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2019 Staff Workshop Schedule At-a-Glance

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:45 am** MOBILE WORKSHOP
- 1:30 pm** WORKSHOP OPENING – Welcoming remarks
- 2:00 pm** GENERAL SESSION
MSRs: Tools and determinations – What will stand legal scrutiny and the test of time?
- 3:15 pm** REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 3:30 pm** ROUNDTABLES
- 5:30 pm** RECEPTION: Bounty of Your County
- 7:00 pm** DINNER (On your own)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

- 7:30 am** CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BUFFET
- 9:00 am** BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- Information Exchange and Knowledge Support of the 21st Century—Clerks Style
 - CKH: Reading between the lines
 - Making GIS work for the LAFCo layperson
- 10:30 am** REFRESHMENT BREAK
- 10:45 am** BREAKOUT SESSIONS
- Clerk certification - To be or not to be? That is the question
 - CEQA 201
 - Succession planning: Is your LAFCo prepared for the Silver Tsunami?
- 12:30 pm** LUNCH
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- Analyst 201 – Level up and put a capital “a” in “analyst”
 - Master the art of resolution making
 - Ethics, politics and decisions – Tales from the trenches
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FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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CALAFCO legislative and organizational update

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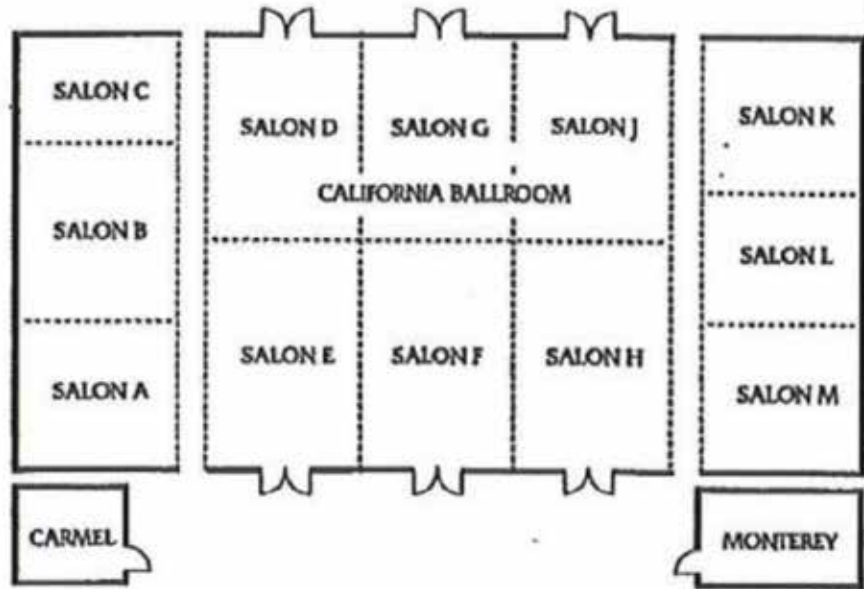


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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

7:45 am – 12:30 pm MOBILE WORKSHOP

Tour two unique San Jose environs and learn how the preservation of open space and ag lands (Coyote Valley) and the revitalization of the downtown (Silicon Valley) go hand in hand in building climate and economic resilience. Stops include the Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve, San Jose's historic Diridon Station, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning & Urban Research Assoc. office, and we will end with a delicious lunch at Olla Cocina in San Pedro Square.

BUS LOADS: 7:30 AM | DEPARTS PROMPTLY: 7:45 AM

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm WORKSHOP OPENING – Welcoming remarks – Salons A-B-C

SPEAKERS: Sergio Jimenez, Vice Chair, Santa Clara LAFCo; Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO; Neelima Palacherla, Executive Officer, Santa Clara LAFCo

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

GENERAL SESSION: MSRs: Tools and determinations – What will withstand legal scrutiny and the test of time? – Salons A-B-C

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for 1.25
AICP CM
Credits

This interactive session explores the effectiveness and use of a checklist and other tools in the preparation of MSRs. We will also examine determinations, some that have worked well and some that haven't. Will your determination survive a legal challenge?

SPEAKERS: SR Jones, Executive Officer, Nevada LAFCo; David Ruderman, Senior Counsel, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC; Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, San Diego LAFCo

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Foyer)

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

ROUNDTABLES – (Salons A-B-C = Staff; Salon J = Counsel; Salon H = Clerks)

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

RECEPTION: Bounty of Your County – Lounge and pool area

7:00 pm

DINNER – (On your own)

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 am – 9:00 am

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BUFFET – Salons K-L-M

9:00 am – 10:30 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS (3 Choices)

Information Exchange and Knowledge Support of the 21st Century – Clerks Style – Salons H-J

Part 1: Clerking 101 – A day in the life of an independent and dependent LAFCo Clerk

Part 2: Clerk's Resource Guide for the 21st Century

SPEAKERS: Amanda Graham, Office Assistant, Fresno LAFCo; Sandy Hou, Clerk, Alameda LAFCo; Amie Kane, Clerk, Tulare LAFCo; Kate Sibley, Executive Assistant, Contra Costa LAFCo

MODERATOR: Tamaron Lockett, Executive Assistant, San Diego LAFCo

CKH: Reading between the lines – Salons D-E

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Have you ever second-guessed your interpretation of CKH? If so, you'll want to join us for this discussion-style session designed for LAFCo practitioners to exchange common and uncommon terminology and procedural snags within CKH. We will go beyond the text and explore the spirit of CKH through a conversation with LAFCo veterans. Test your skills and improve your rationale as we navigate through the gloomy sections of CKH.

SPEAKERS: Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer, Merced & San Benito LAFCos; Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer, San Mateo LAFCo

MODERATOR: David Fey, Executive Officer, Fresno LAFCo



Making GIS work for the LAFCo layperson – Salons F-G

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LAFCos are increasingly using ArcGIS as a visualization tool to gain detailed perspective on land use patterns and infrastructure in an effort to limit urban sprawl and conserve resource lands. GIS technology empowers LAFCo staff with enhanced visibility into data, including evaluating project feasibility and their impacts on the environment. This interactive session will cover how to make professional looking maps that can be used in staff reports, presentations and other materials using ArcGIS Online. **Note: Workshop participants must bring a laptop for this “how-to” session.**

SPEAKERS: Greg Bazhaw, GIS Analyst, Santa Clara County Department of Planning & Development; Lakshmi Rajagopalan, Analyst, Santa Clara LAFCo

10:30 am – 10:45 am REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Foyer)

10:45 am – 12:15 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS – (3 Choices)

Clerk certification - To be or not to be? That is the question. – Salons H-J

Five years ago, a committee worked with CALAFCO to create a proposed process for LAFCo clerk certification, including criteria and a curriculum. For many reasons, the idea was put on hold. Now, with so many new clerks and increased requests for training, it's time to reopen discussions about clerk certification and/or training and what that might entail.

SPEAKERS: Emmanuel Abello, Clerk, Santa Clara LAFCo; Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO; Joy Stover, Clerk, Butte LAFCo; Diane Thorpe, Clerk, Sacramento LAFCo; Terri Tuck, Clerk, Yolo LAFCo

MODERATOR: Kate Sibley, Executive Assistant, Contra Costa LAFCo

CEQA 201 – Salons D-E

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This session will explore LAFCos' use of CEQA exemptions and instances when a LAFCo may need to be the Lead Agency. A panel of experts will discuss items to consider when LAFCo is a Responsible Agency, or in the infrequent CEQA “driver seat,” and finally, when an applicant tries to submit incomplete or ill-conceived CEQA work. We will exchange ideas with seasoned EOs and LAFCo legal counsel. Don't be frightened by CEQA, join us and learn how LAFCo's adapt to environmental review.

SPEAKERS: Scott Browne, Attorney, Law Office of P. Scott Browne; Nathaniel Taylor, Senior Planner, Lamphier-Gregory; Holly Whatley, Attorney, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

MODERATOR: SR Jones, Executive Officer, Nevada LAFCo

Succession planning: Is your LAFCo prepared for the Silver Tsunami? – Salons F-G

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CM Credits

How ready is your LAFCo to deal with inevitable changes in staff? This session focuses on personnel planning for both expected and unexpected turnover at all levels (EO, Analyst and Clerk). We will discuss best practices and pitfalls of succession planning and outside recruitment to replace key personnel, particularly in small agencies where all roles are critical and much of the institutional knowledge lives with just a few staff members.

SPEAKERS: Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer, Orange LAFCo; Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCo; Pat McCormick, Executive Officer, Santa Cruz LAFCo

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH – Salons K-L-M

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Analyst 201 – Level up and put a capital “a” in “analyst” – Salons H-J

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CM Credits

This session is designed for new and intermediate-level LAFCo analysts. Participants will be encouraged to exchange ideas, going beyond the introductory phase and stepping into analysis of commission proceedings. We will review project management best practices, applicability and how to successfully navigate commission-initiated proposals.

SPEAKERS: Gavin Centeno, Policy Analyst, Orange LAFCo; Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCo; Paula de Sousa Mills, Partner, Best Best & Krieger; Joe Serrano, Executive Officer, Santa Cruz

MODERATOR: Paula Graf, Analyst, Imperial LAFCo

Master the art of resolution making – Salons F-G

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In this session, participants will gain an understanding of LAFCo processes and procedures relating to different types of resolutions and learn basic practices of submitting a resolution. Explore the key information required for different types of resolutions based on various actions (approval vs. disapproval), the CKH required content and the nuances that make a resolution an informative and powerful record.

SPEAKERS: Gary B. Bell, Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC; Nancy Mees, Clerk, Amador & Calaveras LAFCos

MODERATOR: Doug Dorado, Government Analyst, Los Angeles LAFCo

Ethics, politics and decisions – Tales from the trenches – Salons D-E

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1.5 AICP CM
Credits & 1.5
Ethics Credits

Hear tales amassed over 72 years of collective LAFCo experience of ethics and politics and the sometimes whacky decisions that come from such a mix. This session will delve in to case studies in which ethics – or a lapse thereof – made all the difference. Additionally, we will examine other case studies offered by LAFCos throughout the state in which ethical dynamics were integral to a commission proceeding and subsequent outcome.

SPEAKERS: David Church, Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo; Pat McCormick, Executive Officer, Santa Cruz LAFCo

MODERATOR: Don Lockhart, AICP, Executive Officer, Sacramento LAFCo

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Some LAFCos have detailed, articulate policies. Others are skeletal. CKH invites policies on many topics. This panel will identify the range of policy topics, the theory behind detailed policies and the pros and cons of particular policies.

SPEAKERS: Michael Colantuono, Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC; Ben Giuliani, Executive Officer, Tulare LAFCo; Sblend Sblendorio, Commissioner, Alameda LAFCo

10:15 am – 10:30 am REFRESHMENT BREAK – (Foyer)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm GENERAL SESSION: CALAFCO legislative and organizational update – Salons A-B-C

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

SPEAKERS: Steve Lucas, Executive Officer, Butte LAFCo; Samuel Martinez, Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo; Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO; Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCo



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