



Announcing The 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference Preliminary Program

(Last updated September 9, 2019)

Breakout sessions are subject to time change on Thursday

Speakers are being finalized

Look for the final program soon

Please note new start time of 1:00 on Wednesday and the change of location for the last general session of the day

Wednesday – October 30

7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mobile Workshop *info coming soon*

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

LAFCo 101 – Understanding and applying the basics

This informative and interactive session is intended to provide elected officials and staff members of LAFCo's, counties, cities, and special districts with a better working knowledge of LAFCo's history, processes, legal framework and procedures. Participants will also have the opportunity to work together in small groups to discuss and resolve some challenging LAFCo scenarios. Panelists and participants will discuss a number of topics including the authority and purpose of LAFCo; the LAFCo review process; the laws involved in LAFCo decisions; and updating Spheres of Influence and Municipal Service Reviews. You always learn something by attending a LAFCo 101 session. Participants will also get the chance to work through several LAFCo case studies to put that knowledge into practice.

Speakers confirmed: *Paula de Sousa Mills (LAFCo legal counsel), David West (Imperial Commissioner), Carole Cooper (Sonoma Asst. EO). Moderator: David Church (SLO EO).*

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

Conference Opening

Welcoming Remarks

Welcome to the 2019 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Sacramento! The Sacramento Area Firefighters Honor Guard and Pipes and Drum Corps will help us officially open the Conference, along with CALAFCO Board Chair Josh Susman, Conference Chair Anita Paque and Executive Director Pamela Miller.





1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

General session: Stress-testing LAFCos and local agencies in changing times

The landscape of the state is changing – both literally and metaphorically. LAFCos have the responsibility of considering many of the causes for those changes when reviewing applications and conducting MSRs; and there is an opportunity for LAFCos to step into a larger role in facilitating responses to local catastrophes that are the result of radical changes caused by nature or humans. This session will explore LAFCos' role as facilitator, engager and participant in the planning, review and response in these instances.

Speakers confirmed: Kate Gordon, Director of OPR, Ellen Hanak (Center Director on Water Policy, Public Policy Institute of CA), Bill Connelly (Butte Commissioner) and Keene Simonds (San Diego EO).

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Refreshment Break

3:00 p.m. & 3:10 p.m.

Groups escorted to State Capitol for final general session of the day

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 4202

Join us for a one-time unique experience in the State Capitol for this session.

General session: It takes a village: LAFCo, County and State collaboration to solve a local problem

Sometimes solving local issues locally is tough and at times we all need a little help. What do you do with a service provider who just can't do the right thing? How do you know if and when you have exhausted all of the local options? What's the response when the situation reaches crisis levels? At what point does the LAFCo seek state assistance and intervention? This session explores these questions through a case study of the Santa Clara County Water Agency and the extraordinary collaborative effort it took to resolve the problem.

Speakers confirmed: Assemblymember Mike Gipson, Janice Hahn (LA County Supervisor), Jeff O'Keefe (SWRCB), Mark Pestrella (Director, LA County DPW) and Paul Novak (LA EO).

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Regency Foyer & Corridor

Pre-dinner Reception with Sponsors

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Regency D-E-F

Banquet and Awards

9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Capitol Parkview Room

After dinner gathering





Thursday – October 31

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast Buffet

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Regional Caucus meetings and Elections

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Regency A-B-C

CALAFCO Annual Business meeting

All members are invited to attend.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Regency Corridor

Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Regional Roundtables

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Regency D-E-F

Luncheon Keynote, Award-winning journalist and best-selling author Mark Arax

Mark will share his unique insights and perspectives on the history of agriculture in California, the growing need for the rare resource of water and the growing pressures of farming and housing on the land, particularly in rural areas.

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink

As we continue to grapple with ensuring all California's have access to adequate and safe drinking water, we see the SWRCB's authority expand, the Legislature create more local mandates and more unsustainable systems created. What are the unintended consequences of these action which are meant to be "fixes"? How does the impact of climate change on water affect local conditions and potential solutions? Join us for a multi-perspective conversation on this critical issue.

Speakers confirmed: Michelle Frederick (SWRCB), Sara Lytle-Pinhey (Stanislaus EO) and Dan Feron (Santa Margarita Water District). Moderator: David Church (SLO EO).





Planning the legislative menu rather than being on the menu

Learn how your active participation in the legislative process and awareness of how you can make a difference in impacting legislation that affects LAFcos. We will also discuss which conditions create the perfect storm for legislation to address a specific local issue (whether that be LAFco-generated or otherwise).

Speakers confirmed: *Curt Pringle, former Speaker of Assembly, Mayor of Anaheim, Chairman of High Speed Rail*

Solving difficult service issues with creative and innovative solutions

Over time the issues LAFco deals with have become more complex. This means that more creative and innovative solutions are required to solve these difficult governance and service issues. Join the conversation about those complex issues and some unique and creative solutions for your LAFco to consider.

Speakers confirmed: *Laura Taylor, Cordova Park and Rec District, Mai Ann Healy and John Garn, BioFiltro and Almis Urdrys, City of San Diego Mayor's Office*

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Regency Corridor

Refreshment Break with Sponsors

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Breakout Sessions

MSRs: You get out what you put in

This session focuses on MSRs from a commissioner perspective – mustering up the political will to prioritize the resources to conduct MSRs; to address deficiencies identified by implementing recommendations; how to effectively assert LAFco influence for full agency involvement in the MSR process; and what to do with them once they are done so they create maximum value for your local governance.

Speakers confirmed: *Susan Wilson (Santa Clara Commissioner), Shiva Frentzen (El Dorado Commissioner), Debbie Kurita (Orange Asst. EO), Holly Whatley (LAFco legal counsel) and Steve Lucas (Butte EO)*

Opportunities and Challenges for LAFco in addressing the housing call

In the face of the state's housing crisis, local and state agencies are feverishly working to understand the issues and take action to address the lack of housing. LAFco involvement in this conversation has long been debated, and with recent trends at the state and local level, it is becoming evident we should wake up to the call for action related to housing. Join us for a provocative discussion on how we do this and why we should care.

Speakers confirmed: *Lucy Dunn, Former Director of HCD, Carolyn Emery (Orange EO)*





What's your story? Crafting and communicating a compelling LAFCo narrative

So the majority of the population has no idea what a LAFCo is or what a LAFCo does, and we struggle with communicating and connecting with those that don't. This session will explore one LAFCo's experience in creating an outreach and engagement plan and the tangible results that have come from this outreach. Learn how to create your own LAFCo's story.

Speakers being confirmed.

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

CALAFCO Reception

Capitol Parkview Room

Dinner on your own

Friday – November 1

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Regency D-E-F

Breakfast Buffet

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

CALAFCO Board of Directors meeting

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Regency A-B-C

General session: Leading your LAFCo into the next decade with courage and independence

Join us as we explore the delicate high-wire balancing act of independent LAFCo thinking and decision-making as well as what it looks like to lead your LAFCo into the next decade.

Speaker invited: Karen Pinkos, ICMA President and City Manager, El Cerrito

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Regency Corridor

Refreshment Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Regency A-B-C

General session: CALAFCO legislative update

Speakers confirmed: Jimmy MacDonald (ALGC), Pamela Miller (CALAFCO ED), Lou Ann Texiera (Contra Costa EO) and Sam Martinez (San Bernardino EO). Speaker invited: Senator Mike McGuire.

