

Santa Barbara LAFCO

Report on 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference

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- The 2016 CALAFCO Conference Planning Committee held its third meeting on February 23, 2016, by conference call.
- Your Executive Officer and Commissioners Moorhouse and Welt, a serve on the Planning Committee.
- At the January 7, 2016 meeting, the Commission decided on the theme for the conference: ***“Orchards to Oceans: Balancing California’s Diversity.”*** The theme will set the tone for the conference program.
- CALAFCO’s graphic designer has come up with a Conference logo based on the Conference theme. The logo will be used with the attached Conference Announcement and Sponsorship Information.

Conference Logo



Call for Presentations

- On February 12, 2016, CALAFCO sent out a Call for Presentations for the conference (attached). Basically, the call asked if anyone is interested in presenting a session at this year's Annual Conference, please review the attached Call for Presentations and respond.
- The deadline for responding was Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The presentations are intended to discuss the latest issues and share knowledge and best practices.

Mobile Workshop and Special Events

- As the host LAFCO, we are working on a Mobile Workshop on Wednesday morning before the Conference begins. The Mobile Workshop is an opportunity for the host LAFCO to showcase one or two unique locales or facilities that benefit the local environment.
- Santa Barbara Desal Plant tour, Lake Cachuma/Bradbury Dam. Flower Facility in Carpinteria, Wineries, Local Chef's, Thursday night Banquet.

Sponsorships:

- For the first time this year, CALAFCO has hired a “sponsorship team” for the Annual Conference. What this means is that CALAFCO will contact prospective sponsors directly through the sponsorship team.
- Therefore, if any Commissioners have a prospective sponsor(s), please send their contact information, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, to Commission Clerk Jacquelyne Alexander. Jacquelyne will then forward the information directly to CALAFCO’s sponsorship team.

Other Planning Committee Suggestions:

- AB 3 session to discuss Universities/State Agencies and the role they play in planning as well as other governance issues
- AB 8 session to discuss the property tax exchange process, non-enterprise districts, and other issues
- Greenhouse gas and how this issues plays into LAFCO decisions.
- A groundwater session-SGMA, new districts, expanding districts and powers: exploring the new regulatory landscape and it is working out.
- State overrides of local authority: SGMA, SB 239, SB 88 to name a few. A robust and provocative discussion about the erosion of local control.
- Local Producer Steve Nicolaides and groundwater documentary-other prominent speakers?
- When the drought ends? Everything will be fine!?! A session exploring what happens if El Nino “cures” the drought. What lessons have we learned?

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission Receive Report on 2016 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Santa Barbara –Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Conference including program topics, Mobile Workshop and Thursday's Banquet themes