

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Francesca Loftis, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #5: **DISCUSSION ON THE 2009 CALAFCO CONFERENCE IN
YOSEMITE**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission consider and discuss the unique circumstances regarding the 2009 CALAFCO Conference so that it can provide direction to staff and its ad hoc budget committee later in the year.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

Taking place at the Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite National Park, there may be higher than usual interest in attending the 2009 CALAFCO Conference. Because of that, this location has unique characteristics that will have budgetary and logistical impacts that will need to be considered.

BACKGROUND

In the recent past, the Commission has sent at least two Commissioners and one member of its staff to the CALAFCO Conference. The variance in attendees is usually related to the location, with Northern California venues garnering a larger number of El Dorado LAFCO representatives. Scheduled for October 28-30, 2009, the venue is just outside of the southern end of Yosemite National Park. While the Yosemite Conference is technically a Northern California conference, geographically speaking it is on the southern side of Central California. Because there are no nearby airports, the only method of transporting attendees to the Conference is by ground.

Given its location, attending the 2009 Conference may be costly and the Commission should plan accordingly. The questions for the Commission to consider at the time it draws its 2009-2010 budget should be:

- How many Commissioners would want to attend the Conference? If so, how many should be sent?
- Do the Commissioners want staff to attend the Conference? If so, how many should be sent?
- Should the Commission explore other ways of funding attending the Conference, such as each Commissioner pay a portion of the cost?
- Should the Commissioners explore other ways of transporting attendees besides individual vehicles? If carpooling, special attention should be given to the following considerations:
 - If spouses would accompany the attendees
 - Whether the attendees would want to stay for additional days before or after the Conference

Staff recommends that the Commission consider these questions, and possibly other repercussions, so that it can provide comprehensive direction to staff and its ad hoc budget committee when drafting the budget.