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October 3, 2024

Hon. Brian Dahle, Senator
1021 O Street, Room 7230
Sacramento, California 95814

Hon. Megan Dahle, Assemblywoman
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, California 94249-0001

Re: Requested Legislative Sponsorship – Legislation Authorizing Modification of Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission Membership

Dear Senator Dahle & Assemblywoman Dahle:

As you are aware, the Shasta Local Agency Formation Commission (“Shasta LAFCo”) is the multi-agency represented entity in Shasta County that is responsible for implementing the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, pursuant to Government Code Sections 56000 et seq. (“CKH Act”). As more specifically described in the CKH Act, in sections 56325 and following, unless there is a specific statute providing otherwise, independent commissions such as Shasta LAFCo are comprised of two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors; two (2) city representatives; two (2) special district representatives; and one (1) at-large public member appointed by the commission. As a result, Shasta LAFCo is comprised of seven (7) commission members.

In Shasta County, because there are three cities, including Shasta Lake, Redding, and Anderson, the municipalities have agreed to rotating representation, with only two of the three cities appointing a Shasta LAFCo commissioner annually. In some instances the lack of continuing representation from all cities may cause a lack of continuity in the conduct of commission business. In order to remedy this the Shasta County City Selection Committee, which makes the formal yearly appointments of city representatives to serve on Shasta LAFCo, has requested that continuous representation by all three cities occur.

There is also interest by independent special districts in Shasta County to have increased district representation on Shasta LAFCo. By increasing special district representation to three (3) members, together with an additional city member on our commission, there would be nine (9) commissioners. Our commission has determined that changes in the current CKH Act to allow for increased city and special district representation on Shasta LAFCo would, in addition to allowing for more active and ongoing participation by Shasta County stakeholder agencies, result in a more inclusive yet functional commission serving our county.

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A specific proposed addition to the CKH Act to achieve this broadened Shasta LAFCo representation is attached to this letter. As indicated, it would result in a separate new section that addresses only Shasta County, and would therefore not change any other statutes now governing the selection of commissioners in other counties in California. The proposed new nine (9) member Shasta LAFCo, if approved by the Legislature and chaptered into law, would fulfill the hopes and desires of affected Shasta County local agencies.

It would be an honor to have you sponsor this proposed legislation for Shasta LAFCo. It is understood that you may want to reach out to the respective State Senate and Assembly committees with jurisdiction over such matters, and Legislative Counsel, and to invite comments and drafting suggestions from each. Accordingly, what is attached is merely intended to serve to facilitate such discussions if you are willing to sponsor the resulting bill, to achieve the requested Shasta LAFCo composition change.

If additional information is desired please feel free to have your staff or legislative committee members contact Shasta LAFCo Executive Officer Krystle Heaney, and General Counsel Jim Underwood is available to assist in this matter as well, as may be helpful. Again, your legislative assistance to broaden local agency representation on our commission, as proposed, will be appreciated.

Sincerely,


LARRY RUSSELL, Chairman
Shasta LAFCo

Attachment

Cc: Krystle Heaney, Executive Officer, Shasta LAFCo

Jim Underwood, General Counsel, Shasta LAFCo

Cal Gov Code § 56330

Deering's California Codes Annotated > GOVERNMENT CODE (§§ 1 — 500000–500049) > Title 5 Local Agencies (Divs. 1 — 5) > Division 3 Cortese–Knox–Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Pts. 1 — 5) > Part 2 Local Agency Formation Commission (Chs. 1 — 6) > Chapter 2 Formation of Commission and Selection of Commissioners (§§ 56325 — 56350–56370)

§ 56330. Commission Members in Shasta County

(a) In Shasta County, the commission, which consists of seven members, augmented pursuant to Section 56332, shall be additionally augmented by the appointment of an eighth member and a ninth member.

(b) The eighth member shall, in addition to the members to be appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 56325, be another city legislative body member, to also be appointed by the city selection committee. The city selection committee shall also appoint an alternate member at the same time and in the same manner as it appoints the eighth regular member. If the regular city member is absent from a commission meeting, or disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the regular city member for that meeting. If the office of the regular city member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular city member until the appointment and qualification of a regular city member to fill the vacancy.

(c) The ninth member shall, in addition to the members to be appointed pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 56325, be another independent special district legislative body member, to also be selected pursuant to Section 56332. The independent special district selection committee shall also appoint another presiding officer or member of the legislative body of an independent special district as an alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56332.