

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 26, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Don Mette, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #8D: EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is informational to the Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

Legislation

No significant bills have made it to staff's radar this month, but the legislative session is still early. CALAFCO will soon be asking member LAFCOs to submit technical, uncontroversial changes to Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg to clean up any glitches LAFCOs have encountered over the past year.

Senate Bill 244

Some Commissioners know that in 2011 SB 244 (Wolk) was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. This law requires cities and counties to address the infrastructure needs of unincorporated disadvantaged communities in city and county general plans and LAFCO Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) and annexation decisions. SB 244 defines an unincorporated disadvantaged community as a place that meets the following criteria:

- contains 10 or more dwelling units in close proximity to one another;
- is either within a city SOI, is an island within a city boundary, or is geographically isolated and has existed for more than 50 years; and
- has a median household income that is 80 percent or less than the statewide median household income.

This LAFCO has complied with SB 244 in that the MSRs have started identifying, as best as possible given data limitations, disadvantaged communities for certain MSRs. Some LAFCOs have adopted local policies in how they plan to implement this law.

Staff is culling some of them and will return with a proposal for your consideration in a few months.

Projects

As indicated in the Item 7 Budget Memo, four new projects were launched in February. Two of the projects are tied together, the dissolution of the Latrobe Fire Protection District (LTB) and the annexation of the LTB service area and sphere of influence by the El Dorado Hills County Water District (EDH). The AB-8 (property tax exchange) process has begun on all four. Because EDH and LTB submitted most of its final application materials along with its initial application documents, staff is concentrating on this project. This is good because staff is finding significant discrepancies in the LTB service area maps that require more research. We have partnered with the Assessor's, Auditor's and Surveyor's Offices to clear up these issues. Work on the LTB MSR/SOI update has also started.

CALAFCO

I was asked by CALAFCO to plan a session in the upcoming April staff workshop. So far, I have allocated approximately 11 hours worth of work, though I am in the initial stages of planning the session. The topic is "Get your books in order," which is about efficiently running an independent agency.

Miscellaneous

In mid February, I attended a forum at the State of California Department of Technology on the new CalNET3 contract. LAFCO participates in the CalNET2 contract and will need to migrate to CalNET3 in the coming year. This will involve analyzing the current technology needs (telephone, web and internet), forecasting future needs and selecting the vendor that can best meet those needs. I anticipate it will take me approximately one month to review the current needs, discuss with our IT vendor, vet the offers and meet with the vendors.

In terms of training, over the past two months I have taken a "Sexual Harassment Prevention" webinar, attended an all-day seminar on the Subdivision Map Act and a drought webinar organized by Department of Water Resources, California State Association of Counties and Association of California Water Agencies.

Since the last Commission meeting, I have met with Jeanne Harper, former president of the Pollock Pines Economic Advisory Committee; the applicant representative for the California Montessori Project; Roger Trout, EDC Planning Director; Lori Grace, EID Customer Services Division Manager; Chris Couper, LTB Fire Chief; and Phil Mosbacher, County Surveyor's Office. I have also attended the Board of Directors meetings for EDH and LTB; and the Commission of Collaborative Fire Districts meeting. As a member of the Fire Advisory Board, we have met twice in the past two months and allocated approximately 10.5 hours worth of work. During the week of February 17, I will also attend a "Future of El Dorado Hills" community survey poll results.