



Legislative Committee Meeting
20 January 2012

Agenda Item 6a
§56133 Extension of services

DESCRIPTION

Previously the CALAFCO Legislative Committee and Board of Directors have supported legislation to expand LAFCo authority to extend services outside boundaries and spheres for reasons other than health and safety. At the 18 November 2011 Legislative Committee discussed how and when to proceed with introducing this language. There was some concern that all LAFCos have not yet considered the language. The Committee also discussed whether it was better to introduce legislation now, in the second year of the session, or wait until the beginning of the next two-year session in 2013. Staff was asked to circulate the final draft language to all LAFCos for comment. Staff was also asked to circulate the draft to outside stakeholders for comment and to gauge the level of support or opposition to the proposal.

The proposed language has been circulated to all LAFCos. To date one letter in support and one letter in opposition from member LAFCos has been received. Several other LAFCos have indicated they will consider the proposal at their January meetings. Comments have also been received from the Assembly Local Government Committee staff. CALAFCO staff has been holding extensive meetings with the League of Cities, Building Industry Association and the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation. There appears to be interest in our proposed language and a potential interplay with some amendments to SB 244 under consideration by some stakeholders.

As anticipated, there are also some concerns from the agricultural and environmental communities regarding the language.

The language has been submitted to Legislative Counsel as an unbacked bill. Staff is also working on a more detailed background summary of this bill.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider the proposed changes from Assembly staff. Staff recommendation will be discussed in detail at the meeting. Given the interest in some parties with our proposal, it may be better to let others put this proposal forward and CALAFCO take a support position. Nonetheless, elements of the process continue to move forward whether the bill is introduced in 2012 or 2013.

ATTACHMENTS

- 6a-a - Current proposed bill
- 6a-b – Suggestions from Assembly Local Government Committee
- 6a-c – Draft Background Summary
- 6a-d – LAFCo Letters in Support and Opposition