



City of South Lake Tahoe

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February 25, 2009

The Honorable Francesca Loftis, Chair
and Commissioners
El Dorado LAFCO
550 Main Street, Suite E
Placerville CA 95667

Re: City of South Lake Tahoe Participation on LAFCO

Dear Chair Loftis and Commissioners:

The City Council and City management recognizes and respects the important role played by the El Dorado LAFCO under provisions in State law. In addition to approving annexations and incorporations, LAFCO performs vital functions to help ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of municipal services and to examine ways to create greater efficiencies.

Representation and participation on LAFCO is important to the members of the City Council and me. I have discussed this matter with the City Council, and they want to see that we continue being represented on LAFCO.

Because of the weather challenges and snow conditions that exist from time to time, a City of South Lake Tahoe representative may not be able to physically be in attendance at all LAFCO meetings. I am told by the City Attorney that State law allows participation at public meetings via telephone under certain noticing requirements if telephonic communication is authorized by the policy body. I am requesting that LAFCO authorize the use of telephonic communications for situations as described above.

I look forward to working with you all on the important work of LAFCO, and I appreciate your time and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Jerry Birdwell
Mayor

C: City Council
City Manager
City Clerk
Jose C. Henríquez, LAFCO Executive Officer (e-mailed)