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Agenda Item 10a1

**TO:** Each Member of the Commission

**FROM:** LAFCO Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Highlights of 2017 Annual CALAFCO Conference

Commissioners, guests and LAFCO staff attended the 2017 Annual CALAFCO Conference in San Diego (October 25-27). The conference was well attended with 270 attendees, guests and speakers representing 46 of the 58 LAFCOs.

The conference theme was *Corners of California* and provided a number of timely sessions. General sessions focused on how the public sees LAFCO and avoiding ethical crises. Breakout sessions covered local agencies' fiscal health, the relationship between Commissioners and Executive Officers, unincorporated islands, challenges and opportunities for LAFCO funding, LAFCO and healthcare districts, and Commission decision making.

The conference drew a number of expert speakers including Adam Probolsky, President, Probolsky Research; Kevin Dugan, Regional Director, ICMA West Coast; and Jim Simpson, General Manager, Water Resources Division at Marine Corps Installation West/Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton; as well as a number of local government officials and LAFCO Commissioners and staff from around the State.

The conference also included a mobile workshop to Carlsbad Desalination Plant, LAFCO 101, regional roundtable discussions, the annual CALAFCO business meeting, the annual awards ceremony, CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting, and a CALAFCO legislative update. Conference material is available on the CALAFCO website at [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org).

The 2018 CALAFCO Conference will be held at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite (October 3-5).