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Subject: Update on Legislative Actions and Activities

Dear Legislative Committee Members: Now that the budget is done, it's back to business as usual in Sacramento. Friday is the deadline for introducing new bills, so we're seeing hundreds of bills introduced each day. I'm trying to track any of interest to LAFCo and get them in our tracking system ... but it will take a few days to sift through what will likely be 3,000+ new bills by the deadline on Friday. You can check out what we're tracking so far by clicking on the report in the members section of the website:

<http://www.calafco.org/members/index.htm>. Remember a number of these are placeholder bills so the language and intent will change over the next two years. You'll also notice a number of bills specific to various districts. I am trying to forward them on to the affected LAFCos to find out their position.

CALAFCO Bills

Three CALAFCO bills have been introduced so far:

SB 113 (Senate Local Government Omnibus Bill)

SB 215 (Wiggins) -- Adds sustainable communities to the factors a LAFCo must consider. This IS the language approved by the Leg Committee and the Board, but of course we are soliciting input from members at the upcoming SB 375 workshops

AB 528 (Silva) -- Conforms financial disclosure requirements in CKH with the new provisions in the Political Reform Act (Note: the bill has been introduced but language is not published yet ... watch for it tomorrow)

Status of Other CALAFCO Legislation

Assembly Omnibus Bill: I've been working with Assembly Local Government Committee staff and the Republican Caucus staff on items for the Omnibus bill. Good news is that many of our items are gathering consensus for the bill. The items that have been agreed upon to this point are: 1) all our technical changes, 2) clarification of protest process, 3) one year SOI for formation of new district, 4) timing of annexations and master property tax exchange agreements, and 5) CSD name change requirements (I need to work on this with Jose as our proposed language will not work with the Secretary of State requirements).

Senate Omnibus Bill: I am still working to include the sunset on the master property tax exchange agreements and mediation/arbitration section in the Senate bill. CSAC and CSDA have agreed; waiting to here from the League (tho they were the one pushing for the extension of the sunset in 2006).

Still Remaining: 1) the incorporation ballot measure on future council elections. This will not work in the omnibus and there is a little resistance under the theory that the proposal takes away voter rights. Anna Caballero is will to consider carrying the bill. I'm meeting with here this afternoon to discuss. 2) Railroad annexations is still lingering. Even their lobbyist is frustrated because the attorneys are non-responsive. We'll still work on it in the hopes of getting it into the omnibus bill if the RR agree with our language.

CALAFCO Legislative Policies

The Board approved the 2009 Legislative Policies. They made a couple additional minor edits, but basically adopted the committee-recommended version. The final document is attached.

That's the way it looks at 11:22 on Wednesday! BC

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