

CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report
as of Friday, March 11, 2016

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[AB 115](#) (Committee on Budget) Water.

Current Text: Amended: 6/18/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/9/2015

Last Amended: 6/18/2015

Status: 9/11/2015-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Mitchell.

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Summary:

Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation with a receiving water system where a public water system, or a state small water system within a disadvantaged community, consistently fails to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water. This bill would authorize the state board to order the extension of service to an area that does not have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water so long as the extension of service is an interim extension of service in preparation for consolidation.

Position: Oppose

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, LAFCo Administration, Special District Consolidations, Water

CALAFCO Comments: UPDATED COMMENTS: CALAFCO continues to monitor this bill to ensure it does re-present itself in another form impacting LAFCo.

OLDER COMMENTS: This bill is the same as SB 88, which was passed in 2015. As amended, AB 115 gives the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) direct authority to mandate either an extension of service or consolidation of water systems, including public and private systems, and individual wells. The bill focuses on disadvantage communities. Prior to ordering the consolidation, the SWRCB must make certain determinations and take certain actions, including conducting a public hearing in the affected territory. They are also required to "consult with and fully consider input from the relevant LAFCo, the PUC, and either the city or county (whichever has land use authority). Entities are allowed 6 months to find workable solutions before the SWRCB mandates the action. Prior to making the order, the SWRCB must make certain determinations. Upon making the order, the SWRCB must make funding available to the receiving water system for capacity building (no operations and maintenance funding is provided, adequately compensate the subsumed system, pay fees to the LAFCo for whatever work they will do (which is as of now undefined) to facilitate the action. The bill also contains certain CEQA exemptions and liability relief for the subsuming water entity, as well as various penalties. Finally, the bill makes legislative findings and declarations as to the reason for the SWRCB to have these powers, which has been taken directly from the legislative findings and declarations of CKH and the reason LAFCOs have the powers they do.

CALAFCO has attempted to work with the administration for some time in defining the best possible process for these actions. However, for the most part, amendments proposed have been dismissed. CALAFCO has a number of concerns regarding the proposed process, not the least of which is the language in section 116682 (g) (the way it is worded now, it exempts the entire consolidation process and there is a legal argument that this would divest LAFCO of any authority to complete the consolidation since that authority is solely contained in CKH). Further, we requested indemnification for LAFCo as they implement section 11682(e)(4) which was also dismissed.

[AB 448](#) ([Brown D](#)) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/23/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/23/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-In committee: Held under submission.

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Summary:

Current property tax law requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenue to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally provides that each jurisdiction shall be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction's portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions, for the 2015-16 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter March 2015](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill is identical to AB 1521 (Fox) from last year. This bill reinstates the VLF payment (through ERAF) and changes the way that the growth in the VLF adjustment amount (property tax in lieu of VLF) is calculated starting in FY 2015-16 to include the growth of assessed valuation, including in an annexed area, from FY 2004-05 to FY 2015-16. Beginning in FY 2016-17, the VLF adjustment amount would be the jurisdiction's annual change in the assessed valuation

[AB 2032](#) ([Linder R](#)) Change of organization: cities: disincorporation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/16/2016

Status: 2/17/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee March 18.

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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 prohibits the local area formation commission from approving or conditionally approving any proposal that includes a disincorporation of a city unless the commission determines, among other things, that the disincorporation is consistent with the intent of the act, the disincorporation will address necessary changes to spheres of influence of affected agencies, and the service responsibilities of the city proposed for disincorporation have been assigned. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: CKH General Procedures, Disincorporation/dissolution

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill sponsored by the County Auditor's Association. CALAFCO was not contacted prior to the introduction of the bill. According to the Sponsor, LA and Riverside Counties (mostly LA County) have lingering concerns over some of the language adopted in AB 851 (Mayes, 2015). No specific details are available at this time.

[AB 2277](#) ([Melendez R](#)) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, current law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2016-17 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Position: Watch

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill is identical to SB 817 (Roth, 2016) except that it does not incorporate changes to the R&T Code Section 97.70 related to AB 448 (Brown, 2015). The bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2016/17 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

[AB 2471](#) ([Quirk D](#)) Health care districts: dissolution.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/8/2016-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would require a local agency formation commission to order the dissolution of a health care district without an election if the health care district meets certain criteria, as specified. The bill would subject a dissolution under these provisions to the provisions of the act for winding up the affairs of a dissolved district.

Position: Watch

Subject: CKH General Procedures, Disincorporation/dissolution, Special District Consolidations

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill amends CKH 57103 and Health & Safety Code by adding Section 32495. These changes require a LAFCO to order the dissolution of a health care district without an election, providing the health care district: (1) does not currently receive a property tax allocation; (2) has substantial net assets; and (3) does not provide a direct health care service (defined as the ownership or operation of a hospital, medical clinic, wellness center or ambulance service).

CALAFCO was not contacted by the author prior to the bill's introduction. According to the author's office, the bill is sponsored by Alameda County and focuses on a local issue with the Eden Health Care District. However, the bill is not written exclusively to address that issue, but rather all health care districts that meet the noted criteria.

[SB 552 \(Wolk D\)](#) Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: consolidation or extension of service.

Current Text: Amended: 7/7/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/26/2015

Last Amended: 7/7/2015

Status: 7/17/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was RLS. on 7/9/2015)

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Summary:

Current law, for purposes of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, defines "disadvantaged community" to mean a disadvantaged community that is in an unincorporated area or is served by a mutual water company. This bill would allow a community to be a "disadvantaged community" if the community is in a mobilehome park even if it is not in an unincorporated area or served by a mutual water company.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Water

CALAFCO Comments: Previously, CALAFCO was informed by the author's office that this bill is being amended as a vehicle to clean-up the water consolidation legislation passed through as a budget trailer bill, SB 88/AB 115. However, to date there has been response from the author's office as to what that may look like. CALAFCO continues to monitor for amendments.

[SB 817 \(Roth D\)](#) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 2/22/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/5/2016

Last Amended: 2/22/2016

Status: 3/10/2016-Set for hearing March 30.

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Calendar:

3/30/2016 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Beginning with the 2004-05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, current law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2016-17 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter February 29, 2016](#)

Position: Support

Subject: Financial Viability of Agencies

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill is identical to SB 25 (Roth, 2015) and SB 69 (Roth, 2014). The bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2016/17 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

[SB 1262](#) ([Pavley D](#)) **Water supply planning.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 3/9/2016-Set for hearing March 29.

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Calendar:

3/29/2016 9:00 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

Summary:

Would require a city or county that determines a project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act to identify any water system whose service area includes the project site and any water system adjacent to the project site. This bill would require, if a water source for a proposed project includes water of a quality not sufficient to meet certain drinking water standards, that prescribed additional information be included in a water supply assessment. This bill, if no water system is identified, would require a city or county to prepare a technical report containing prescribed information.

Position: Watch

Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this complicated bill makes a number of changes to GC Section 66473.7 and Section 10910 of the Water Code. In 66473.7, in the definitions section, the bill adds definitions pertaining to the use of groundwater by a proposed subdivision as the source of water. It adds an adopted groundwater sustainability plan as optional substantial evidence that the water system has sufficient water supply to meet the demands of the subdivision project. The bill adds that a groundwater basin identified by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as a probationary basin is not considered a viable water supply.

In Water Code section 10910, the bill makes the following changes: If no water system that is within or adjacent to the service area of the project site is identified as a viable source of water for the project, the city or county shall prepare a technical report that includes five factors. Based on this report, if the city or county determines that it is feasible for a water system to provide water to the project, the city or county shall submit the technical report to the local LAFCo with jurisdiction over the project. If the LAFCo denies the annexation or extension of service then the city or county shall develop a water supply assessment as outlined in 10910.

What is unclear to CALAFCO at this time is what is to be done with the assessment once completed, and why it is not completed prior to the LAFCo considering the application.

[SB 1266](#) ([McGuire D](#)) **Joint Exercise of Powers Act: agreements: filings.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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3/30/2016 Anticipated Hearing - Not in DailyFile SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

When a joint powers agreement provides for the creation of an agency or entity, separate from the parties to the agreement and responsible for its administration, current law requires that agency or entity to

cause a notice of the agreement or amendment to be prepared and filed, as specified, with the Secretary of State. This bill would require an agency or entity required to file documents with the Controller, as described above, that includes a member that is a local agency and is a joint powers authority or joint powers agency, to also file a copy of the agreement or amendment with the local agency formation commission in each of the counties in each county within which all or any part a local agency member's territory is located within 90 days after the effective date of the agreement or amendment.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter February 29, 2016](#)

Position: Sponsor

Subject: Joint Power Authorities, LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: This is a CALAFCO sponsored bill with a number of amendments pending, as, although submitted to Leg Counsel for inclusion, were not included in the introductory version of the bill. The intent is that all stand-alone JPAs, as defined in GC Section 56047.7, which includes a member that is a public agency as defined in GC Section 56054, and is formed for the purposes of delivering municipal services, shall file a copy of their agreement (and a copy of any amendments to that agreement) with the LAFCo in each county within which all or any part a local agency member's territory is located.

[SB 1276](#) ([Moorlach R](#)) Local agencies.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, establishes the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the above-described law.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: CKH General Procedures

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill to amend CKH. CALAFCO has not been contacted by the author's office regarding their intent.

[SB 1318](#) ([Wolk D](#)) Local government: drinking water infrastructure or services: wastewater infrastructure or services.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/10/2016-Set for hearing March 30.

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Calendar:

3/30/2016 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would prohibit a local agency formation commission from authorizing a city or a district to extend drinking water infrastructure or services or wastewater infrastructure or services until it has extended those services to all disadvantaged communities within or adjacent to its sphere of influence, as specified, or

has entered into an agreement to extend those services to those disadvantaged communities, unless specified conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, LAFCo Administration, Municipal Services, Service Reviews/Spheres, Water

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill amends GC Sections 56133, 56425 and 56430. To begin, the bill would prohibit a LAFCo commission from authorizing a city or a district to extend drinking water or wastewater infrastructure or services until it has extended those services to all disadvantaged communities within or adjacent to its sphere of influence, as specified, or has entered into an agreement to extend those services to those disadvantaged communities, unless specified conditions are met. Further, it prohibits the commission from approving a sphere of influence (SOI) update where there exists a disadvantaged unincorporated community (DUC) within or adjacent to the city or special district's SOI that lacks safe drinking water or wastewater infrastructure or services unless specified conditions are met. This bill would prohibit commissions from authorizing a city or a district to extend drinking water or wastewater infrastructure or services until it has extended services to all disadvantaged communities within or adjacent to its sphere of influence, as specified, or has entered into an agreement to extend those services to those disadvantaged communities.

The bill would additionally prohibit a commission from approving an annexation to a city or qualified special district of any territory greater than 10 acres, or as determined by commission policy, where there exists a DUC within or adjacent to the SOI of a city or special district that lacks safe drinking water or wastewater infrastructure or services, unless the city or special district has entered into an enforceable agreement to extend those services into the DUC as specified. The bill would define "qualified special district" to mean a special district with more than 500 service connections.

The bill changes, when determining a SOI, the assessment of the feasibility of a reorg of agencies and recommendations of reorg of those agencies when it is found to be feasible, to a mandate (changes 56425 (h) from "may" to "shall"). Further, it adds (k), prohibiting a commission from approving a SOI update that removes a disadvantaged community from a city's sphere of influence unless a majority of the voters in the disadvantaged community approve of the proposed SOI.

The bill adds several requirements in GC Section 56430 relating to Municipal Service Reviews. First, it changes (b) to mandate the commission to assess various alternatives relating to the efficiency and affordability of infrastructure and delivery of services; and changes (c) to mandate the commission to include a review whether the agency being reviewed is in compliance with the CA Safe Drinking Water Act.

This bill adds a number of mandates to LAFCos. CALAFCO was NOT contacted by the author's office prior to the introduction of this bill.

[AB 1362](#) ([Gordon D](#)) Mosquito abatement and vector control districts: board of trustees: appointment of members.

Current Text: Amended: 1/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/27/2015

Last Amended: 1/19/2016

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

Would authorize a city council, located in an existing or newly formed district as specified, to adopt a resolution requesting that appointments of persons to the board of trustees instead be made by a city selection committee, established pursuant to specified provisions of law, and conditioned upon a majority of authorized city councils adopting their respective resolutions. This bill would authorize the city selection committee to decrease the total number of appointments to be made by the committee if a majority of city councils within the district make this request in their respective resolutions.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill amends the Health and Safety Code by creating an alternative option to the appointment process to the board of trustees of a district. The additional process calls for the City Selection Committee to make appointments rather than the cities themselves in a case where a majority of the city councils located within the district and are authorized to appoint a person to the board of trustees adopt resolutions approving of this alternate appointment process. No change is being made to how the County Board of Supervisors makes their appoint to the district board.

This is a locally supported bill, stemming from an issue in San Mateo with their Mosquito Abatement District which is in the Assembly member's district.

[SB 1360](#) (Bates R) Local government.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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Summary:

Under current law, the legislative body of any local agency, defined to mean a county, city, city and county, or public district, may contract with any other local agency for the performance by the latter of municipal services or functions within the territory of the former, but prohibits the force account limit applicable to the local agency contracting to receive services from being exceeded. Current law excepts from that prohibition agreements made before January 1, 1981, or the current term of any self-renewing or renewable agreement entered into before that date. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: Municipal Services

CALAFCO Comments: This bill appears to be a spot bill amending GC Section 54983, relating to the authority of local agencies to enter into agreements to provide municipal services. CALAFCO has no other information regarding this bill at this time.

[AB 1658](#) (Bigelow R) Happy Homestead Cemetery District: nonresident burial.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/13/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2016

Status: 2/4/2016-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would authorize the Happy Homestead Cemetery District in the City of South Lake Tahoe in the County of El Dorado to use its cemeteries to inter residents of specified Nevada communities if specified conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special District Principle Acts

[AB 1707](#) ([Linder R](#)) Public records: response to request.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/25/2016

Status: 3/8/2016-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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Calendar:

3/15/2016 Anticipated Hearing - Not in DailyFile ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, MARK STONE, Chair

3/29/2016 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, STONE, Chair

Summary:

The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make public records available for inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. The act requires a response to a written request for public records that includes a denial of the request, in whole or in part, to be in writing. This bill instead would require that response to be in writing regardless of whether the request was in writing. The bill would require that written response additionally to include a list that contains the title or other identification of each record requested but withheld due to an exemption and the specific exemption that applies to that record.

Position: Watch

Subject: Public Records Act

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill would require LAFCoS, when responding to a Public Records Request for which a determination has been made to deny the request, to include in the written response the title (or other identification) of each record that was requested and not provided, and the specific exemption that applies to that record.

[AB 2142](#) ([Steinorth R](#)) Local government finance.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2016

Status: 2/18/2016-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

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Summary:

Current law requires the county auditor, in the case in which a qualifying city becomes the successor agency to a special district as a result of a merger with that district as described in a specified statute, to additionally allocate to that successor qualifying city that amount of property tax revenue that otherwise would have been allocated to that special district pursuant to general allocation requirements. This bill

would make nonsubstantive changes to the provision pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this appears to be a spot bill, although CALAFCO is still trying to confirm. The bill targets Section 96.15 of the Rev & Tax code pertaining to property tax revenue allocations to a qualifying city that merges with a special district.

[AB 2257](#) ([Maienschein R](#)) **Local agency meetings: agenda: online posting.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

The Ralph M. Brown Act requires the legislative body of a local agency to post, at least 72 hours before the meeting, an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at a regular meeting, in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public and to provide a notice containing similar information with respect to a special meeting at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting. This bill would require an online posting of an agenda by a local agency to have a prominent direct link to the current agenda itself.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill amends GC Section 54954.2 pertaining to the online posting of a local agency's meeting agenda. The bill requires that online posting to have a prominent and direct link to the current agenda itself from the local agency's homepage. This means that LAFCos will have to post a prominent link on their website's homepage, directly taking the user to the meeting agenda.

[AB 2389](#) ([Ridley-Thomas D](#)) **Special districts: district-based elections: reapportionment.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 3/8/2016-Referred to Coms. on E. & R. and L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would authorize a governing body of a special district, as defined, to require, by resolution, that the election of the members of its governing body be elected using district-based elections without being required to submit the resolution to the voters for approval.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill allows special districts, if approved by resolution of the governing board, to conduct elections of their governing board using district-based elections, without being required to submit the resolution to the voters for approval.

[AB 2414](#) ([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) Desert Healthcare District.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/8/2016-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Would authorize the expansion of the Desert Healthcare District to include the eastern Coachella Valley region by requiring the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to submit a resolution of application to the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission, and, upon direction by the commission, to place approval of district expansion on the ballot at the next countywide election following the completion of the review by the commission.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disincorporation/dissolution, LAFCo Administration

[AB 2435](#) ([Mayes R](#)) Local government organization: disincorporated cities.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 2/22/2016-Read first time.

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Summary:

Under that Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, upon disincorporation of a city, on and after the effective date of that disincorporation, the territory of the disincorporated city, all inhabitants within the territory, and all persons formerly entitled to vote by reason of residing within that territory, are no longer subject to the jurisdiction of the disincorporated city. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: Disincorporation/dissolution

CALAFCO Comments: This is a spot bill. According to the author's office, they have no intention of using it to amend CKH but rather as a vehicle to amend another unrelated section of the Government Code. CALAFCO will continue to monitor.

[AB 2853](#) ([Gatto D](#)) Public records.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 2/22/2016-Read first time.

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Summary:

The California Public Records Act defines the term "public record," for purposes of that act, to mean any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would

clarify that the term "public record," for purposes of that act, includes those writings kept on the private cellular phone or other electronic device of an elected official, official, or employee or a public agency if those records relate to the public's business.

Position: Placeholder - monitor

Subject: Public Records Act

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this is a spot bill declaring the intention of the legislature to expand the definition of "public record" to include writing kept on a private cell phone or other electronic device of an elected official, official, or employee of a public agency if they relate to the business of the public agency.

[SB 971](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2016

Status: 3/10/2016-Set for hearing March 30.

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3/16/2016 HEARING CANCELED SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

3/30/2016 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would enact the First Validating Act of 2016, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter February 29, 2016](#)

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

[SB 972](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2016

Status: 3/10/2016-Set for hearing March 30.

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3/16/2016 HEARING CANCELED SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

3/30/2016 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would enact the Second Validating Act of 2016, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute, but would become operative on a specified date.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter February 29, 2016](#)

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

[SB 973](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2016

Status: 3/10/2016-Set for hearing March 30.

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3/16/2016 HEARING CANCELED SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

3/30/2016 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, HERTZBERG, Chair

Summary:

Would enact the Third Validating Act of 2016, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

[CALAFCO Support Letter February 29, 2016](#)

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: One of three annual acts which validate the boundaries of all local agencies.

[SB 974](#) (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local government: omnibus.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/8/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/8/2016

Status: 2/18/2016-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law requires that the safety element be reviewed and updated, in the case of flooding and fire hazards, upon the next revision of the housing element after specified dates or, in the case of climate adaptation and resilience strategies, upon either the next revision of a local hazard mitigation plan after a specified date or on or before January 1, 2022, as applicable. This bill would instead require a planning agency to review and revise the safety element to identify new information, as described above, only after to address flooding and fires.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill is the Senate Governance & Finance Committee's annual Omnibus bill.

[SB 1009](#) (Nielsen R) Public cemeteries: nonresidents.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/11/2016

Status: 2/25/2016-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

Would authorize a district that serves at least one county with a population of fewer than 10,000 residents or that has a population not exceeding 20,000 and is contained in a nonmetropolitan area, to inter a person who is not a resident of the district in a cemetery owned by the district if specified criteria are met,

including that the district requires the payment of a nonresident fee and the board of trustee determines that the cemetery has adequate space for the foreseeable future.

Position: Watch
Subject: Special District Powers

[SB 1263](#) ([Wieckowski D](#)) **Public water system: permits.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

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Summary:

Would, commencing January 1, 2017, prohibit an application for a permit for a new public water system from being deemed complete unless the applicant has submitted a preliminary technical report to the State Water Resources Control Board, as specified, and would allow the state board to impose technical, financial, or managerial requirements on the permit.

Position: Watch
Subject: Water

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill would prohibit an application for a permit for a new public water system from being deemed complete unless the applicant has submitted a preliminary technical report to the state board, as specified, and would allow the state board to impose technical, financial, or managerial requirements on the permit. The bill would prohibit a public water system not in existence on January 1, 1998, from being granted a permit unless the public water system demonstrates that the water supplier also possesses adequate water rights to ensure the delivery safe drinking water, and would specify that the prohibition applies to any change in ownership of the public water system, including the consolidation of a public water system. The bill would allow the state board to deny the permit if the state board determines that the service area of the public water system can be served by one or more currently permitted public water systems. Finally, the bill would prohibit a local primacy agency from issuing a permit without the concurrence of the state board.

[SB 1292](#) ([Stone R](#)) **Grand juries: reports.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/3/2016-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

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Summary:

Current law authorizes a grand jury to request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release. This bill would require a grand jury to request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury as described above.

Position: Watch
Subject: Other

[SB 1436](#) ([Bates R](#)) Local agency meetings: local agency executive compensation: discussion of final action taken.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2016 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2016

Status: 3/10/2016-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

Current law prohibits the legislative body from calling a special meeting regarding the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, of a local agency executive, as defined. This bill would require the final action on the salaries, salary schedules, or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits of a local agency executive to be made a separate discussion item and not placed on a consent calendar.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Other

CALAFCO Comments: As introduced, this bill requires LAFCOs, when taking final action on salary for the LAFCO's executive, to be made as a separate discussion agenda item rather than a content calendar item on the agenda.