

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF MAY 26, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ken Humphreys, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #2D: APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
CALAFCO BYLAWS REGARDING THE ELECTION OF
CALAFCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission:

- 1) Approve the proposed changes to the CALAFCO Bylaws regarding the election and composition of the CALAFCO Board of Directors;
- 2) Authorize the Chair to sign the appropriate documents CALAFCO requires to make that approval valid and binding; and
- 3) Authorize him to sign a letter of support that will be distributed to the CALAFCO membership.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND

Over the past eight months the Commission has been apprised of the dispute between the Southern LAFCOs and CALAFCO over Board representation. The San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Imperial LAFCOs have been upset for years that candidates from their commissions had difficulties with being elected to the CALAFCO Board and, consequently, felt their interests were inadequately represented.

The attached materials are considered "draft" because CALAFCO has not sent in the official informational packet and ballot. However, the proposal described in these materials is the same that the CALAFCO Board took action on in April.

In summary the changes to the bylaws state that the membership will be divided into four regions, solely for the purpose of each region electing four representatives (city, county, public and special district) who will sit on the Board of Directors. The Board will be expanded from the current 15 directors to 16 directors. The composition of each region will be a Board decision, allowing for the Board to adjust the regional

membership as circumstances change or as a LAFCO requests to be moved to a different region without requiring the total membership to amend the bylaws. For example, the draft materials show Yolo LAFCO as being part of the Northern Region and that Commission has already requested that it be moved to the Central Region.

This Commission has, in the past, been supportive of the concept. This is the reason for this item's placement on the Consent Calendar. The CALAFCO Board of Directors, the Executive Director and San Luis Obispo LAFCO urge approval.

As stated before, at the time of this writing, the final ballot has not been mailed so it is not included in the packet; however, it should arrive at the LAFCO office in time for the Commission meeting. Authorizing the Chair to sign the ballot on its behalf at this meeting will allow this LAFCO to express its opinion on this matter whenever the ballot arrives at the LAFCO office.

One of the factors that comes into play is whether the Southern LAFCOs believe this proposal addresses their concerns. A positive sign in all of this is that members of their staffs indicated that it was a step in the right direction. However, it is possible that the Southern LAFCOs are waiting to see the level of support the proposal receives from the rest of the membership before they decide whether to remain in the association. Certainly, a warm or overwhelming show of support of the proposal from other LAFCOs would be seen in a more positive light than a tepid embrace or a rejection of it. Consequently, staff encourages the Commission to authorize the Chair to sign the enclosed letter so that it can be distributed to the rest of the membership, taking a lead from San Luis Obispo LAFCO on the matter.

Attachments

- Attachment A: Proposal to the Membership: Reshaping the CALAFCO Board of Directors Election Process (Draft)
- Attachment B: San Luis Obispo LAFCO Letter of Support
- Attachment C: Draft Letter of Support that will be distributed to the membership