

September 24, 2015 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
2301 Technology Parkway
Hollister CA 95023

Report on LAFCO Related Legislation

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

Receive this report and direct staff to continue to monitor legislation relevant to LAFCO and report on future agendas.

DISCUSSION

The legislative year has come to an end. Legislative proposals have either moved out of their house of origin for consideration by the other house or have become two year bills. Some bills have been presented to the Governor for his signature.

It seems the best way to present a year-end is to attach the Legislative Update from Sacramento that was prepared by the Assembly Local Government Committee. This was distributed at the 2015 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Sacramento.

The report is self-explanatory about the status of bills and I can provide details about specific legislation which may interest members of the Commission.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

Assembly Local Government Committee

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM SACRAMENTO

2015 CALAFCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 4, 2015

LAFCO-Related Bills

- AB 3 (Williams) – Establishes a formation process, boundaries, governing body, tax authority, and permissible services for the Isla Vista Community Services District. **SENATE FLOOR.**
- AB 402 (Dodd) – Establishes a pilot program, until January 1, 2021, for Napa and San Bernardino local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs) to authorize a city or district to extend services outside of boundaries for additional purposes beyond responding to a threat to public health or safety. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**
- AB 448 (Brown) – Would have modified the amount of property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees (VLF adjustment amount) allocated to counties and cities to include the growth of assessed property values which benefit cities that have annexed inhabited territory since 2004. **HELD IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**
- AB 851 (Mayes) – Makes changes to the city disincorporation process in the Cortese-Knox Hertzberg Act. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**
- AB 1532 (Assembly Local Government Committee) – Annual Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus bill that makes several minor noncontroversial changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. **SIGNED - Chapter 114, Statutes of 2015.**
- SB 25 (Roth) – Provides a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, with property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**
- SB 239 (Hertzberg) – Requires a public agency to receive approval from a LAFCO to provide new or extended fire protections services outside its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to a fire protection contract. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**

Open Data

- AB 169 (Maienschein) – Requires local agencies to use specified open data standards if they maintain an Internet Resource that is described or titled as "open data" and if they choose to post public records on that Internet Resource. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**
- SB 272 (Hertzberg) – Requires cities, counties, special districts, and joint powers authorities, by July 2016, to create a catalogue of their enterprise systems and make the catalog available to the public, including on the agency's Web site. **ASSEMBLY FLOOR.**

Mutual Water Companies

- AB 1077 (Holden) – Makes a number of changes to the Mutual Water Company Open Meeting Act to allow mutual water companies to use teleconferencing as a means to allow eligible persons to access board meetings. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**
- AB 656 (Garcia) – Allows a mutual water company and a public agency to enter into a joint powers agreement (JPA) for the provision of insurance and risk-pooling. **GOVERNOR'S DESK.**

Budget Bills

- AB 113 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Provides specificity to existing law governing the dissolution of redevelopment agencies (RDAs) and the wind-down of their existing activities and obligations. In addition, the measure addresses several ongoing issues relating to state-local fiscal situations. Provides fiscal relief for specified cities in Riverside County incorporated after 2004 which experienced fiscal stress due to lost revenue from the VLF swap, for which they were ineligible, and the loss of the enhanced VLF rate redirected in 2011 to fund public safety realignment. **SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE.**
- SB 88 (Senate Budget Committee) – Drought Trailer Bill for 2015-16. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to require water systems that are serving disadvantaged communities with unreliable and unsafe drinking water to consolidate with or receive service from public water systems with safe, reliable, and adequate drinking water. **SIGNED – Chapter 27, Statutes of 2015.**
 - SB 552 (Wolk) – Makes changes to the consolidation process established for the State Water Board by SB 88. **ASSEMBLY RULES COMMITTEE.**