

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF MAY 23, 2012

REGULAR MEETING

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

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #9: **CONSIDER APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE 2013 CALAFCO
CONFERENCE HOST COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission consider the appointment of members to two different committees. The first is an ad hoc appointment to serve on the Host Committee with representatives from Placer and Nevada LAFCOs for the 2013 CALAFCO Conference in Lake Tahoe. The second is to create a standing legislative committee to review and possibly respond to legislative bills.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

In order to plan the 2013 effectively, a Host Committee comprised of staff and commissioners from each host LAFCO should be convened. As one of the hosts, El Dorado LAFCO should be represented in the Host Committee. The proposed Legislative Committee would meet periodically to review and respond to bills in case a response is needed before the next Commission meeting date.

BACKGROUND

2013 CALAFCO Conference

As the Commission is aware, the 2013 CALAFCO Conference will be held at The Resort at Squaw Creek. Because it will take place on the 50th anniversary of the creation of LAFCOs, this promises to be a high profile event. And it provides an opportunity to highlight the best of what El Dorado County has to offer. The Host Committee is in charge of negotiating meals with the resort, planning the mobile workshop and deciding other matters that fall outside the purview of the Program Committee, which determines the session topics.

Staff is asking for volunteers now so that those Commissioners wishing to be part of the Host Committee are already identified and “ready to go” once CALAFCO requests that the Host Committee convene in the near future.

Alternatively, please notify staff if there are Commissioners who do not want to be part of the Host Committee, but would be on hand to moderate sessions, introduce speakers or be part of the Program Committee.

Legislation Committee

As the Commission is aware, staff provides a regular update on legislation at each meeting. At those meetings sometimes staff highlights a specific bill and requests that the Commission take a formal position on that piece of legislation. At other times, while the commission may not take a formal position, from those discussions staff gets a good read on what the Commission thinks on an item and can be comfortable, within a certain risk tolerance, in offering an opinion if requested by Legislative staff or by CALAFCO.

Lately, the Legislature has taken action on bills that merit a formal response, especially near the end of the Legislative Calendar with “gut and amend” bills. Unfortunately, these situations tend to occur between scheduled meetings, where staff was unaware of the action at the last meeting and a response should be sent before the next scheduled meeting. Consequently, if staff has no good read on how the Commission feels on the matter, staff is concerned that El Dorado LAFCO’s input would be missing from the discussion.

Staff requests the formation of this standing committee to help review bills in the instances where quick action is warranted. As a standing committee, it would be subject to Brown Act requirements and the meetings would be open to the public. However, no additional facilities would be needed since the committee could meet at the LAFCO offices on Main Street.

This committee would be authorized to speak on the Commission’s behalf, if needed, and send formal position letters to the Legislature. The Commission could follow a structure similar to the CALAFCO Legislative Committee, which operates under a set of “legislative policies” that guide the committee when considering bills (refer to Attachment A). If a bill proves to be contentious, the CALAFCO Legislative Committee refers the bill to the full Board of Directors.

Alternatively, the Commission could defer forming the committee and instead adopt a set of legislative policies that the Executive Officer could use to respond to legislation provided the bill is not, in staff’s view, particularly contentious.

Attachments

Attachment A: CALAFCO Legislative Policies