

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF OCTOBER 22, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ken Humphreys, Chair, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #8D: OTHER BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

None. This is informational to the Commissioners.

BACKGROUND

Audit RFP

LAFCO circulated a request for proposals for audit services in mid-September. As the Commission is aware, LAFCO has contracted with Matson & Isom since the audit for Fiscal Year 2007-08. While the work Matson & Isom has produced is above notch, best business practices call for switching auditors after a few years. Staff has fielded a couple of phone calls but it is unknown at this time how many responses will be received. The deadline for a response is November 30. Staff will review the responses shortly thereafter and hopes to return in January 2015 with a recommended contract.

Commission of Collaborative Fire Districts

For the past year and a half, I have worked with the Commission of Collaborative Fire Districts (CCFD) as a technical and research resource. Over the past month, CCFD finds itself at a crossroads with the departure of key members Mike Applegarth from the County CAO's office, Mosquito FPD Director John Moalli and Rescue FPD/El Dorado Hills CWD Chief Tom Keating. CCFD was intended to start the dialogue among the districts to identify savings through collaboration, get districts trusting each other enough to discuss possible consolidation and to buy them time. By any measure, it was successful in all three efforts. Rather than regroup, CCFD will ask the directors of all fire agencies whether CCFD should continue or whether to switch the focus back to the districts to pick up where CCFD left off.

CALAFCO

With the conclusion of the CALAFCO Conference, my involvement in planning and coordinating the “Cybersecurity: Are You & Your Public Agency Protected?” session has ended. However, because the Conference will be in Sacramento next year, I anticipate that I will be asked by Sacramento LAFCO to assist in some capacity as a neighborly goodwill gesture. In addition, I have been asked by the CALAFCO Legislative Committee to assist with drafting clarifying language in LAFCO Law.

New Benefits MOU With County

This is a follow up: In June, I reported that staff is working with County CAO and County Counsel staff on a new benefits memorandum of understanding. The new MOU will be more updated and reflect the services LAFCO currently purchases, namely health, dental and vision benefits as well as participation in the County’s limited term disability insurance. The new agreement will also remove obsolete sections. Staff drafted a new MOU and submitted it to the County for review. The CAO’s office assures me that the new MOU will be addressed in the coming months.

Staff Training

By the date of the meeting, your Policy Analyst, Erica Sanchez, will have completed a course titled “Planning in California: An Overview” taught by Peter Detwiler, former lead consultant for the State Senate Local Government Committee. The course is designed to deliver “an overview of general plans, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulation, permit processes, property rights, environmental review, public finance, natural resources and urban design.” I believe having a better understanding of planning concepts will help Mrs. Sanchez interact and interface with planning staffs at the County and the two cities.

I have also taken the mandatory annual “Harassment Prevention” training as well as a “Business Rules for Public Agency Employers” scheduled by CalPERS.

Lease

According to LAFCO’s lease agreement, the agency is currently in fourth extension of the lease (out of a total of five lease extensions). In January I will request the creation of an ad hoc committee to start negotiating a new lease, either with the current landlord or for a new office. Over the next month or so I will be compiling rental information for the ad hoc committee to consider as it decides which entity to engage for a new lease.

Meetings

My calendar has not been as full with meetings since the last EO Report. I have met with El Dorado County Fire Protection District Director Dennis Thomas and Fire Chief Michael Hardy to discuss the LAFCO process and requirements; the El Dorado Grand Jury; the monthly CCFD meeting in Pollock Pines as well as a CCFD meeting with Supervisors Mikulaco and Veerkamp.