

Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission

Regular Meeting Agenda

MONDAY – October 20, 2014 – 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

Bert Sobon, City Member
Jack Lynch, City Member
Merita Callaway, Chair County Member
Darren Spellman, County Member
Tony Tyrrell, Special District Member
John Lavaroni, Special District Member
Anita Paque, Vice-Chair Public Member

Paul Stein, Public Member Alt.
Debbie Ponte, County Member Alt.
Scott Kelly, City Member Alt.
Don Young, Special Dist. Member Alt.
Staff:
John Benoit, Executive Officer
Karon Knuist, LAFCO Clerk
Michael Colantuono, LAFCO Counsel

2. Approval of Agenda (Deletions/Additions)

3. 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 are on the agenda, public comment will be 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.

4. **Consent Agenda:**

- a. *Review and Authorize Claims for September 2014*

WORKSHOP – GROUNDWATER LEGISLATION

6. **Brian Moss, Director of the Environmental Management Agency, will present and discuss Groundwater Legislation (AB 1739, SB 1168 and SB 1319) recently signed by the Governor and county activities regarding implementation of the legislation.**

7. **Executive Officer' s report**

- a) *Calafco Conference in Ontario*
b) *Ethics Training November 21, 2014 2:00 pm*

8. **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

9. **Adjourn to next regular meeting of November 17, 2014**

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 LAFCO
LAFCO CLAIM AUTHORIZATION FORM

for

September 2014

Authorize payment of the following claims:

<u>Date of Claim</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
FY 2014-2015 Expenses:		
Oct 1, 2014	Staff Svcs & Expenses – September 2014	\$ 4,188.11
Sept 24, 2014	City Financial Services July-Sept 2014	\$ 900.00
Sept 15, 2014	Comm Payroll July 21, 2014	\$ 200.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 5,288.11

DATED: October 20, 2014

APPROVED: October 20, 2014

Merita Callaway, Chair or Anita Paque, Vice-Chair
Calaveras Local Agency Formation

Attest:

John Benoit
Executive Officer

2014 ETHICS TRAINING

CALAVERAS LAFCO

Ethics Training (AB 1234) designed for Special District and Local Government Boards and Staff within Calaveras County

WHEN: Friday, **November 21, 2014:** 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM

WHERE: **Calaveras County Board of Supervisor's Room 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas CA**

COST: This training is sponsored by Best Best and Krieger, LLP and Calaveras LAFCO with the Calaveras County Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and LAFCo at no cost to local agencies.

It is the goal of the Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to sponsor training for special districts and agencies within Calaveras County.

The session will cover the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, conflicts of interest, and general ethics principles, and will satisfy your AB 1234 training requirements for this year. Josh Nelson of Best Best and Kreiger will be providing the training.

No reservations are necessary. Certificates will be mailed after the training to those who attend. If you have any questions regarding AB-1234 requirements please contact Diane Severud, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at (209) 754-6370 or dseverud@co.calaveras.ca.us John Benoit, LAFCo Executive Officer at (209) 754-6511 or johnbenoit@surewest.net . We will look forward to seeing you.

Please see the attached Memo from Josh Nelson of Best Best and Krieger, LLP for more information.

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TO: CALAVERAS COUNTY PUBLIC AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS
FROM: BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP
RE: AB 1234 MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Local elected officials and some public agency employees in California are required to receive at least two hours of training, every two years, in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to their public service. (This is sometimes known as AB 1234 training.) For most affected officials and employees, 2014 is a year in which this training is required.

Although this training can be completed online, we have found that receiving the training from a live presenter is helpful, because it allows officials and employees to ask questions and hear the questions and experiences shared by other people. Because we recognize the financial strains currently affecting many public agencies, we would like to invite the officials and employees from every public agency in Calaveras County to attend a completely free ethics training session, to be conducted on Friday, November 21, 2014. The training session will be conducted at the Board of Supervisor's Chambers 891 Mountain Ranch Road San Andreas, CA from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. The session will cover the Brown Act, the Public Records Act, conflicts of interest, and general ethics principles, and will satisfy your training requirements for this year. Along with the training, we will also provide certificates of participation, all free of charge.

Our firm acts as city attorneys for more than 30 cities in California, general counsel or special counsel for more than 40 special districts, and we have conducted dozens of ethics training sessions, so we should be able to answer most questions you have during the training session.

This training is being offered jointly by Calaveras LAFCo, and by our firm. No RSVP is necessary. You may contact me at (916) 325-4000 with any questions, and we will look forward to seeing you.

Josh Nelson
for BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP
Public Policy & Ethics Group