CALAFCO STAFF WORKSHOP

"Waldo"
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"Mort"
City Planner

"Gwen"
City Manager

"Marilyn"
County Supervisor/Commissioner
(whose district was far from annexation area)

"Ricardo"
County Supervisor/Commissioner
(whose district included annexation area)
Scenario #1:

Should the risk of a lawsuit be considered in your review and recommendation?

What happens when your consultant changes teams?
Scenario 1: Lawsuit a factor?

- An annexation of a specific plan that will likely be litigated
- Good possibility that developer will win the lawsuit
- A strong, organized, vocal opposition to the annexation
- Counsel advises approval because the potential for losing lawsuit is so great
- A water supply situation that is questionable, but manageable
- Water consultant hired review water info; changes teams
- After providing the Commission with a report; consultant contracts with applicant/developer
Scenario #2:

Caught in the middle: the politics of water, wine, and wondering what to do?
Scenario 2: Caught in the Middle

- SGMA requires local management of “critical” basins
- PR Basin has many players/interests; vineyards, wineries, city users, rural users, cowboys and cowgirls, adjudicators, and Harvard Corporation and Pom Wonderful, farmers
- Exceedingly polarized/low trust levels: Who’s water are you using? Where are you moving the water? Is the basin in overdraft? Quiet Title/Adjudication and SGMA/GSP are concurrent
Scenario 2: Caught in the Middle

• Solution: Give everybody a seat at the GSA table: grazers/farmers district, vineyard/winegrowers district, county represents other land owners, City and CSD are at the table

• Created voluntary districts opt in/opt out districts; a menu for landowners to choose from-join a district or don’t join-County represents you if you don’t
KEEP CALM
YOU CAN'T MAKE
EVERYBODY HAPPY