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# Third Quarter Budget Report - Fiscal Year 2020-21

Dear Members of the Commission:

This is the third quarter budget report for FY 2020-21, which compares adopted and actual expenses and revenues for the period July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.

The LAFCO operating budget includes the following components: salaries/benefits, services/supplies, a contingency/reserve fund, Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust and retirement pre-funding account. The budget is based on the "bottom line," which allows for variation within line-item accounts if the overall balance remains positive. Funds may not be drawn from the contingency/reserve without Commission approval.

LAFCO's budget is funded primarily by the County, cities, and independent special districts, with each group paying one-third of the LAFCO budget. The city and district shares are prorated based on general revenues reported to the State Controller's Office. LAFCO also receives revenue through application fees and interest earnings.

## **DISCUSSION**

On June 12, 2020, LAFCO adopted its final FY 2020-21 budget with total appropriations of \$994,882, which includes an \$100,000 contingency/reserve fund, a contribution of \$40,000 to fund the OPEB liability, and a contribution of \$30,000 to pre-fund LAFCO's retirement account with the Contra Costa County Employees' Retirement Association (CCCERA). The Commission adopted a reduced budget for FY 2020-21 in response to the pandemic (COVID), thereby reducing County, city, and independent special district LAFCO apportionments by 11%.

With 75% of the fiscal year elapsed, the Commission's third quarter expenditures are \$450,548 or 45.2% of total appropriations. The Commission budgeted \$387,000 in *salaries/benefits* for FY 2020-21; at the end of the third quarter, actual expenses total \$243,424, or 69.7% of the budgeted amount. The Commission budgeted \$437,882 in *services/supplies*; at the end of the third quarter expenses total \$181,828 or 41.5%.

Both the \$40,000 OPEB liability and CCCERA liability pre-funding payments are reflected in the third quarter budget report.

The primary sources of revenues are local agency contributions, application fees, and available fund balance. Total revenues received as of the third quarter are \$985,576 (including fund balance) or 99% of revenues. Other sources of revenue include application fees, interest earnings and fund balance. Regarding application fees, FY 2020-21 application activity is lower than FY 2019-20 activity. During the first three quarters of FY 2020-21, LAFCO received four new applications, compared to six new applications received during the first three quarters of FY 2019-20.

Regarding interest earnings, LAFCO is currently receiving some investment earnings through the OPEB trust account, which remains in that account.

Finally, when available, we budget available fund balance to offset agency contributions. The FY 2020-21 budget includes \$175,000 in budgeted fund balance.

A summary of third quarter expenditures and revenues is presented in the table below.

| Account                   | FY 2020-21   | Third Quarter |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                           | Final Budget | Actuals       |
| Salaries & Benefits       | \$ 387,000   | \$ 270,123    |
| Services & Supplies       | 437,882      | 181,828       |
| Contingency/Reserve       | 100,000      | 0             |
| OPEB Trust                | 40,000       | 40,000        |
| CCCERA Pre-Fund           | 30,000       | 30,000        |
| Total Expenditures        | \$ 994,882   | \$ 491,951    |
|                           |              |               |
| Agency Contributions      | \$ 794,882   | \$ 794,881    |
| Application/Other Revenue | 25,000       | 15,694        |
| Interest Earnings         | _            | -             |
| Fund Balance              | 175,000      | 175,000       |
| Total Revenues            | \$ 994,882   | \$ 985,575    |

No budget adjustments are recommended at this time. LAFCO staff will continue to closely monitor the budget, and keep the Commission apprised.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Commission receive the FY 2020-21 third quarter budget report.

Sincerely,

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