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To:

LAFCo Commissioners

From:

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Subject:

CALAFCo Annual Conference Announcement

September 2-4, 2015, Hyatt Regency, Downtown Sacramento, CA

CALAFCO has announced that registration for the 2015 annual conference is now open. Attached is the conference announcement and mobile workshop brochure, which are also available on the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org. The Conference Announcement and Final Program showing the session topics scheduled for both general and breakout sessions are now on the website as well.

Hotel room rates for conference attendees start at \$126 per night. Commissioners can make reservations either by phone or online. Reservations must be made by **August 21** (early bird deadline is **July 20** to take advantage of available discounts) but often fill up much sooner than that. More details are on the CALAFCO website.

The adopted LAFCo budget provides for attendance by one staff member and four Commissioners with the intent that each category of membership on the Commission (i.e., City, Special District, Public, County) will be represented. Commissioners who wish to attend should inform me at your earliest convenience so that I can submit conference registration by the July 20 early bird deadline. Commissioners will be responsible for making their own hotel reservations.



Announcing The 2015 CALAFCO Annual Conference



Hosted by Sacramento LAFCo

September 2 – 4, 2015

Downtown Sacramento, California at the Hyatt Regency

Special Highlights

Mobile Workshop

A special look at the physical confluence of the Sacramento & American rivers, followed by a tour of the largest and most progressive inland Waste Water Treatment Plant west of the Mississippi, and close with a tour of the Delta levy & habitat. Lunch at the historic Old Sugar Mill included.

Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (times approx..)

LAFCo 101

An introduction to LAFCo and LAFCo law for commissioners, staff, and anyone interested in learning more about LAFCo

> Wednesday from 10: 00 a.m. to Noon

Luncheon Keynote

Featuring *Ted Gaebler,*co-author of the National
best-seller <u>Reinventing</u>
<u>Government</u>

Thursday Luncheon



Invaluable Networking Opportunities

- Commissioner Roundtable discussions on current issues
- Roundtable discussions for LAFCo staff, LAFCo counsel, and Associate members
- 9th CALAFCO Beer & Wine Competition and Reception
- · Networking breakfasts
- Receptions

Hyatt Regency Downtown



Make your reservations now at the Hyatt Regency at the CALAFCO special rate of \$126. Find the link at www.calafco.org.

Value-Added General and Breakout Session Topics

- Sustainable Groundwater
 Management Act Implementation –
 Where Do We Go From Here?
- Planning, Agriculture and Natural Resources – a Confluence of Ideas for LAFCo Solutions
- Urban Growth Boundaries and SOIs
- Leadership Practices in an Era of VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity, ambiguity)
- The Impact of Climate Change on Land Use Planning
- Community Services Districts 101
- Fiscal Tools to Sustain Services
- LAFCo Technology for the 21st Century
- Exploring the New World of Broadband
- LAFCo Staff: The Magic Behind the Curtain

Plus many others!

Note: The Program is still being put together. The topics noted above represent only a portion of the program to be offered. All sessions are subject to change.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Registration is now open! Visit www.calafco.org











2015 CALAFCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE SACRAMENTO

MOBILE WORKSHOP

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 7:30 - 12:30

CONFLUENCE

Watching the River Slow

A special look at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the most critical water body in California, begins at the confluence of the Sacramento & American Rivers. Next stop, the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP) project - also known as the EchoWater project, the largest inland wastewater discharger in the western U.S. At a cost of \$2 billion, it is financed by the largest federal loan in the 25-year history of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program.

We will then pass through the 18,000 acre (6500 actively managed) Stone Lakes National Wildlife Reserve, a rich mosaic of habitats that support hundreds of species for both resident and migratory wildlife. We will view habitat of native grasslands, riparian forest, woodland savanna, freshwater lakes, freshwater sloughs, perennial wetlands, seasonal wetlands, and vernal pools.

The Mobile Workshop will wrap-up with a lunch in the shade of the Delta levees at The Old Sugar Mill (circa 1934). This unique setting showcases the agricultural history and bounty of the Delta. Farm to fork cuisine, local craft shops and wineries all share space in this vintage setting, located only 15 minutes from Downtown.