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To: LAFCo Commissioners
From: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer *M. Poyatos*
Subject: Report on Attendance at the CALAFCO Annual Staff Workshop, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Convention Center, Downtown Fresno, April 5-7, 2017

Along with LAFCo Clerk Jean Brook, I attended the CALAFCO Staff Workshop at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Convention Center in Downtown Fresno from Wednesday, April 5 through Friday, April 7, 2017. The program featured several valuable sessions covering a variety of topics including ethics, the relationship between health care districts and LAFCos, municipal service review accountability, and an update of pending legislation. Speakers and panelists included experts in several areas of interest to LAFCos, including representatives from the California Special Districts Association and the Association of California Healthcare Districts.

Attached is the conference program with more detailed information on the workshop sessions.

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April 5-7, 2017



CALAFCO

Staff Workshop

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Convention Center
Downtown Fresno, CA

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2017 Staff Workshop Schedule At-a-Glance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

- 7:30 am** Mobile Workshop
1:30 pm Workshop Opening— Welcoming Remarks
2:00 pm GENERAL SESSION
How to Increase the Odds of You and Your
Organization Avoiding an Ethical Crises
3:15 pm Snack Break
3:30 pm Roundtables
6:00 pm CALAFCO Dinner

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

- 7:00 am** Breakfast
9:00 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS
LAFCo 101: Understanding and Applying
the Basics/ BOE Mapping Processes and
Requirements/ Healthcare Districts and
LAFCos: What's Going On?
10:15 am Snack Break
10:30 am GENERAL SESSION
SGMA and LAFCos: Covering It All Including
Water, Science, Law and Governance
12:00 pm Lunch
1:45 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS
To be Sued or Not to be Sued, That is the
Question — So What's the Action?/ DUC's Part I:
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DUC's Part II: If It Looks Like a DUC.../ Making
Sense of Out of Area Service Agreements/ All
Things Cannabis: Land Use, Cultivation, Water
and Ag Land Preservation and Impacts
5:30 pm Bounty of your County Reception — dinner on
your own

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

- 7:00 am** Breakfast
9:00 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS
SB 88/SB 552 — Consolidation of Water
Systems/ MSR Accountability in an Open Data
Climate/ CEQA — What to Look for in CEQA
Documents
10:15 am Snack Break
10:30 am CALAFCO Organization and Legislative Updates

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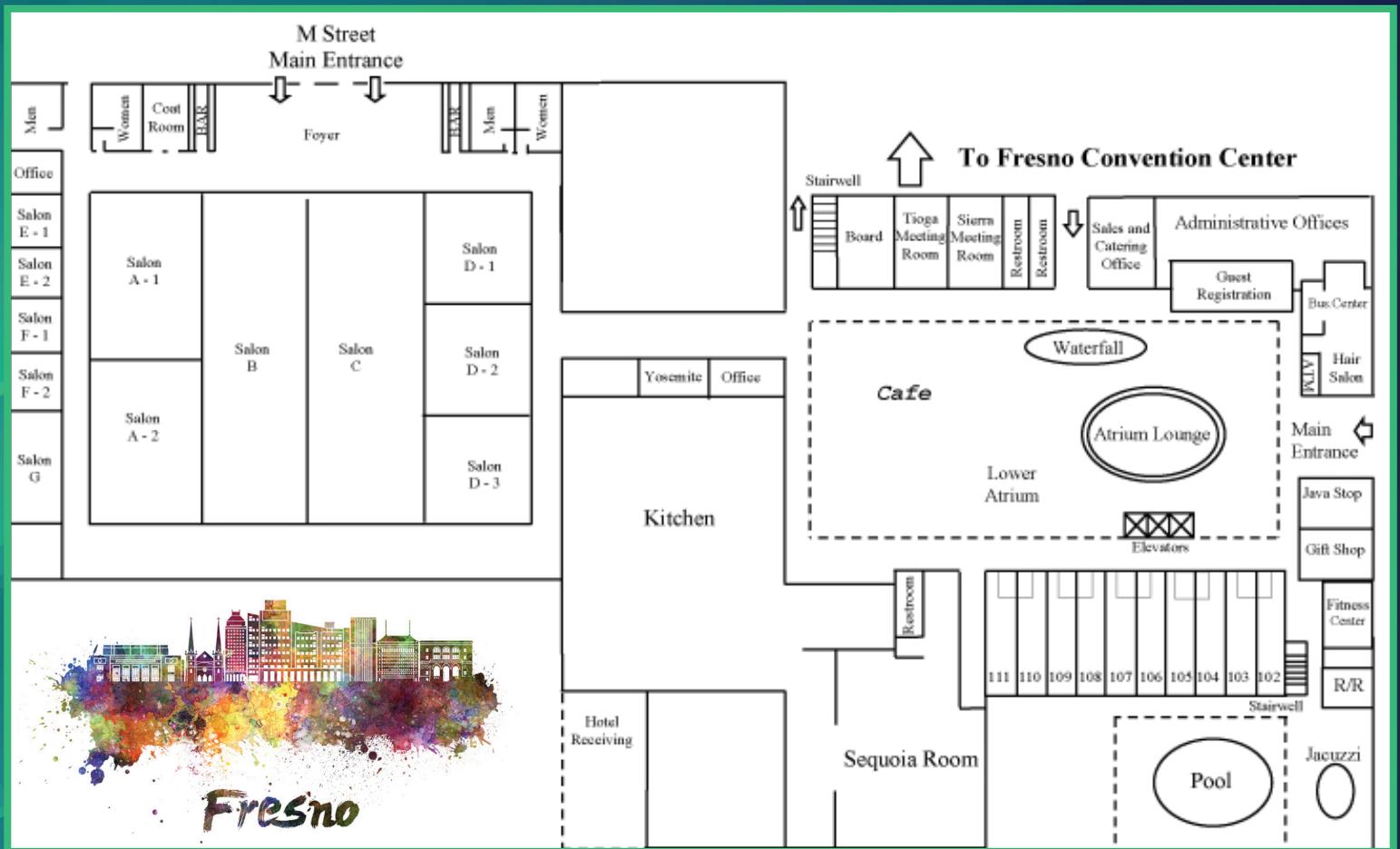
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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 am – 12:30 pm MOBILE WORKSHOP – (Meet in front of lobby at 7:30 am to board bus)

Join us for this interactive Mobile Workshop as we have a private tour of the Forestiere Underground Gardens. Hand built networks of underground rooms, courtyards and passageways, along with unique fruit producing trees, shrubs and vines fill this very interesting underground garden wonderland. From there we will travel to Fresno State University and visit the department of Viticulture & Enology. Our tour will include a presentation of the University's world-renowned department and home of tomorrow's winemakers and optional tasting. We will end with a lunch on the University campus.

PRESENTER: Kevin Smith, Cal State Fresno

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm WORKSHOP OPENING – Welcoming Remarks – (Salon C)

SPEAKERS: Pamela Miller, CALAFCO; David Fey, Fresno LAFCo; Robert Silva, Fresno LAFCo Chair Pro Tem

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

GENERAL SESSION: How to Increase the Odds of You and Your Organization Avoiding an Ethical Crises – (Salon C)

Approved
for 1.25 CM
Credits

All individuals and organizations are at risk of experiencing an ethical lapse. In this presentation, the frequency and causes for such lapses will be reviewed. In addition a number of practical strategies aimed at decreasing the likelihood of you and your organization experiencing such an ethical misstep will be presented.

SPEAKER: Kevin C. Duggan, West Coast Regional Director, International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

MODERATOR: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

SNACK BREAK

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

ROUNDTABLES

Legal Counsel (Salon D2), Clerks (Salon D1), and EOs/Analysts (Salon C) will settle into their respective roundtables for robust discussion on all things LAFCo.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CALAFCO DINNER – (Sequoia)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 am – 9:00 am

BREAKFAST – (Lower Atrium)

9:00 am – 10:15 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

LAFCO 101: Understanding and Applying the Basics – (Salon D1)

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for 1.25 CM
Credits

Join us for this fun and informative session in which you will be given an overview of LAFCo from a process, policy, and legal perspective. We will discuss LAFCo authority (the can-do and the cannot-do), share insights on why decisions are made the way they are, and explore the changing landscape of LAFCos.

SPEAKERS: Christine Crawford, Executive Officer, Yolo LAFCo; Paul Novak, Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo; David Ruderman, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley

MODERATOR: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer, San Mateo LAFCo

BOE Mapping Processes and Requirements – (Salon D2)

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for 1.25 CM
Credits

This session will cover a variety of topics including the ins and outs of Form BOE-400-TA; the finishing stages of completing a change of organization; what's required by the BOE and what they do with all of that paperwork. Also hear updates on e-filing and ways to make the process easier. There will also be plenty of time for Q&A.

SPEAKERS: Anna Marie Price, Research Analyst II, Board of Equalization; Ric Schwarting, Research Manager, Board of Equalization

MODERATOR: George Spiliotis, Executive Officer, Riverside LAFCo

Healthcare Districts and LAFCos: What's Going On? – (Salon D3)

Approved
for 1.25 CM
Credits

This session will include a broad overview of California's healthcare services system and an overview of healthcare districts and where they are headed in today's uncertain healthcare environment. You will also have an opportunity to hear about different issues that LAFCos face with respect to healthcare districts.

SPEAKERS: Amber King, Senior Legislative Advocate, Association of California Healthcare Districts; Lou Ann Teixeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCo; Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer, Sonoma LAFCo

MODERATOR: Mona Palacios, Executive Officer, Alameda LAFCo

10:15 am – 10:30 am SNACK BREAK

10:30 am – 11:45 am GENERAL SESSION: SGMA and LAFCos: Covering It All Including Water, Science, Law and Governance – (Salon C)

Approved for 1.5 CM Credits

SGMA requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) that must assess conditions in their local water basins and adopt locally-based management plans. The formation of GSAs has sparked interest in water district formation and governance in a number of California communities. LAFCos are sometimes caught in the middle of landowner desires to have a GSA and voice at the table and those stakeholders who do not want additional regulation. Today's panel of experts intends to explore the scientific, legal and governing issues involved in managing California groundwater resources today.

SPEAKERS: Lauren Layne, Shareholder, Baker Manock & Jensen; Derrick Williams, Hydrogeologist, Hydro Metrics WRI; Steve Lucas, Executive Officer, Butte LAFCo

MODERATOR: Paul Hood, Executive Officer, Santa Barbara LAFCo

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH – (Sequoia)

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

DUC's Part I: Learning to Walk Like a DUC... – (Salon D1)

Approved for 1.5 CM Credits

This is the first of a two-part session on Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). This session presents a summary of legislative history leading to DUCs, how DUCs have emerged as a topic of interest and how LAFCo is affected by them.

SPEAKERS: Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer, Tulare LAFCo; Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer, Merced and San Benito LAFCos

MODERATOR: David Fey, Executive Officer, Fresno LAFCo

To be Sued or Not to be Sued, That is the Question – So What's the Action? – (Salon D2)

Approved for 1.5 CM & 1.5 Low Credits

This highly interactive session will feature a panel of expert LAFCo attorneys who will share insights on how to effectively avoid being sued. Following the panel discussion, groups will be given several case studies to work through and receive expert legal feedback on your potential actions. You will be able to determine your level of expertise in taking appropriate actions to avoid the dreaded lawsuit.

SPEAKERS: P. Scott Browne, Attorney at Law; Kara Ueda, Partner, Best Best & Krieger; Holly Whatley, Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith and Whatley

MODERATOR: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCo

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm SNACK BREAK

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

DUC's Part II: If It Looks Like a DUC... – (Salon D1)

Approved for 1.5 CM Credits

This DUC mapping session will look into how to map Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs). The discussion will include sources of data, pros and cons of the different data sets available and what LAFCos are currently doing. We will conclude with a live GIS demonstration showing the ability of taking raw data and merging it into graphic data that can be displayed on a map.

SPEAKERS: Doug Dorado, Government Analyst, Los Angeles LAFCo; Joe Serrano, Local Governmental Analyst, San Diego LAFCo

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Making Sense of Out of Area Service Agreements – (Salon D2)

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for 1.5 CM
Credits

This session will provide an entertaining overview of Government Code Section 56133, how it applies and the various exceptions to LAFCo's approval role. We will explore whether this law promotes illegitimate extension of services into the countryside supporting leap frog development instead of requiring logical and orderly annexation to the city or district. The alternate view considered is that it provides a nifty tool for LAFCos to exert local discretion in solving service delivery problems outside the ridged confines of the CKH annexation process.

SPEAKERS: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer, El Dorado LAFCo; Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer, Stanislaus LAFCo; George Spiliotis, Executive Officer, Riverside LAFCo

MODERATOR: Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer, Merced and San Benito LAFCos

All Things Cannabis: Land Use, Cultivation, Water and Ag Land Preservation and Impacts – (Salon D3)

Approved
for 1.5 CM
Credits

With the adoption of the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act in 2015 and the passage of Proposition 64 last November, California is preparing for big changes in the use and regulation of medical and recreational marijuana. This panel will provide an overview of the new state laws governing marijuana use, cultivation, manufacturing and sale. We will address these issues from a variety of perspectives including legal, local government and industry viewpoints with an eye toward impacts of the marijuana industry on the work of LAFCos.

SPEAKERS: Jonathan Hobbs, City Attorney, City of Elk Grove; Neil Hall, Marijuana Consultant, SCI Consulting; Sean Brewer, Community Development Director, City of Coalinga; Hanspeter Walter, Shareholder, Kronick Moskovitz Tiedemann & Girard, John Halligan, Manager, Compliance and Enforcement Section, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing, California Department of Food and Agriculture

MODERATOR: David J. Ruderman, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm BOUNTY OF YOUR COUNTY RECEPTION – (dinner on your own)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

7:00 am – 9:00 am BREAKFAST – (Lower Atrium)

9:00 am – 10:15 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SB 88/SB 552 – Consolidation of Water Systems – (Salon D1)

Approved
for 1.25
CM Credits

Under SB 88 and SB 552, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has the authority to order certain consistently failing water system to consolidate with another, viable water system. How the SWRCB decides whether a water system meets this test and when it should exercise this new authority are issues relevant to LAFCos state-wide. This panel will discuss these issues with SWRCB representatives and discuss the role LAFCos can play to ensure safe drinking water for all Californians.

SPEAKERS: Michelle Frederick, Northern California Consolidation Coordinator, State Water Resource Control Board; Caitlin Juarez, Field Engineer, State Water Resource Control Board; Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer, Tulare LAFCo

MSR Accountability in an Open Data Climate – (Salon D2)

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for 1.25 CM
& 1.25 Ethics
Credits

LAFCos are required to evaluate local agencies on their “accountability” in MSRs. But what is an accountable public agency by today's standards? With the burgeoning trend towards more open data, we'll explore what this means for LAFCos and how we may need to rethink our expectations regarding evaluation of public agency accountability. This session will offer practical checklists to measure accountability other helpful information to improve public agency transparency in your county.

SPEAKERS: Don J. Cameron, Vice President, Terranova Ranch, Inc.; Dillon Gibbons, Legislative Representative, CSDA; Rachel Jones, Analyst, Marin LAFCo

MODERATOR: Christine Crawford, Executive Officer, Yolo LAFCo

CEQA – What to Look for in CEQA Documents – (Salon D3)

Approved
for 1.25 CM
Credits

In this session we will pay special attention to LAFCo's role as both a Responsible and Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Attend this session to familiarize yourself with best practices for LAFCos to employ when reviewing and providing comments on CEQA reports and to explore the question, What is LAFCo's role as the "Responsible Agency" or "Lead Agency" under the California Environmental Quality Act?

SPEAKERS: P. Scott Browne, Attorney at Law; Patrick McCormick, Executive Officer, Santa Cruz LAFCo; Alisha Winterswyk, Partner, Best Best & Krieger LLP

10:15 am – 10:30 am SNACK BREAK

10:30 am – Noon CALAFCO Organization and Legislative Updates – (Salon C)

Join your CALAFCO staff and Legislative Committee leaders to hear all the latest Association news as well as an up-to-the-minute legislative report on all bills of interest to CALAFCO.

SPEAKERS: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO; Steve Lucas, Executive Officer, Butte LAFCo; Paul Novak, Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo; Lou Ann Teixeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCo



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