1.8 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LAFCOS (CALAFCO)

A. <u>General Provisions</u>

The California Association of LAFCOs, or CALAFCO, was formed in 1971 as a voluntary association. It provides a means of sharing information, coordinating LAFCO activities throughout the State, and representing LAFCO interests before the Legislature.

The membership of CALAFCO consists of all 58 LAFCOs in California, along with an associate membership of firms and agencies, which support the educational mission of the organization.

Commissioners are encouraged to participate in CALAFCO activities depending upon their interests to ensure closer coordination and information exchange with the statewide association.

B. <u>CALAFCO Board of Directors</u>

The Association is governed by a total of 19 members, including 16 voting members elected from among LAFCO Commissioners as follows: four City members, four County members, four Public members and four Special District members. Each of the four regions (Central, Coastal, Northern and Southern) elects one city, one county, one public and one special district member.

In addition to the 16 Board members, an Executive Officer, the Executive Director and a Legal Adviser serve as non-voting members of the Board.

Annual membership dues are specified in the Association Bylaws.

C. <u>CALAFCO Newsletter</u>

The Association's newsletter details matters of interest to LAFCOs including significant litigation and legislation. Copies are sent to all members of the Commission.

D. <u>Conferences and Workshops</u>

The CALAFCO Annual Conference is held in the Fall at locations alternating among the regions. It features discussions, workshops, presentations and informal activities of interest to LAFCOs and local governments.

CALAFCO also sponsors a staff workshop in the Spring and various other seminars and workshops.

E. <u>Annual Business Meeting</u>

A business meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual Conference. Each LAFCO in good standing has one vote when members of the Board are selected and other items of Association business decided. Prior to the annual CALAFCO business meeting, the Commission shall appoint its voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate.

For more information regarding CALAFCO please visit their website at <u>www.calafco.org</u>.