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TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Contra Costa LAFCO Staff

SUBJECT: Highlights of 2017 Annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop

Your Executive Officer attended the 2017 Annual CALAFCO Staff Workshop in Fresno (April 5-7) hosted by Fresno LAFCO. The workshop was well attended by over 100 participants and guests representing 36 of the 58 LAFCOs.

The workshop program offered a mobile workshop which included a tour of the *Forestiere Underground Gardens* and a visit to Fresno State University to tour the department of Viticulture & Enology – both visits were fascinating and informative.

The workshop provided practical and hands-on courses, including general (G) and breakout (B) sessions, staff roundtables, and CALAFCO legislative and business updates (see below). Contra Costa LAFCO staff presented at the session on healthcare districts and at the legislative briefing.

- How to Increase the Odds of You and Your Organization Avoiding an Ethics Crisis (G)
- Staff Roundtables (B)
- LAFCO 101 (B)
- Board of Equalization Mapping Processes and Requirements (B)
- Healthcare Districts and LAFCOs (B)
- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and LAFCOs (G)
- Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (B)
- To be Sued or Not to be Sued (B)
- Making Sense Out of Out of Agency Service Agreements (B)
- All Things Cannabis: Land Use, Cultivation, Water and Ag Land Preservation and Impacts (B)
- SB 88/SB 552 – Consolidation of Water Systems (B)
- MSR Accountability in an Open Data Climate (B)
- CEQA – What to Look for in CEQA Documents (B)
- CALAFCO Organization & Legislative Updates (G)

The staff workshop provided hands-on training focusing on day-to-day LAFCO operations and timely issues of significance. The workshop also provided a valuable opportunity to network with other LAFCO professionals. CALAFCO has posted workshop handouts on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org.

LAFCO staff thanks the Commission for the opportunity to attend.

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