

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF AUGUST 22, 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 #4C: APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER FRENTZEN'S REQUEST
TO WAIVE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Commissioner Frentzen's request to waive mileage reimbursement.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION AND BACKGROUND

The last paragraph of Government Code §56334 addresses compensation for Commission members. It reads, in part:

Commission members and alternates shall be reimbursed for the actual amount of their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings and in performing the duties of their office. The commission may authorize payment of a per diem to commission members and alternates for each day while they are in attendance at meetings of the commission.

Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg allows each LAFCO to adopt local policies that further define its responsibilities, so long as those guidelines or procedures are not in conflict with State or case laws. To that end, the Commission adopted the following policy regarding Commission reimbursement:

- 1.4.1 With the exception of County Board of Supervisors representatives, Commission members and alternates receive a meeting stipend as set by the Commission and are reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in performing the duties of their office (§56334). However, the Commission may temporarily suspend the payment of stipends for a fiscal year due to budget considerations

Meeting stipends have been suspended since 2008, but mileage is still reimbursed. Mileage is calculated by multiplying the number of roundtrip miles from a commissioner's home to the County Complex times the annual IRS mileage rate. In July, Commissioner Frentzen indicated to staff her intention to waive reimbursement of mileage; however, because it is a Commission policy to reimburse travel expenses it cannot be waived administratively. By approving this item, the Commission gives its consent to suspend mileage reimbursement to Commissioner Frentzen until she indicates otherwise.