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June 14, 2023

**June 14, 2023
Agenda Item 12**

Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission
40 Muir Road, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Legislative Report - Update and Position Letter

Dear Members of the Commission:

CALAFCO is sponsoring its annual omnibus bill (AB 1753) which was introduced on March 2, 2023. The bill passed out of the Assembly on April 27th and is now set for hearing in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on June 7th. On May 31st, CALAFCO issued a call for action and a request for LAFCO letters of support as discussed below.

Currently, CALAFCO is also following three “Priority 2” bills and five “Priority 3” bills as listed below:

Priority 2 Bills:

- a. AB 68 (Ward) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: density, Subdivision, and utility approvals.
- b. AB 918 (Garcia) Health care district: County of Imperial
- c. SB 360 (Blakespear) California Coastal Commission: member voting

Priority 3 Bills:

Brown Act:

- d. AB 557 (Hart) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences
- e. AB 817 (Pacheco) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body
- f. SB 411 (Portantino) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership
- g. SB 537 (Becker) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences
- h. AB 1379 (Papan) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences

The CALACO Legislative Committee last met on May 5, 2023. The next CALAFCO Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2023.

On May 31st, CALAFCO issued an urgent call for legislative action requesting that each LAFCO send a letter of support for AB 1753 (omnibus bill). Contra Costa LAFCO’s legislative policy provides LAFCO with flexibility to respond to urgent legislation that affects LAFCO. The policy

provides that in “situations when proposed legislation affecting LAFCO cannot be considered by the full Commission due to timing, the Executive Officer, in consultation with the LAFCO Chair (or Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair), is authorized to provide written or email comments communicating the Commission’s position if the position is consistent with the adopted legislative policies of the Commission. The Chair or Vice Chair would review the letter or email prior to it being submitted. The Executive Officer will forward the email or letter to the Commission as soon as possible. The item will be placed on the next regular LAFCO meeting agenda as either “informational” or for discussion purposes.”

In accordance with our local policies, LAFCO staff worked with the LAFCO Chair and submitted a letter of support for AB 1753 (Attachment 2).

RECOMMENDATION – Informational item – no action needed

Sincerely,

LOU ANN TEXEIRA
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Attachment
Letter of Support – AB 1753



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May 31, 2023

The Honorable Anna Caballero, Chair
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 7620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT of AB 1753, Local Government: Reorganization Omnibus Bill
Set for hearing 6/7/2023 – Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Dear Senator Caballero:

The Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is pleased to support **Assembly Bill 1753**, sponsored by the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), which makes technical, non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (“the Act”).

This annual bill includes technical non-substantive changes to the Act which governs the work of LAFCos. These changes are necessary as Commissions implement the Act and small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. By making these minor technical corrections, AB 1753 will increase the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

AB 1753 helps ensure the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state. Contra Costa LAFCo respectfully requests your support.

Please contact us regarding any questions or concerns about our position.

Sincerely,


Federal Glover, Chair
Contra Costa LAFCo

cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, California State Assembly
René LaRoche, Executive Director, CALAFCO