *Local Services: Contracts: Fire Protection Services* – This bill proposes amendments to LAFCO law to provide special provisions relating to the provision of fire service outside jurisdictional boundaries, including the inclusion of unions needing to approve the service extension and usurping the authority of LAFCO and the service provider, requiring a comprehensive fiscal analysis for the extension of out of agency fire service, and a number of other provisions.

It has been difficult to engage the author and obtain details regarding the proposed legislation and amendments. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee has significant concerns with the proposal, and is opposing the bill. We understand that the California Special Districts Association is also opposing the bill, and that the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities are also considering an oppose position.

SB 272 (Hertzberg) – *Public Records Act – Local Agency Inventory* – This bill require all local agencies, in implementing the California Public Records Act, to conduct an inventory of data gathered by the agency that discloses what 1) data is maintained by the agency, 2) who collects the data, and 3) the frequency in which it is collected. The bill would require the inventory to be available to the public. As proposed, the bill leaves many questions such as completion deadline, frequency, and how the inventory should be made available to the public. CALAFCO is currently “watching” this bill.

Assembly and Senate Committee meetings on most of the bills listed above are scheduled for April. Within the next few days, the CALAFCO Executive Director will solicit position letters from its members. An update regarding high priority bills, and draft position letters will be provided under separate cover once the information becomes available.

RECOMMENDATION - Provide input and direction to staff.

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Attachment: CALAFCO Legislative Update, 4/1/15

CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of Wednesday, April 01, 2015

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[AB 402](#) **(Dodd D) Local agency services: contracts.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/2/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would allow a local agency formation commission to authorize a city or district to provide new or extended services outside its jurisdictional boundaries to support existing or planned uses involving public or private properties, subject to approval at a publicly noticed hearing where the commission makes specified determinations. The bill would also make technical and conforming changes.

Position: Watch

Subject: CKH General Procedures, LAFCo Administration, Service Reviews/Spheres

CALAFCO Comments: As written, this bill expands LAFCo's existing authority to approve new and extended services beyond agencies' spheres of influence inclusive of public health and safety threats, only if LAFCo can make three findings at noticed public hearings. These findings involve determining the extension: (1) was evaluated in a municipal service review; (2) will not result in adverse impacts on open-space and agricultural lands or growth; and (3) a later change of organization is not expected or desired based on local policies. Further, the bill clarifies LAFCo's sole authority in determining the application of the statute, and deemphasizes the approval of contracts and emphasizes the approval of service extensions.

CALAFCO previously considered (over an extensive period of time) amending GC §56133, and twice (in 2011 and again in 2013) the CALAFCO Board of Directors decided not to pursue those amendments. This is not a CALAFCO sponsored bill. Assembly member Dodd is a former Napa LAFCo Commissioner.

[AB 448](#) **(Brown D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:

4/15/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIEIN, Chair

Summary:

Current property tax law requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenue to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally provides that each jurisdiction shall be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction's portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter March 2015](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill is identical to AB 1521 (Fox) from last year. This bill reinstates the VLF payment (through ERAF) and changes the way that the growth in the VLF adjustment amount (property tax in lieu of VLF) is calculated starting in FY 2015-16 to include the growth of assessed valuation, including in an annexed area, from FY 2004-05 to FY 2015-16. Beginning in FY 2016-17, the VLF adjustment amount would be the jurisdiction's annual change in the assessed valuation

[AB 851](#) **(Mayes R) Local government: organization: disincorporations.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/16/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would, in the case of a disincorporation or reorganization that includes a disincorporation, require the plan for services to include specific provisions, including, among others, an enumeration and description of the services currently provided by the city proposed for disincorporation and an outline of current retirement obligations, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support_Mar 2015](#)

Position: Sponsor

Subject: CKH General Procedures, Disincorporation/dissolution

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by CALAFCO. As introduced, this bill addressed the long-outdated statutes relating to disincorporation. Although many other areas of CKH have been updated over the past 52 years, the areas pertaining to disincorporations remain in their original format as written in 1963.

This bill does the following: (1) Clarifies the expectation for assignment of responsibility for debt that will continue in existence after disincorporation; (2) Establishes the parameters and requirements for the submission of the Plan for Service for a disincorporation proposal which outlines existing services, the proponent's plan for the future of those services, and whether or not a bankruptcy

proceeding has been undertaken; (3) Establishes the responsibilities of LAFCOs in preparing a Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis for disincorporations, the determination of the transfer of property tax revenues previously received by the proposed disincorporating City, and the determination of the transfer of debt to a successor agency or agencies. Further, the bill retains LAFCOs existing authority to impose terms and conditions on a proposed disincorporation as well as the election requirements necessary for approval of disincorporation. The proposed disincorporation statutory changes use the incorporation provisions as a template to propose changes in the disincorporation process.

AB 1532 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: omnibus.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 3/23/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee April 23.

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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, requires a local agency formation commission to notify specified state agencies having oversight or regulatory responsibility over, or a contractual relationship with, a local health care district when a proposal is made for any of specified changes of organization affecting that district. This bill would update obsolete references to a "hospital" district and replace outdated references to the State Department of Health Services with references to the State Department of Public Health and the State Department of Health Care Services.

Position: Sponsor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This is the annual Omnibus bill for the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Reorganization Act of 2000. This bill makes nonsubstantive technical clean-up corrections to the Act.

SB 25 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/1/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 3/19/2015-Set for hearing April 8.

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Calendar:

4/8/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would modify specified reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support_March 2015](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: Identical to SB 69 (Roth) from 2014, the bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2014/15 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

SB 239 (Hertzberg D) Local services: contracts: fire protection services.

Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Last Amended: 3/23/2015

Status: 3/27/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

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Calendar:

4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would establish commission proceedings to consider the exercise of new or extended fire protection services outside a public agency's current service area by contract or agreement. The bill would require the legislative body of a public agency to adopt a resolution and submit the resolution along with a plan for services, as provided. The bill would require that a proposal by a state agency be initiated by the director of the agency with the approval of the Governor. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Oppose

Subject: CKH General Procedures, Municipal Services

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill will circumvent local District Board and LAFCo authority on service extensions relating to fire protection services by allowing unions the authority to approve/disapprove the service contracts. Further, as written, these changes will require CEQA review. The bill sets a precedent for fire unions to have the final authority to approve fire-related service extensions, thereby opening the door for all other service-related unions to have the same. In addition, the bill requires a comprehensive fiscal analysis for service extensions, which is now only required for incorporations. Who will be responsible for paying for that CFA is not known (at least it is not outlined in the bill language). Finally, the proper government code section relating to service extensions is 56133, which is where any changes to service extension process should be addressed.

SB 393 (Nguyen R) Local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referrred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, establishes the sole and exclusive authority

and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the above-described law.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill. According to the author's office, it has been introduced by the Senator on behalf of the Republican Caucus as a local government spot bill (Senator Nguyen is the Vice Chair of the Senate Gov & Finance Comm). CALAFCO will monitor.

AB 3 (Williams D) Isla Vista Community Services District.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amended: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

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Summary:

Would establish the Isla Vista Community Services District and would specify the services that district would be authorized to provide, including, among others, the power to create a tenant mediation program and to exercise the powers of a parking district. This bill contains other related provisions.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Letter of Concern Dec 2014](#)

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Special District Powers

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill gives legislative authority for the creation of the Isla Vista Community Services District (CSD). This authority would completely bypass the LAFCo process in the creation of this special district. CALAFCO issued a letter of concern on the intent language on December 20, 2014.

AB 541 (Dahle R) Big Valley Watermaster District Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 3/5/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would create a watermaster district with unspecified boundaries within the Counties of Lassen and Modoc to be known as the Big Valley Watermaster District. The bill would generally specify the powers and purposes of the district. The bill would prescribe the composition of the board of directors of the district. The bill would require the district to provide watermaster service on behalf of water right holders whose place of use under an appointed decree, as defined, is a parcel of real property within the district.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Special District Powers, Water

AB 707 (Wood D) Agricultural land: Williamson Act contracts: cancellation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Coms. on AGR. and L. GOV.

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4/15/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 126 ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE, PEREA, Chair

Summary:

Current law provides for the procedure to cancel a contract entered into under the provisions of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 and provides that the landowner and the Department of Conservation may agree on the cancellation value of the land. This bill would repeal the authorization for the landowner and the department to agree on the cancellation value of the land.

Position: Watch

Subject: Ag Preservation - Williamson

CALAFCO Comments: As written, this bill repeals the provision that allows cancellation of the valuation of the land.

SB 272 (Hertzberg D) The California Public Records Act: local agencies: inventory.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Status: 3/27/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

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Calendar:

4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would require each local agency, in implementing the California Public Records Act, to conduct an inventory of data gathered by the agency that discloses what data is maintained by the agency, by whom, and with what frequency it is collected. The bill would require the inventory to be available to the public. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, it would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Public Records Act

CALAFCO Comments: As written, this bill requires all local agencies (including LAFCo) to conduct an inventory of all data gathered by the agency that includes (1) what the data is; (2) who collects it; and (3) the frequency with which it is collected. This bill is an unfunded mandate on public agencies.

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AB 168 (Maienschein R) Local government finance.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/22/2015

Status: 1/23/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 22.

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Summary:

Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a qualifying city becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill. No information is available on the author's intent at this time.

AB 369 (Steinorth R) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2015

Status: 2/18/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

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Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law establishes in each city and county a planning agency with the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of that law. Current law sets forth the Legislature's findings and declarations regarding the availability of affordable housing throughout the state. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those findings and declarations.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill. No information is available at this time regarding the author's intent for the bill. CALAFCO will monitor for amendments.

AB 568 (Dodd D) Reclamation District No. 108: hydroelectric power.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and U. & C.

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4/8/2015 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 127 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAIENSCHIN, Chair

Summary:

Current law authorizes Reclamation District No. 1004, in conjunction with the County of Colusa, to construct, maintain, and operate a plant, transmission lines, and other necessary or appropriate facilities for the generation of hydroelectric power, as prescribed. Current law requires proceeds from the sale of electricity to be utilized to retire any time warrants issued for construction of the facilities and otherwise for the powers and purposes for which the district was formed. This bill would grant the above-described hydroelectric power authority to Reclamation District No. 108.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special District Powers

AB 656 (Garcia, Cristina D) Joint powers agreements: mutual water companies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/9/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Current law authorizes local public entities, as defined, to enter into a joint powers agreement for the purposes of providing risk-pooling, as specified. This bill would specifically authorize 2 or more mutual water companies, or 2 or more mutual water companies and one or more public agencies that operate a public water system, to participate in joint powers agreement for risk-pooling, technical support, and other similar services.

Position: Watch

Subject: Other

CALAFCO Comments: As written, the bill gives the ability to two or more mutual water companies, or a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement. The bill limits the purpose of such a joint powers agreement to either risk-pooling or the provision of technical support, continuing education, safety engineering, operational and managerial advisory assistance to be provided to the members of that joint powers agency.

AB 948 (Patterson R) Local government: community service districts.

Current Text: Amended: 3/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amended: 3/26/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Referred to Com. on L. GOV. From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

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Summary:

Would authorize a person to serve on the Board of Directors of the Sierra Cedars Community Services District if he or she holds title to land within the district. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special District Powers

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced this is a spot bill. CALAFCO will watch for amendments.

SB 13 (Pavley D) Groundwater.

Current Text: Amended: 2/24/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amended: 2/24/2015

Status: 3/24/2015-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: While this bill has no direct affect on LAFCos, the formation of groundwater management agencies and groundwater management is of interest, therefore CALAFCO will watch the bill.

SB 181 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Set for hearing April 8.

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Calendar:

4/8/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2015, 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 Letter of Support_Mar 2015](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Other

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

SB 182 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Set for hearing April 8.

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4/8/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

This bill would enact the Second Validating Act of 2015, 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 Letter of Support_Mar 2015](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Other

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

SB 183 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Status: 3/19/2015-Set for hearing April 8.

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Calendar:

4/8/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

This bill would enact the Third Validating Act of 2015, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Letter of Support Mar 2015](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Other

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

SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus bill.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/9/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/9/2015

Status: 2/19/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

Current law requires the legislative body of a local entity to annually file with the auditor a list of lots or parcels of land subject to specified fees or charges for water, sanitation, storm drainage, or sewerage system services and facilities and the amounts of the installments of the fees or charges to be entered against the affected lots or parcels of land. Current law requires the auditor to enter on the assessment roll the amounts of installments of these fees or charges. Current law defines the auditor, for the purposes of these provisions, as the financial officer of the local entity. This bill would clarify that the above-described provisions relating to the authority and duties of the auditor apply only to the county auditor. The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: Other

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is the Senate Governance & Finance Committee's annual Omnibus bill. This bill is intended to make technical, non-substantive changes to the Government Code outside of CKH.

SB 226 (Pavley D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater rights.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Status: 3/26/2015-Set for hearing April 14.

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Calendar:

4/14/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary:

Would provide, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, that a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans establishes a timely method for determining rights to groundwater in furtherance of the objectives of the act. This bill would require the process to be available to any court of competent jurisdiction. This bill would require the boundaries of a basin to be as identified in Bulletin 118, unless other basin boundaries are established, as specified.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill to address groundwater rights relating to the new Sustainable Groundwater Management Agencies.

SB 422 (Monning D) Santa Clara Valley Open-Space District.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/25/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Status: 3/27/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

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Calendar:

4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would change the name of the Santa Clara County Open-Space Authority to the Santa Clara Valley Open-Space District, and would authorize the district to acquire interests in real property that are either within the district's jurisdiction, part of a single property that is both within and adjacent to the district's jurisdiction, or within a watershed that includes lands within the district's jurisdiction where protection of those watershed lands outside of the district's jurisdiction is necessary to protect conservation values within the district's jurisdiction. The bill would also make related conforming changes.

Subject: Special District Powers

SB 485 (Hernandez D) County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/12/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

The County Sanitation District Act authorizes a sanitation district to acquire, construct, and complete certain works, property, or structures necessary or convenient for sewage collection, treatment, and disposal. This bill would authorize specified sanitation districts in the County of Los Angeles, to acquire, construct, operate, maintain, and furnish facilities for the diversion, management, and treatment of stormwater and dry weather runoff, the discharge of the water to the stormwater drainage system, and the beneficial use of the water. This bill contains other related provisions.

Subject: Special District Powers

SB 552 (Wolk D) Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: drinking water standards.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/26/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Status: 3/17/2015-Set for hearing April 15.

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Calendar:

4/15/2015 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, WIECKOWSKI, Chair

Summary:

Would require, by January 1, 2017, the State Water Resources Control Board to develop a plan, including enforcement mechanisms, to ensure that disadvantaged communities have water systems that are in compliance with state and federal drinking water standards. The bill would require the plan to identify strategies to help bring disadvantaged communities into compliance with safe drinking water standards.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Water

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