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

**LAFCO Agricultural & Open Space Preservation Policy Discussion - Update**

Dear Commissioners:

**BACKGROUND**

This is an update from LAFCO Policies & Procedures Subcommittee regarding activities relating to developing a LAFCO Agricultural & Open Space Preservation Policy (AOSPP).

On July 8, 2015, Contra Costa LAFCO hosted an Agricultural & Open Space Preservation Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to engage stakeholders and begin a discussion as to whether or not Contra Costa LAFCO should develop a local AOSPP, like other LAFCOs around the State; and if so, what should the Contra Costa LAFCO policy address.

On August 12, 2015, the LAFCO Policies & Procedures Subcommittee initiated a discussion with the Commission as to what type of AOSPP Commissioners want, if any. The subcommittee presented a decision tree to help guide the conversation.

Following input from the Commission and members of the public, including representatives from various environmental groups, the agricultural community, and the building industry, the Commission recommended that the subcommittee conduct outreach to various groups including the Contra Costa County Transportation, Water & Infrastructure Committee (TWIC), Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Planning Committee, Contra Costa Public Managers Association (PMA), and Contra Costa Special Districts Association (CCSDA).

**DISCUSSION**

In accordance with the Commission’s direction, the Policies & Procedures Subcommittee has scheduled the following presentations:

- ❖ October 7 - CCTA Planning Committee. A verbal report will be provided to the Commission on October 14th.
- ❖ October 8 - PMA. A verbal report will be provided to the Commission on October 14th.
- ❖ October 19 - CCSDA. A verbal report will be provided to the Commission at the LAFCO meeting on November 18th.

Due to various scheduling challenging and TWIC meeting cancellations, the LAFCO Policies & Procedures Subcommittee will schedule individual meetings with members of the TWIC (County Supervisors Andersen and Piepho) to discuss what input, if any, the TWIC would like to provide on a local LAFCO policy.

Also, the LAFCO Executive Officer will attend the County Planning Directors' meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will provide an update to the group.

Another update will be provided to the Commission at the November 18<sup>th</sup> LAFCO meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive update and provide input.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Burke and Don Tatzin*

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