

# EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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## *AGENDA OF MAY 27, 2020*

### *REGULAR MEETING*

**TO:** Shiva Frentzen, Chair, and  
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation  
Commission

**FROM:** José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

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**AGENDA ITEM #9A: OTHER BUSINESS – LEGISLATION**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Commission receive the following update on the 2019-2020 Legislative Session and the attached summary of LAFCO-related legislation. No Commission action is requested.

#### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND**

After suspension of the State Legislature since mid-March, the Assembly and Senate reconvened on May 4 and May 11, respectively. Both houses published revised legislative calendars for the remainder of 2020 that extend committee deadlines by as much as one month. The shortened 2020 legislative session will undoubtedly necessitate legislative priorities for the year will be scaled back and adjusted accordingly and it is very unlikely that new spending bills will be approved unless it is related to the health and safety of communities.

Of the 25 pieces of legislation currently tracked by CALAFCO (***Attachment A***), at least 10 bills are no longer actively working through the legislative process, and another half dozen are not directly relevant to El Dorado LAFCO. The following is a summary and status update of some of the remaining bills staff is watching:

#### **AB 213 (Reyes) – Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

Would reinstate vehicle license fee funding for inhabited city annexations.

***Introduced:*** 1-5-2019, no amendments.

***Status:*** Senate: 8-19-2019 Com. on Appropriations placed on suspense file, 8-30-2019 held under submission.

**AB 1253 (Rivas, Caballero, Hertzberg) – Local agency formation commissions: grant program.**

Establishes a one-time grant program for LAFCOs for costs associated with dissolution of inactive special districts, studies of services to disadvantaged communities, and actions that benefit disadvantaged communities. The grant program is subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

**Introduced:** 2-21-2019, no amendments.

**Status:** Senate: 6-18-2019 referred to Coms. on Governance and Finance and Natural Resources and Water.

**AB 1751 (Chiu) – Water and sewer system corporations: consolidation of service.**

Consolidation for Safe Drinking Water Act of 2019. Would authorize a water or sewer corporation to file an application and obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) through an order authorizing the water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a public water system or state small water system that has fewer than 3,300 service connections and serves a disadvantaged community, or to implement rates for the subsumed water system.

**Introduced:** 2-22-2019, last amended 7-5-2019.

**Status:** Senate: 8-12-19 Com. on Appropriations placed on suspense file, 8-30-2019 held under submission.

**SB 414 (Caballero) – Small System Water Authority Act of 2019.**

Authorizes the creation of small system water authorities that will have powers to absorb, improve, and competently operate noncompliant public water systems. Gives the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authority to mandate the dissolution of existing drinking water systems (public, mutual, private) and authorize formation of a new public water authority. The SWRCB already has the authority to mandate consolidation of these systems, this swill add the authority to mandate dissolution and formation of a new public agency; LAFCO will be responsible for dissolving any state mandated public agency dissolution, and the formation of the new water authority.

**Introduced:** 2-20-2019, last amended 6-25-2019.

**Status:** Assembly: 8-21-2019 Com. on Appropriations, placed on suspense file.

**SB 931 (Wieckowski) – Local government meetings: agenda and documents.**

Updates the Government Code to require a public agency to email the agenda or agenda items to anyone who requests it (current law requires the mailing of such documents upon request, this bill adds the option to email if requested).

**Introduced:** 2-5-2020 (one-year bill), last amended 4-2-2020.

**Status:** Senate: 4-2-2020 re-referred to Com. on Governance and Finance.

**SB 1096 (Caballero) – Water and sewer system corporations: consolidation of service.**

Consolidation for Safe Drinking Water Act of 2020. Would authorize a water or sewer system corporation to file an application and obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission through an order authorizing the water or sewer system corporation to consolidate with a public water system or state small water system. This bill puts timelines on the State Water Resources Control Board to respond to applications for

consolidations. There is no apparent impact to LAFCOs based on the current version of the bill.

**Introduced:** 2-19-2020 (one-year bill), no amendments.

**Status:** Senate: 2-27-2020 referred to Coms. on Environmental Quality and Energy, Utilities and Communications; 5-12-2020 referral to Com. on Environmental Quality rescinded due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Calendar.

**SB 1180 (Dahle, Hill) – Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District: elections.**

Would allow landowners as well as registered voters to vote in a Fallen Leaf Lake CSD election and serve on the FLLCSD Board of Directors.

**Introduced:** 2-20-2020 (one-year bill), no amendments.

**Status:** Senate: 3-5-20 referred to Coms. on Governance and Finance and Elections and Constitutional Amendments; 5-12-2020 referral to Com. on Elections and Constitutional Amendments rescinded due to the shortened 2020 Legislative Calendar.

Attachments

Attachment A: CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of 5-18-2020