

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF JANUARY 27, 2010

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Francesca Loftis, Chairman, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

**AGENDA ITEM #8D4: OTHER BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:
SOUTHERN COUNTIES' DISPUTE WITH CALAFCO**

RECOMMENDATION

None. This memo is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND

At the December meeting, the Commission discussed a proposal from the CALAFCO Board of Directors to restructure said organization into regions. At the time, this Commission was cautiously supportive, generally feeling that regionalization would benefit El Dorado County; but it was also wary that if it was not structured properly it might give other parts of the state undue influence over the organization.

This proposal was also discussed at the October CALAFCO Conference, where several CALAFCO Board members spoke against regionalization. During an interactive polling session, the majority of the attendees placed regionalizing CALAFCO low among a list of other issues. Consequently, it appeared that this proposal would be placed in the proverbial back burner.

Since that time, staff has learned that regionalization proposal was a compromise struck between the CALAFCO Board and six southern LAFCOs (San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Imperial). Those six LAFCOs have been upset for years that candidates from their commissions had a difficult time being elected to the CALAFCO Board and felt their interests were inadequately represented. Three LAFCOs have already voted to secede from the organization, and the rest are expected to follow. The actions of the southern California members will have a significant impact on CALAFCO's finances. Its Executive Director estimates that the association's overall budget would be reduced by over \$58,000, or 17% of total revenues.

There is a compromise proposal that the CALAFCO Board will deliberate on its January 15 meeting. LAFCO staff will have an update by January 27 on the outcome.