

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## *AGENDA OF AUGUST 24, 2011*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

**TO:** Ron Briggs, Chairman, and  
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation  
Commission

**FROM:** José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

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**AGENDA ITEM #8A: OTHER BUSINESS – LEGISLATION**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission receive the attached updated version of California Forward's Conceptual Framework and summary of LAFCO-related legislation for the 2011-2012 legislative session. This item is for information purposes only, no Commission action is necessary.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND**

##### **California Forward Restructuring Framework Update:**

As the Commission is aware, California Forward recently held a series of regional roundtables to gather stakeholder input regarding the initial draft of its state and local government restructuring framework. The framework is a series of policy proposals intended to restructure state and local government, including the future role of LAFCOs.

California Forward finalized its recommended framework in July, entitled, "Smart Government: Making California Work Again" (Attachment A). Key revisions to the framework include expanding LAFCO authority to evaluate performance of local agencies, eliminating the exclusive reliance on COGs for regional planning and adding JPAs to LAFCO review.

It is anticipated that California Forward will develop components of its framework into statewide initiatives on the November 2012 ballot and California Forward is requesting additional input from local governments. The framework and its direct impact on LAFCOs will be a central topic of discussion at the upcoming CALAFCO Conference. Staff plans to bring this item back for discussion and possible action at the September 28 meeting.

**Bills Signed into Law:**

The Legislature is scheduled to return from their summer recess on August 15, 2011. The following is a summary of bills recently signed by the Governor:

**SB 89 (Committee on the Budget) City Vehicle License Funds (VLF)** – This budget-related bill transfers much of the city Vehicle License Funds (VLF) to statewide public safety programs. It will have a financial impact on every city receiving VLF; however, it will have a major impact on all cities incorporated after 2006 and on all inhabited annexations since 2006. It will eliminate a significant portion of the funding (in some cases as much as 40%) that the city was relying on for a financially feasible incorporation or inhabited annexation. In addition, it removes a major financial incentive for future inhabited annexations, including the upcoming “island” annexation project approved by the Placerville City Council in July, and will make most future incorporations unfeasible financially. Signed into law June 30, 2011.

**AB 912 (Gordon) Dissolution of Special Districts** – Provides authority to LAFCO to dissolve a special district, and allows LAFCOs to expedite the process under specific circumstances - without a vote unless there is a majority protest. Signed into law July 6, 2011.

**AB 1265 (Nielsen) Williamson Act Interim Solution** – Provides a short-term solution to the loss of state subventions for Williamson Act lands by giving counties and alternative landowner-funding approach. This bill took effect immediately after being signed by the Governor. Signed into law July 5, 2011.

**AB 119 (Committee on the Budget) LAFCO Unfunded Mandate** – This budget bill eliminates the unfunded state mandate for special districts to respond to LAFCO requests for MSR and SOI information. However, it has little practical effect, because LAFCO still has the statutory power to request the information and districts must respond. This law simply changes it from a state mandate to a LAFCO requirement, thus eliminating the state's requirement to reimburse districts for the costs.

Attachments

Attachment A: California Forward's Smart Government Framework

Attachment B: Legislation Report