

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

**MONDAY – November 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
at the**

**Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administrative Center
San Andreas**

6:00 PM Regular LAFCo Meeting Items:

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Commissioners

Anita Paque, Vice Chair, Public Member
Linda Hermann, City Member
Amanda Folendorf, City Member
Gary Tofanelli, County Member
Michael Oliveira, Chair, County Member
Tony Tyrrell, Special District Member
John Lavaroni, Special District Member

Roark Weber, Public Member Alt.
Dennis Mills, County Member Alt.
Joseph Oliveira, City Member Alt.
Jon Dashner, Special Dist. Member Alt.

Staff:

John Benoit, Executive Officer
Nancy Mees, LAFCO Clerk
Michael Colantuono, LAFCO Counsel

2. Approval of Agenda (Deletions/Additions)

3. *Consider minutes of September 20, 2017*

a. Approve September, 2017 Minutes

4. Consent Agenda:

a. Review and Authorize Claims for September and October 2017

5. WORKSHOP - Saddle Creek CSD Service Review and Sphere of Influence

- a. *Review workshop draft and provide comments from Commissioners and the Public. (The Workshop Draft Report is posted on the LAFCo website: www.calaveraslafo.org.)*
- b. *Set hearing on the Service Review and Sphere of Influence at the January 15, 2018 meeting.*

OTHER ITEMS:

6. Consider Bylaw amendment thereby amending section 5.1 of Calaveras LAFCo's Bylaws – Regular Meetings of the Commission

- a) *Receive Executive Officer's Report and consider resolution 2017-0006 thereby amending Section 5.1 of LAFCo's Bylaws – Regular Meetings to go to an every other month regular meeting schedule*

7. Calafco Annual Conference Review.

- a) *Receive Executive Officer's report and comments from Commissioners in attendance and review the Calafco Annual Conference.*

8. Executive Officer's report

Current and Anticipated Projects

9. Commissioners Reports

This item is placed on the agenda for Commissioners to discuss items and issues of concern to their constituency, LAFCO, and legislative matters

10. Public Comment

This is the time set aside for citizens to address the Commission on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. For items that were on the agenda, public comment was heard when the item is discussed. If your comments concern an item that is noted as a public hearing, please address the Commission after the public hearing is opened for public testimony. The Chair reserves the right to limit each speaker to three (3) minutes. Please understand that by law, the Commission cannot make decisions on matters not on the agenda.

11. Adjourn to Regular meeting of January 15th, 2018 6:00 PM in San Andreas

The Commission may take action upon any item listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken up at any time during the meeting.

Any member appointed on behalf of local government shall represent the interests of the public as a whole and not solely the interest of the appointing authority Government Code Section 56325.1

Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items not appearing on the agenda, as well as any item that does appear on the agenda, subject to the following restrictions:

- Items not appearing on the agenda must be of interest to the public and within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction.
- No action shall be taken on items not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2 (known as the Brown Act, or California Open Meeting Law).

Public Hearings

Members of the public may address the Commission on any item appearing on the agenda as a Public Hearing. The Commission may limit any person's input to a specified time. Written statements may be submitted in lieu of or to supplement oral statements made during a public hearing.

Agenda Materials

Materials related to an item on this agenda will be available on the Calaveras LAFCO website as noted below to the extent practicable and subject to staff's ability to post the documents prior to the meeting.

Accessibility

The location of this meeting is wheelchair-accessible.

Disclosure & Disqualification Requirements

Any person or group of persons acting in concert who directly or indirectly contribute \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a change of organization or reorganization that has been submitted to Calaveras LAFCO must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974 applicable to local initiative measures to be submitted to the electorate. These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals; they may be reviewed at Government Code §§56700.1 and 81000 *et seq.* Additional information about the requirements pertaining to local initiative measures to be presented to the electorate can be obtained by calling the Fair Political Practices Commission at (916) 322-5660. A LAFCO Commissioner must disqualify herself or himself from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$250 or more in campaign contributions from the applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the application, or an agency (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing the applicant or an interested party. The law (Government Code Section 84308) also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCO proceeding to disclose the contribution amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding.

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Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, September 18, 2017

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call** – Order was called by Chair M. Oliveira at 6:08 p.m., on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Administrative Center, San Andreas, California.

Commissioners Present

Michael Oliveira, Chair, County Member
Anita Paque, Vice Chair, Public Member
Amanda Folendorf, City Member
Gary Tofanelli, County Member
John Dashner, Special Dist. Mem. Alt.
Linda Hermann, City Member
Roark Weber, Public Member Alt.

Commissioners Absent

Joseph Oliveira, City Member Alt.
Dennis Mills, County Member Alt.
Tony Tyrrell, Special Dist
John Lavaroni, Special Dist

Staff Present

John Benoit, Executive Officer
Nancy Mees, LAFCO Clerk

Others Present

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION by Commissioner Dashner to approve the Agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Tofanelli. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.

3. **Consider Minutes from the July 17, 2017, LAFCo meeting:**

Dr. Randy Smart, from the audience, stated that on page 5 of the Minutes, it should read that he is the new Executive Director of the Mark Twain Healthcare District, not of the hospital.

MOTION by Commissioner Tofanelli to approve the Minutes as corrected, second by Commissioner Folendorf. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 0 abstention.

4. **Consent Agenda:**

MOTION by Commissioner Tofanelli to approve Claims for July and August 2017 as presented, second by Commissioner Dashner. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent, 1 abstention.

5. Workshop – Saddle Creek CSD Service Review and Sphere of Influence:

Receive Service Review and Sphere of Influence Report, review Workshop Draft and provide comments from Commissioners and the Public. The Workshop Draft Report will be placed on the LAFCo website, www.calaveraslafco.org, and this workshop will be continued to the next available meeting.

Executive Officer Benoit reviewed the services provided by Saddle Creek CSD and said the last Service Review had been done in 2006. He then went over the items that were reviewed in updating the SR. He added that, per SB 244, any possible Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities must be evaluated in the next update of a Sphere of Influence made after June 30, 2012, but that there are no such communities within the Sphere of Saddle Creek CSD.

Mr. Benoit then reviewed the eight bulleted items in the Executive Summary on pages 10-11 of the Draft MSR/SOI, as well as briefly pointing out the MSR Determinations on pages 33-36 and the SOI Update and Determinations on pages 37-40. He stated that two options had been identified with regard to the SOI, and that Option 1 was chosen because there does not appear to be any need to change the SOI to reflect possible future development at this time.

Mr. Benoit then asked the Board to read the Draft Review and added that it is also up on the LAFCo website. In conclusion, he stated that no real problems had been found with Saddle Creek CSD.

Commissioner Dashner asked how many members are on the Saddle Creek CSD Board, and Mr. Benoit replied that there are five. Mr. Benoit then noted that he would like to hold the Adoption Hearing in a couple months. Commissioner Folendorf asked if the residents have been notified, and Mr. Benoit responded in the affirmative and said they would also be notified of the upcoming hearing.

Commissioner Oliveira asked whether Castle & Cooke have any intentions of continuing their development project in that area, and Mr. Benoit said no.

6. Executive Officer's Report.

a. Little Hoover Commission – Final Recommendations

Executive Officer Benoit stated that the entire report is on the website, and that many of the Recommendations in it will be driving legislation in the coming year.

Mr. Benoit reviewed the various recommendations in the Executive Summary, beginning with its statement that the goal of the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) is to try to get higher quality local control of special districts and to curtail legislation that overrides the local LAFCO process.

The second recommendation involves one-time grant funding for specified LAFCO activities. Mr. Benoit's concern is that the counties which will most likely receive the grants are the ones which do not really need the money. He feels their needs to

be adequate oversight of the grant process to prevent this from happening, although Calaveras County is doing fine and will probably not need any funds. Recommendation 3 discusses SB 448, which is on the governor's desk and, if signed, will require that special districts provide an annual audit to the local LAFCO. If not done, the district will be put on a list, the state will consider it inactive, and the state will ask that local LAFCO to dissolve the district. Commissioner Paque explained that a district is considered inactive if it has no assets, no debts, and has had no financial transactions for the past year. However, she added, all that is necessary to show that a district is active is to provide a bank statement showing recent transactions. Mr. Benoit stated that a number of CSAs have already fulfilled the purpose for which they were set up, and are no longer needed. This legislation will make it easier, thus less expensive, to dissolve them due to the removal of the protest hearing requirement contained in this bill.

Mr. Benoit explained that Recommendation 4, which is meant to make it easier to put special district representatives on LAFCO boards, does not affect Calaveras County too much as we already have special district voices on our Commission.

With respect to Recommendation 5 that LAFCO Commissioners be given fixed terms, Mr. Benoit's only comment was that he wants to see how this will work since most Commissioners are appointed "at the pleasure" of a district, city or county.

Mr. Benoit approved of Recommendation 6's request to simplify the protest process for consolidations and dissolutions because they are currently too complicated.

He explained that the reason behind Recommendation 7 regarding special district financial reserves is that there are some districts whose reserves are unnecessarily high. Recommendation 8 is related, and states the definitions for special district financial reserves need to be standardized.

Recommendation 9 states that every special district should have a website that includes several key components. Mr. Benoit commented that about half of the districts in Calaveras do not have a website. Commissioner Tofanelli remarked that the cost of establishing and maintaining a website can be too expensive for some districts. Mr. Benoit responded that in some counties, the county has offered to let special districts post on the county website. In addition, the cost of setting up a website is not that expensive anymore, although he agreed that the cost of having a person to maintain that site could be a problem.

Mr. Benoit said that Recommendation 11, a directive to CSDA, would help alleviate the problem in some districts where the same people have been on a special district board forever. The LHC wants to encourage more public participation.

Mr. Benoit finished by briefly summarizing Recommendations 12-19 with minimal comment

b. Current and Anticipated Projects

Executive Officer Benoit reported that he had met with Supervisor Clapp regarding converting CSA1 to a CSD. There has also been an inquiry for a small annexation to Union Public Utility District for water. Murphys Sanitary District is still looking at annexing the Ironstone property.

On September 27, Mr. Benoit has a meeting with the auditor, assessor, elections, etc., to review last year. They do this each year and it has allowed for good communication between the various groups. A meeting is also pending for October 10 with Angels Camp regarding the city and rural fire districts merging, creating a JPA, or having some other agreement. That date, however, may change.

Finally, Mr. Benoit stated that Commissioners Dashner, Tofanelli, Paque, Folendorf, and Tyrrell will be attending the state CALAFCO Conference in October.

7. Commissioners Reports.

Commissioner Paque said that, going back to the question of the LHC's desire to aid enforcement of LAFCO recommendations, the feeling has been that, when a LAFCO gives recommendations in an MSR to a local special district, they are often filed away and ignored. So the LHC is trying to improve the likelihood that districts will instead at least put the MSR and its recommendations on an agenda for a public meeting. Mr. Benoit added that LAFCOs have sometimes also tried to obtain special district compliance in areas that are growing by including conditions in an annexation.

(The Commission went on to take public comment, then realized it had not finished with Commissioners Reports, so came back to it.) Commissioner Oliveira reported that the bridge is in (or at least on the truck) on Bladen Road.

Commissioner Dashner thanked the Board of Supervisors for their dispersion of Prop 172 funds to the special districts.

Executive Officer Folendorf reported that one of the city plant projects had been completed, and work is now taking place on the Murphys plant.

8. Public Comment.

Commissioner Weber spoke from the audience to say that he encouraged all the members to read the Little Hoover Commission Executive Summary. He stated that he did not agree with the comment of the LHC on page 5 that the "special district sector often amounted to a

poorly overseen and largely invisible governing sector serving residents who knew little about who runs them or what they pay in taxes to sustain them.” He said that had never been his experience with the special districts with which he has been involved, and he has found them to be run by very dedicated people. He also objected to some of the recommendations of the LHC because he felt they were addressing specific issues that might be good for a particular area, but could be a problem when applied across the board to everyone.

9. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. The next regular meeting will be November 20, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in San Andreas. Commissioner Oliveira asked about skipping the October meeting, and Mr. Benoit replied that, due to the lack of necessity for meeting monthly, we have been meeting every other month on a somewhat regular basis. Commissioner Oliveira said we might want to look at making the every-other month schedule when setting up next year’s meeting calendar.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Mees.

DATED:

APPROVED:

Michael Oliveira, Chair, or Anita Paque, Vice
Chair, Calaveras Local Agency Formation

CALAVERAS LAFCO

LAFCO CLAIM AUTHORIZATION FORM

for

September and October 2017

Authorize payment of the following claims:

<u>Date of Claim</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY 2017-2018 Expenses:		
October 1, 2017	Staff SVCS for July 2017	\$ 4,271.13
Sept 18, 2017	Comm Payroll Sept 18, 2017	\$ 350.00
Nov 1, 2017	Staff Svcs October 2017	\$ 2,488.02
	TOTAL Sept and Oct. 2017	\$ 7,109.15

DATED: November 20, 2017

APPROVED: November 20, 2017

Michael Oliveira, Chair or Anita Paque, Vice-Chair
Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Attest:

John Benoit
Executive Officer

Item Account Number	Comm Stipends 62001	Insurance 62050	Communications 62051	Memberships 62052	GenOfficeExp 62053	Postage 62054	copies 62055	Fire&EMSSOI 62057	W & WWSOI 62058	Ex. OFF. Svcs 62059	City Fin Chrgs 62060
Total Budgeted	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 1,623.60	\$ 800.00	\$ 899.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 3,600.00
Calafco dues 17-18											
SDRMA Insurance 17-18		\$ (1,713.00)									
Comm Payroll 7.17.2017	\$ (400.00)			\$ (899.00)							
Calafco Conf. registrations											
Staff SVCS July 2017			\$ (41.62)		\$ (43.35)	\$ (15.68)	\$ (136.90)		\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,575.00)	
Staff SVCS August 2017			\$ (60.27)						\$ (3,075.00)	\$ (3,600.00)	
Staff SVCS Sept. 2017			\$ (41.61)			\$ (9.66)	\$ (91.30)		\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (1,437.50)	
Staff SVCS Oct 2017			\$ (41.65)				\$ (10.00)		\$ (2,325.00)		
Comm Stipend Sept 14, 2017	\$ (350.00)										
TOTAL EXPENDED	\$ (750.00)	\$ (1,713.00)	\$ (185.15)	\$ (899.00)	\$ (43.35)	\$ (25.34)	\$ (238.20)	\$ -	\$ (9,900.00)	\$ (7,612.50)	\$ -
TOTAL REMAINING	\$ 5,850.00	\$ (89.40)	\$ 614.85	\$ -	\$ 306.65	\$ 474.66	\$ 1,261.80	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 34,887.50	\$ 3,600.00

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Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Resolution 2017-0006

of the

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

*A Resolution of Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission
Amending Section 5.1 of LAFCO's Bylaws regarding Regular Meetings of the Commission*

RESOLVED, the Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission adopted Bylaws on on September 19, 2005 and has subsequently amended its bylaws on November 18, 2013 and May 16, 2016; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Bylaws to modify the regular meeting schedule of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, this Commission called for and held a public meeting on the proposed Bylaw amendment on November 20, 2017 and at the meeting, this Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to the proposed Bylaw amendment and the Report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission **DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER** as follows:

1. The attached Bylaw amendment shall guide the Commission in complying with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and
2. That the Bylaw amendment attached as Exhibit "A" is hereby adopted and incorporated into LAFCO's Bylaws.
3. Any previously adopted conflicting Bylaws are hereby repealed in favor of this amendment.

The foregoing resolution was offered at a Regular Meeting of the Calaveras LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION on the 20th day of November, 2017 and adopted by the following vote of the Commission:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Michael Oliveira, Chair or Anita Paque, Vice Chair
Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Attest:

John Benoit, Executive Officer
Calaveras LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

Exhibit "A"

Section 5.1 of Calaveras LAFCO's bylaws is amended to read as follows:

5.1 Regular Meetings

Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Commission, regular meetings of the Commission are scheduled for the ***third monday*** of every other month at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, Government Center, San Andreas, California. ***Regular meetings are scheduled during the months of July, September, November, January, March and May.*** In the event of a scheduled holiday, the regular meeting shall be held at the same place upon the first succeeding Monday which is not a holiday, commencing at the same hour, in which event all hearings, applications, petitions and other matters before the Commission are continued to the same hour of the next succeeding day which is not a holiday. The Commission may, at its own discretion, meet at a different time or place from time to time, provided that public notice of such time and place is given in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54954 et seq. and applicable provisions of the LAFCO Act.

2017 CALAFCO Annual Conference Summary

Conference presentation materials are all available on the CALAFCo Website at www.calafco.org.

1. LAFCO 101 is a presentation to assist LAFCO Commissioners, the Public and LAFCO Staff with an overview of LAFCo. This presentation includes LAFCO's intent and purpose, history, organization, powers, Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence and perspective on applying the basics.
2. There was a presentation on a statewide poll on Accountability, Consolidation, Local Control, Transparency and Communicating with the public. The results were: Poverty/Homelessness is the most important issue, Majority of respondents know nothing about LAFCo, Most respondents know nothing or are unsure of the how LAFCo is doing its job. Many LAFCo's use social media to get the word out and most believe it would be the most effective way for LAFCo to communicate with the public. Most agree LAFCo does not seem to be a very transparent agency; LAFCo's should focus on local government efficiency.
3. There was a presentation entitled "Your LAFCo Story: Don't Let Someone Else Tell it!" This was a presentation regarding LAFCo's creating the LAFCo message or brand. Many times LAFCo's are reacting to situations rather than being proactive.
4. Local Agencies' Fiscal Health: What is LAFCo's role. This panel took a macro view of what is going on in California i.e. local governments are facing severe financial strain due to a number of reasons: i.e. PERS obligations, natural disasters, recessions, etc. How can LAFCo's react? This session examined changing revenue streams for local governments over time. The essential problem is revenues cannot keep up. Causes are an unsustainable real estate recovery; loss of RDA's, Contract cost inflation exceeds revenue growth, deferred maintenance, shift of VLF, etc.

The major causes are increasing services and demands, maximizing tax increases, retirement costs, local government tax share, taxable retail threats, redevelopment, inefficiencies and political expectations.

How this might affect LAFCo?

How do MSR's address these issues?

1. Potential for Disincorporation, bankruptcies
 2. Encounter resistance from cities and districts to annex
 3. Decreases in level of service particularly in poorer areas of state
 4. Pressures from communities to incorporate, even when not feasible
 5. Perpetuation of sprawl without a viable long-term municipal service solution
- Solutions?

Solutions may include:

1. Sharing or consolidating service delivery for economies of scale,

2. Demonstrating accountability and transparency to build support for revenue measures or service delivery changes

Solutions involve:

1. Finding other service delivery approaches which reduce costs
2. Explaining local government economics in a credible and transparent manner to maximize support for revenue increases
3. LAFCO MSR Determination Areas are uniquely attuned to this effort; consider the wording of CKH

Some LAFCo's are moving to illuminate Fiscal and Service Issues in the MSR process sample determination criteria may include:

1. Shared services, facilities and staff; duplication of services or facilities and excess capacity
2. Anticipated service level deficiencies, and
3. Financial metrics* aimed at gauging the ability to provide services
4. Multiple quantitative service level statistics for municipalities

Metrics* may include:

1. Operating General Fund deficit and surplus trends for the past 5 years
2. Balanced General Fund Budgets using one time revenues, deferred expenditures or borrowing
3. Unreserved General fund reserves as a percent of operating expenditures
4. Unfunded pension liability
5. Debt and Debt ratios
6. Liquidity as measured when comparing cash and short-term investments over current liabilities.
7. Timeliness and accuracy of financial reporting by ensuring that the State Controllers Financial Transactions Report was filed on a timely basis and that the CAFR received a clean opinion and was issued within 6 months of the fiscal year's end.

5. Show me the Money Humboldt, Imperial, Santa Clara and Calaveras LAFCo's

16% of LAFCo Annual Budgets are less than \$50K
16% of LAFCo Annual Budgets are between 50K and 100K
18% of LAFCo Annual Budgets are between 101K and 300K
38% of LAFCo Annual Budgets are between 300K and 700K
13% of LAFCo Annual Budgets are over 700K

Most of the LAFCo Budgets allow LAFCo's to meet all the LAFCo functions (54.5%) and 34.5% of the LAFCo's say Yes, but only minimal

78% of LAFCo's receive between 0 and 10% percent of their revenue from Application Fees.

49% of the LAFCo's believe it is somewhat difficult to sustain LAFCo funding

Some of the cost savings ideas discussed are:

Practice conservative budget approach – Imperial

Maintain Positive relationships with funding agencies – Imperial, Calaveras and Humboldt

Have your own building and you don't have to pay rent and income from renting office space. Imperial

Update Fee Schedule regularly - Santa Clara

Curtail the granting of application fee waivers – Santa Clara

Share services with another local agency, where feasible – Santa Clara

Recognize that even small increases in apportionment can hit some members much harder than others - Santa Clara

Effective Management - Calaveras

Contracting out - Calaveras

Weigh the cost of utilizing County/City Services – Calaveras

Have Empathy, Listen to constituents, work with the Press – Calaveras

Use existing tools more effectively i.e. technology -Calaveras

Reduce Bureaucracy – Calaveras

Pay attention to financials and bills paid out - Calaveras

Some of the challenging situations mentioned:

Moving out of the County facility and leasing private office space – Santa Clara

Initiating litigation to address inadequate CEQA Documents - Santa Clara

Paying for the dissolution of special districts that are unable to pay costs. - Imperial

6. Avoiding an Ethical Crisis:

The purpose of this session is to decrease the odds that you or your organization will suffer an ethical crisis and help to better understand what ethics actually mean.

Some of the suggestions discussed;

1. Prevention first: Talk about it, training, Don't assume it will happen?
2. Just because it is legal doesn't mean it is ethical
3. The greatest challenge is the R word (Rationalization)
4. Beware of the no one will find out rationalization
5. The Google Rule now everyone can judge your conduct.
6. The Taxpayer Rule What would the average taxpayer think.
7. You are only tested when choices are tough
8. A test for a leader: What you did. What others did and you knew about it, and what did others do that you did not know about it.
9. Responding to an ethical lapse
10. 3 questions you must be prepared to answer: What did you know? When did you know about it? And what did you do about it?

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

In 2017 there were 2980 Bills in the legislature (1982 in the Assembly and 998 in the Senate). Of these bills 1189 became law and 118 were vetoed and the remaining 1,673 did not make it through the legislature.

There were six bills were chaptered related to LAFCo

AB 464 (Gallagher) affecting annexation proceedings and out of area services being provided.

AB 979 (Lackey) streamlines the process of seating special districts

AB 1361 (E. Garcia) Authorizes a Municipal Water District to apply to LAFCo to extend services to Indian lands and prohibits LAFCo from denying the application

AB 1725 The CALAFCO Omnibus bill. Minor changes to non-controversial sections of CKH

SB 130 Provides certain cities incorporated between 1/1/2004 to 1/1/2012 to receive property tax in lieu of VLF

SB 448 Requires the State Controller to publish a list of inactive districts and establishes a process for LAFCo's to dissolve inactive special districts.

Look forward to the legislature taking up Healthcare Districts, Water and Contracting issues in the next legislative session.