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AGENDA ITEM 9.C.

Date: October 3, 2024

From: Krystle Heaney, Executive Officer

Subject: **CALAFCO Annual Conference and Business Meeting**

The Commission will receive a report on the annual CALAFCO conference to be held in October. The Commission may also consider voting in the Board Member election to be held during the annual business meeting at the conference

BACKGROUND

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commission (CALAFCO) sponsors a three-day annual conference towards the end of the calendar year. The program is typically theme-based with sessions generally geared towards commissioners and executive staff. Typically, about 300 LAFCo commissioners and staff attend.

DISCUSSION

The CALAFCO 2024 Annual Conference is scheduled for October 16-18th at the Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite. A conference announcement is included as Attachment A. The Commission has not budgeted for registration or lodging costs and as such, there will be no voting delegate in attendance for the business meeting that will be held at the conference which will include Board Member elections. Staff has requested an absentee ballot which is scheduled to be sent out after October 1st.

While there is currently limited budget for conferences and staff workshops due to the annual CalPERS payment for former Executive Officer retirement benefits, attendance at these events can be beneficial to the Commission. They allow for networking with Commissioners throughout the state and can provide a wealth of information of the efficient development of agencies and the provision of local services. Staff would encourage the Commission to consider budgeting for attendance at future conferences. Additionally, staff would be interested in hosting either the annual CALAFCO staff workshop or conference once the CalPERS payments are finished.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission take action to vote for CALAFCO Board Members, or designate an individual to vote on behalf on the Commission once the ballot is received, and provide direction to staff on future attendance at annual conferences.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - CALAFCO Annual Conference Announcement

Attachment B - CALAFCO Annual Conference Schedule

Conference Registration Open!

CALAFCO Member Services <members@mg.calafco.org>

Thu 6/27/2024 3:56 PM

To:Krystle Heaney



2024 CALAFCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE - YOSEMITE - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

October 16, 2024 to October 18, 2024

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

1122 Highway 41, Fish Camp, CA, 93623

[Add to Calendar](#) [Get Directions](#)



Catch the Early Bird Rates - Through July 31st

Registration is now open for the 2024 CALAFCO Annual Conference to be held at the beautiful [Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp, California](#). Just a few miles outside the entrance to Yosemite National Park, our venue is nestled amid the towering trees, and even larger mountains. Here

we will be learning about LAFCO issues for three days near the grandeur that caused John Muir to remark that *"It [Yosemite] was like lying in a great solemn cathedral, far vaster and more beautiful than any built by the hand of man."*

While the conference doesn't officially kick off until 1:30 pm on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, (and concludes at Noon on Friday) there are two pre-conference activities on Wednesday morning. The first is a LAFCO 101 for new commissioners, or commissioners just needing a brush up. The other pre-conference activity is the [Mobile Workshop \(PDF\)](#), which this year will be heading into Yosemite National Park to learn about the collaboration between the special districts, county, and Federal government to provide services to the residents there.

Session topics include succession planning, partnering with water leaders, environmental justice, small/mutual water companies, technology, your role in reorganizations, and more. Add all of that to round tables, regional caucuses, elections, achievement awards and, of course, great company and food, and it promises to be an unforgettable event! So, plan on joining us October 16th - 18th, as we come together to learn what's affecting the LAFCO world - and what may be on the horizon!

OPTIONAL WEDNESDAY DINNER:

While Wednesday night dinner is usually "on your own," there is only a small restaurant, and a pizza parlor, within the immediate vicinity of the hotel. Consequently,

CALAFCO has arranged an optional buffet dinner on Wednesday evening after the Welcome Reception at a cost of \$97 per person. This represents a pass-through of our expense and is being provided merely as a courtesy to our members. However, it is NOT included in the full registration cost so please make sure to add it to your registration if you are wishing to avail yourself of that option.

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

CHECK: Please fill out and mail in the [Conference Registration Form \(PDF\)](#) along with your check. (However, please note that discounts and late fees are determined by the date the registration is received and not when it is mailed.)

CREDIT CARD: Please click on the orange "Register Now" button on this page.

- EARLY BIRD discounts run through July 31st.
- LATE FEES begin on September 1st.
- REGISTRATION CLOSES on September 30, 2024 - no exceptions.

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LODGINGS:

A block of rooms has been negotiated with the Tenaya Lodge in Fish Camp, California at a rate of \$205 (plus taxes). To reserve a room, go to <https://bit.ly/2024CALAFCOConference> OR call the Tenaya Lodge directly at (866) 771-9629 and reference CALAFCO.

PLEASE NOTE that rooms are available at the specially negotiated hotel rate only through September 15, 2024, and are subject to availability.

EV:

The Tenaya has confirmed the availability of EV charging stations.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Check out the [Frequently Asked Questions page](#).

Tickets

\$700.00 Member - Full Conference before July 31

\$800.00 Member - Full Conference

(\$30.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$975.00 Non-Member - Full Conference before July 31

\$1075.00 Non-Member - Full Conference

(\$30.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$550.00 Spouse/Guest Food - All Meals before July 31

\$600.00 Spouse/Guest Food - All Meals

(\$30.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$325.00 Spouse/Guest Food - Wed Reception & Thur Banquet Only before July 31

\$350.00 Spouse/Guest Food - Wed Reception & Thur Banquet Only

(\$30.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$455.00 Member - One Day Registration before July 31

\$555.00 Member - One Day Registration

(\$30.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$750.00 Non-Member - One Day Registration before July 31

\$850.00 Non-Member - One Day Registration

(\$30.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$95.00 Mobile Workshop Wednesday before July 31

\$105.00 Mobile Workshop Wednesday

(\$10.00 Late fee beginning September 1st)

\$75.00 LAFCo 101 (No charge for those with full conference registration. \$75 for all others.)

\$97.00 OPTIONAL Wednesday Night Buffet Dinner

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PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES	
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16	
7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration
7:15 AM – 12:30 PM	<p>Mobile Workshop: The Road to Glacier Point - Mariposa County & Yosemite National Park's Collaborative Service Provision</p> <p><i>Learn how Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park are collaborating on service provision through intergovernmental efforts and the engagement of local stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Buses Load at 7:15 AM at the Port Cochere, and depart Promptly at 7:30 AM.</p>
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>LAFCO 101</p> <p><i>Government codes? Statutory requirements? Legal ramifications? If any of these have you scratching your head sometimes, fear not because this "LAFCo 101" session will not only give you an inside scope on becoming a LAFCo expert in these areas but will also be entertaining beyond belief. Don't take our word for it and check this session out – you won't be disappointed.</i></p>
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH	
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Conference Opening
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	<p>GENERAL SESSION: In the Halls and Behind the Walls: When Legislation Turns Political</p> <p><i>What most of us know about the legislative process is a straight-forward two-house flow that we were taught during our high school civics classes. But what happens to that process when a bill turns political? Join us as veteran lobbyists share their war stories regarding a recent bill concerning the County Water Authority Act and learn what really occurs in the Capitol when competing interests scramble in an attempt to affect a bill's outcome.</i></p>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>GENERAL SESSION: Equity in Action: LAFCO'S Role in Environmental Justice</p> <p><i>Join us for a dynamic session where we will explore how LAFCOs can champion environmental justice. Delve into the history and legislation that shape this crucial work and learn how LAFCOs can drive sustainable growth and foster inclusive decision-making to create healthier environments for everyone. Discover strategies for ensuring fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all communities in the planning and provision of public services. Come ready to share your ideas and collaborate on actionable solutions!</i></p>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Optional Dinner Buffet (Requires pre-purchased ticket)
7:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

6:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Regional Caucus Meetings and Elections
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Regional & Attorney Roundtables
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Networking Buffet Lunch
1:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Breakout Sessions
	Connecting the Drops: Private Water Systems in California <i>We all know LAFCOs have purview over cities and special districts, but what about private water systems? Gain a better understanding on how they operate and the challenges they face. Learn how LAFCOs can play a role in their future and hear a true story about how one private water system wasn't too big to fail.</i>
	Consolidations: Beyond the LAFCO Process, the Commissioners' Role Location: Salon V <i>Consolidations on the horizon? This session will go beyond the staff processing of an application and focus on the role commissioners can take to promote and support consolidations/reorganizations and further LAFCO's goal to promote the efficient provision of services.</i>
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Breakout Sessions
	What Would You Do? <i>This fun and interactive session will present situations that came before LAFCO Boards and presented unusual challenges and issues. The panelists will present an overview of a situation faced by their commissioners and allow for discussion of the conflicting LAFCO goals, what the commission decided and the results of the decision.</i>
	What Does that LAFCO Hat Look Like? <i>As we all know, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act directs commissioners to make decisions on behalf of the public as a whole and not for their home agency when they serve on LAFCO. But what does it mean for commissioners to be "independent"? Hear from seasoned commissioners on how they interpret that general direction in statute and share how they approach proposals while they wear their "LAFCO hat."</i>
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	Pre-Dinner Reception

6:15 PM – 9:00 PM	Dinner Banquet and Awards Ceremony
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

6:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	<p>GENERAL SESSION: Preparing for Future LAFCO Leaders, TODAY!</p> <p><i>A LAFCO career is such a lucrative profession if you think about it – once you discover or stumble upon it of course. In fact, most employees end their careers with LAFCO after 10, 20, 30+ years under their belts. But how do you replace someone with that much experience? How do you find the right candidate to pass the torch to? This session goes over succession planning and how to gain/retain LAFCO talent.</i></p>
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Refreshment Break
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>GENERAL SESSION: Empowering Water Policy Champions Through Education, Collaboration, and Inclusive Fellowship</p> <p><i>Hear from water experts and elected officials to expand your knowledge about California water policy to promote timely and equitable actions that serve to develop a robust economy, healthy communities, and a resilient environment for all Californians.</i></p>
12:00 PM	Conference Adjourns