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September 9, 2015**To:** LAFCo Commissioners**From:** Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Poyatos', written over the printed name.

Subject: Report on Attendance at CALAFCO Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA
September 2-4, 2015

Along with Chair Craig and Commissioners Garbarino and Lohman, I attended the CALAFCO conference at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, CA from Wednesday, September 2 through Friday, September 4, 2015. The program included several valuable sessions covering a variety of topics, including "LAFCo 101," agriculture and the drought, the 2014 Groundwater Sustainability Act, finance mechanisms for public infrastructure, fiscal analysis, climate change, and leadership and legislation affecting LAFCos.

The conference also included regional roundtable sessions for networking with other LAFCos. Speakers and panelists included State officials and experts in several areas of interest to LAFCos, e.g., the Director of Office of Planning and Research, and the Secretaries of the California Natural Resources Agency and the Departments of Food and Agriculture and Water Resources. I will share conference handouts including information on infrastructure financing with County departments, cities, and special districts.

Please see the attached conference program for more detailed information.

Attachment: 2015 CALAFCO Annual Conference Conference Program

Wednesday - September 2, 2015

7:30am - 12:30pm

Mobile Workshop

*Bus leaves promptly
at 7:30 am*

Come along on the Mobile Workshop as we have a special look at the physical confluence of the Sacramento & American rivers, followed by a tour of the largest and most progressive inland Waste Water Treatment Plant west of the Mississippi, and close with a tour of the Delta levee & habitat. Lunch at the historic Old Sugar Mill included.

10:00am - 12:00pm

LAFCo 101 - Regency Ballroom A/B/C

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This informative presentation is intended to assist elected officials and staff members of counties, cities, and special districts who may be new to the LAFCo process. Panelists will discuss the basics; the LAFCo review process; required Spheres of Influence and Municipal Service Reviews; and the latest requirements for Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities.

Speakers: Michael Colantuono, Attorney, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo
Mary Jane Griego, Commissioner, Yuba LAFCo

Moderator: Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCo

1:15pm - 2:00pm

Conference Opening (Welcoming Remarks) - Regency Ballroom

John Leopold, Chair, CALAFCo Board

Gay Jones, Commissioner, Sacramento LAFCo and CALAFCo Conference Chair

Angelique Ashby, Chair, Sacramento LAFCo and City of Sacramento Mayor Pro Tem

Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCo

Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 552 Honor Guard and Sacramento Firefighters Pipes and Drums

2:00pm - 3:30pm

At the Confluence of Agriculture, Planning, and Resources - Regency Ballroom A/B/C

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Join us as we hear from top officials in the Governor's administration including the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), Natural Resources, and Food & Agriculture on critical issues facing LAFCos and the state. We will hear about the role each of these departments has in the planning and execution of drought-related solutions, the alignment of land use planning and integrated regional water management, and how LAFCos may be a partner in these solutions. We will hear about Sustainable Communities Strategies, the new authorities of the State Water Resources Control Board, and how the drought has impacted the preservation of agricultural lands.

Speakers: Ken Alex, Director, CA Office of Planning & Research
John Laird, Secretary, CA Natural Resources Agency
Karen Ross, Secretary, CA Department of Food & Agriculture

Moderator: John Leopold, Chair, CALAFCo Board

3:30pm - 3:45pm

Refreshment Break - Regency Ballroom Corridor

3:45pm - 5:00pm

GSAs, GSPs and SGMA: Coming to a Basin Near You! - Regency Ballroom A/B/C

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In 2014, the Groundwater Sustainability Act was enacted to strengthen the sustainability of California's groundwater resources. California's groundwater basins and sub-basins make up approximately 38% of the State's total water supply in average rainfall years, 46% in dry years, and up to 100% in certain communities that rely exclusively on groundwater. Learn about the Act's implementation efforts to date and explore how LAFCos could be affected and why LAFCos should pay attention.

Speakers: David Church, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Mark Cowin, Director, CA Dept. of Water Resources
Jill Duerig, General Manager, Zone 7 Water Agency
Matt Hurley, Board Member, ACWA

Moderator: Dr. Roger Welt, Commissioner, Santa Barbara LAFCo

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Bounty of Your County - Poolside

CALAFCo 9th Annual Beer & Wine Competition/Reception

Thursday - September 3, 2015

7:00am - 9:00am

Continental Breakfast - Regency Ballroom Corridor

8:00am - 8:45am

Regional Caucus Meetings & Elections

Northern Region - Carmel A

Southern Region - Carmel B

Coastal Region - Golden State

Central Region - Big Sur A/B

9:00am - 10:15am

CALAFCo Annual Business Meeting - Regency Ballroom A/B/C

John Leopold, Chair, CALAFCo Board

Thursday - September 3, 2015 (continued)

3:30pm - 5:00pm

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Urban Growth Boundaries and LAFcos - Regency Ballroom B

This session will look at various boundary tools used by LAFcos and how these boundaries and tools align with LAFco decisions. Join us to share ideas, techniques and interpretations from various LAFcos throughout the state.

Speakers: Steve Brandt, Principal Planner, Quad Knopf
Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer, Tulare LAFco
Jerome Keene, Senior Planner, Quad Knopf
Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer, Santa Clara LAFco
Moderator: Dr. William Kirby, Commissioner, Placer LAFco

3:30pm - 5:00pm

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LAFcos Role in Planning for Climate Change - Regency Ballroom C

Join us as we explore climate change and its increasing impact on municipal service planning in California. This session will include a discussion on key trends underlying climate change on a statewide level, as well as the policies and priorities for the Governor's Office and impact on local government. We will look at a case-study on local climate change planning in Marin County. We will focus on generating ongoing discussion with regard to appropriately connecting LAFcos' responsibilities and powers – existing and future – to facilitating orderly municipal growth and development with the increasing realities of climate change.

Speakers: Louise Bedsworth, Dep. Director, CA Office of Planning & Research
Kate Sears, Commissioner, Marin LAFco
Will Travis, Former Director, Bay Area Conservation and Development Commission
Moderator: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, Marin LAFco

6:00pm - 6:30pm

Banquet Reception - Vines Restaurant

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Dinner and Achievement Awards Ceremony - Regency Ballroom D/E/F

Friday - September 4, 2015

7:30am - 9:00am

Breakfast Buffet - Regency Ballroom Corridor

7:30am - 8:45am

CALAFco Board of Directors Meeting and Breakfast - Big Sur A/B

9:00am - 10:30am

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Leadership in a World of VUCA:

Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity - Regency Ballroom A/B/C

In uncertain times we often turn to people in leadership roles for order, direction and protection. Yet in the volatile and ambiguous times we find ourselves it is difficult to provide any of these. This session explores the practices to achieve the public value we desire in "VUCA" times. The conversation highlights leadership in complex 21st century organizations, what it takes to be successful in doing the public good, what to look for in spotting 21st century talent, and an opportunity to reflect on your practice of leadership.

Speaker: Bill Chiat, Dean and Manager, CSAC Institute
Moderator: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFco

10:30am - 10:45am

Refreshment Break - Regency Ballroom Corridor

10:45am - Noon

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CALAFco Legislative Update:

The Good, The Bad, and Everything In-between - Regency Ballroom A/B/C

It has been a full legislative year...and it isn't over yet! Join us as we recap the 2015 legislative year and highlight adopted legislation that impacts LAFcos. We will also provide a sneak peek at potential legislation CALAFco is focusing on for 2016-17.

Speakers: Misa Lennox, Associate Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
Pamela Miller, Legislative Chair, CALAFco
Stephen Lucas, Legislative Vice Chair, CALAFco
Paul Novak, AICP, Legislative Omnibus Lead, CALAFco



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*See you next year on
October 26 - 28, 2016 at the
Fess Parker DoubleTree by Hilton
in Santa Barbara*

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