

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

2018 CALAFCO Annual Conference

October 3 – 5, 2018
Tenaya Lodge ♦ Yosemite, CA

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) provides educational, networking and resource sharing opportunities to the commissioners and staff of California's 58 member Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFcos). The Annual Conference brings together nearly 300 commissioners and executive staff from around the state.



CALAFCO is soliciting session proposals for the 2018 Annual Conference, to be held October 3 – 5, 2018 at the Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite, California. This is an opportunity to share effective models, policies, best practices, research and information, and innovative approaches addressing the processes and issues confronted by LAFcos around the state.



To help us develop an exciting and motivating program we invite you to consider contributing a session! Any interested individual, agency or firm is invited to submit a presentation proposal. **Submission deadline is Friday, April 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Program Committee is particularly seeking presentations that introduce new ideas, convey useful strategies, identify lessons learned from case studies, and strengthen attendees' existing skills and knowledge. Interactive sessions are highly recommended. Potential topics for presentations include, but are definitely not limited to, these subject areas:

- ◆ Leadership practices
- ◆ Challenges of municipal service delivery
- ◆ Financing municipal services
- ◆ Regional and intergovernmental collaboration and relations
- ◆ Fiscal challenges facing local agencies and creative solutions
- ◆ Approaching and assessing reorganization proposals (shared services models)
- ◆ Approaching and analyzing conflicting proposals
- ◆ Water issues including availability, delivery, quality and alternatives (desal/recycled water)
- ◆ Agricultural and open space issues and protection
- ◆ Water governance
- ◆ LAFCO role in climate adaptation and impacts of climate change
- ◆ LAFCO role in JPAs and contracts involving two or more public agencies
- ◆ Transparency and accountability
- ◆ Ethical considerations in boundary, formation, consolidation and service delivery decisions
- ◆ Groundwater management (SGMA)
- ◆ LAFCo management best practices
- ◆ Issues of commission independence
- ◆ Service delivery in economically disadvantaged communities
- ◆ LAFcos role in area planning including land use, transportation and housing
- ◆ Innovation, effective public engagement, and transparency in LAFcos and other public agencies
- ◆ LAFCo legal responsibilities and challenges
- ◆ Collaboration and negotiation

Guidelines for Presentations

1. Presentations must have a focus on LAFCo policy or operations and include practical application to the work of LAFCo commissioners and staff.
2. Presentations may not be used to market products or services. Sponsorships with tabletop exhibit space are available for that purpose. Please contact CALAFCO for information on sponsorships.
3. Presentations that are experiential or interactive in nature, as well as those that include case studies are highly encouraged.
4. Presentation format and duration are either 60-90 minute general sessions or 60-90 minute breakout sessions. Please indicate which session you are proposing.
5. Presenters submitting proposals are required to pay the registration fee. In addition, no honoraria or travel expense reimbursement is provided for any presenter submitting through this "Call for Presentations."
6. The standard audio/visual equipment provided by CALAFCO includes LCD projector, laptop computer, screen, and podium microphones. Flip charts available upon request.
7. Final presentation materials should be submitted not later than two weeks prior to the conference. Presentations and handout materials will be posted on the CALAFCO web site.
8. Presenters are responsible for printing and providing handout materials.
9. The presentation proposal should include the following elements:
 - ◆ Title of the presentation.
 - ◆ A concise description of the session, specifically summarizing content in no more than 200 words.
 - ◆ Learning objectives, described from the attendees' standpoint: what will attendees be able to do on completion of the session or what new information will they receive. Include up to four objectives.
 - ◆ Proposed timeline of the session.
 - ◆ Each presenter's name, title and a brief biography (no more than one paragraph).
 - ◆ Contact information for the proposer.

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Presentation proposals should be submitted electronically to:

Pamela Miller, CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller at pmiller@calafco.org

Please provide a copy of the submittal to Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo and CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer at cemery@ocalafco.org and Christine Crawford, Executive Officer, Yolo LAFCo and CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer at christine.crawford@yolocounty.org

Questions on the Conference or Sponsorships?

Please contact CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller at (916) 442-6536 or pmiller@calafco.org

