

**Solano Local Agency Formation Commission**

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Staff Report

DATE: June 8, 2015
TO: Local Agency Formation Commission
FROM: Elliot Mulberg, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **CALAFCO Conference and CALAFCO Board Nominations**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission

- 1) Identify those interested in attending the conference;
- 2) Select the voting delegate for Solano LAFCO;
- 3) Nominate a city or public member interested in serving on the CALAFCO Board.

DISCUSSION:

This year CALAFCO will hold its annual conference on September 2-4 in Sacramento. The conference will have many interesting and informative sessions on issues facing LAFCOs. In addition it provides an opportunity for networking with other LAFCO commissioners and LAFCO professionals. In the past as many as four commissioners have attended. The FY15/16 budget allows for all commissioners and staff to attend the conference.

Besides the sessions and the mobile workshop, the conference is where each regional caucus elects or re-elects directors to the CALAFCO board. There are four regions in the state and Solano County is in the Coastal Region. Each region has four directors, one each from county, city, special district, and public members.

The Coastal region has two seats that are up for election, the city member and the public member. Since CALAFCO directors must be commissioners or alternate commissioners, Solano LAFCO can nominate one of its mayors or public members, should they be interested, for a board position. If so, the nomination form must be completed and signed by the Chair. Staff will assist with the submittal in that we also need to submit the Candidate's Resume form and a letter of support or a resolution supporting our candidates. Since nominations are due August 3, this will be the only meeting where Solano LAFCO will have an opportunity to

nominate members to the CALAFCO Board. It would be advantageous to submit the application by the August 3 deadline since it will be included in the recruitment committee's report which is circulated at the conference.

In the election only the votes of the voting delegates count. The name of the voting delegate must also be submitted in by August 3 in advance of the conference. Like nominations this is our last meeting before the deadline to choose a voting delegate.

Should there be no interest in attending the conference. There are a couple of options. The Commission could appoint the Executive Officer as the voting delegate. Other LAFCOs have done so in the past. I will be attending the conference as I am the chair of the nominating committee and responsible for overseeing the election.

Alternatively the CALAFCO board is experimenting with an absentee ballot if no commissioners are able to attend. If so I would recommend the Commission request an absentee ballot. However since our meeting is after the deadline for receiving absentee ballots the voting delegate would also need to complete the absentee ballot. That way Solano LAFCO can participate in the election.

Staff Recommendation: 1) Identify those interested in attending the conference; 2) Appoint a voting delegate; 3) Nominate a public member or city member for a seat on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

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5 May 2015

To: Local Agency Formation Commission
Members and Alternate Members

From: Elliot Mulberg, Committee Chair
Board Recruitment Committee
CALAFCO Board of Directors

RE: Nominations for 2015/2016 CALAFCO Board of Directors



Nominations are now open for the fall elections of the CALAFCO Board of Directors. Serving on the CALAFCO Board is a unique opportunity to work with other commissioners throughout the state on legislative, fiscal and operational issues that affect us all. The Board meets four to five times each year at alternate sites around the state. Any LAFCo commissioner or alternate commissioner is eligible to run for a Board seat.

CALAFCO's Recruitment Committee is accepting nominations for the following seats on the CALAFCO Board of Directors:

<u>Northern Region</u>	<u>Central Region</u>	<u>Coastal Region</u>	<u>Southern Region</u>
District Member	City Member	City Member	District Member
County Member	Public Member	Public Member	County Member

The election will be conducted during regional caucuses at the CALAFCO annual conference prior to the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, CA.

Please inform your Commission that the CALAFCO Recruitment Committee is accepting nominations for the above-cited seats until *Monday, August 3, 2015.*

Incumbents are eligible to run for another term. Nominations received by August 3 will be included in the Recruitment Committee's Report and on the ballot, copies of which will be distributed to LAFCo members August 19 and made available at the Annual Conference. Nominations received after this date will be returned; however, nominations will be permitted from the floor during the Regional Caucuses or during at-large elections, if required, at the Annual Membership Meeting.

For those member LAFCos who cannot send a representative to the Annual Meeting an electronic ballot will be made available if requested in advance. The ballot request must be made no later than Monday, August 3, 2015. Completed absentee ballots must be returned by August 28, 2015.

Should your Commission nominate a candidate, the Chair of your Commission must complete the attached Nomination Form and the Candidate's Resume Form, or provide the specified information in another format other than a resume. Commissions may also include a letter of recommendation or resolution in support of their nominee.

1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

Voice 916-442-6536
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www.calafco.org

The nomination forms and materials must be received by the CALAFCO Executive Director no later than Monday, August 3, 2015.

Here is a summary of the deadlines for this year's nomination process:

- **May 5** – Nomination Announcement and packet sent to LAFCo membership and posted on the CALAFCO website.
- **August 3** – Completed Nomination packet due
- **August 3** – Request for an absentee/electronic ballot
- **August 3** – Voting delegate name due to CALAFCO
- **August 19** – Distribution of the Recruitment Committee Report (includes all completed/submitted nomination papers)
- **August 19** – Distribution of requested absentee/electronic ballots.
- **August 28** – Absentee ballots due to CALAFCO
- **September 3** - Elections

Returning the nomination form prior to the deadline ensures your nominee is placed on the ballot. Please forward nominations to:

CALAFCO Recruitment Committee c/o Executive Director
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, California 95814
FAX: 916-442-6535

Electronic filing of nomination forms and materials is encouraged to facilitate the recruitment process. Please send e-mails with forms and materials to info@calafco.org. Alternatively, nomination forms and materials can be mailed or faxed to the above address.

Former CALAFCO Board Member and Associate Member Elliot Mulberg has agreed to once again assist CALAFCO with the election process. We appreciate and value his expertise. Questions about the election process can be directed to him at elliott@emulberg.com or 916-217-8393.

Members of the 2015/2016 CALAFCO Recruitment Committee are:

Chair – Elliot Mulberg elliott@emulberg.com	Associate Member and former CALAFCO Board member 916-217-8393
Josh Susman jsusman@calafco.org	Nevada LAFCo (Northern Region) 530-559-1725
Gay Jones gjones@calafco.org	Sacramento LAFCo (Central Region) 916-208-0736
Michael McGill mmcgill@calafco.org	Contra Costa LAFCo (Coastal Region) 925-383-9750
Cheryl Brothers cbrothers@calafco.org	Orange LAFCo (Southern Region) 714-315-1403

Attached please find a copy of the CALAFCO Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures.

Please consider joining us!
Enclosures

Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures and Forms

The procedures for nominations and election of the CALAFCO Board of Directors [Board] are designed to assure full, fair and open consideration of all candidates, provide confidential balloting for contested positions and avoid excessive demands on the time of those participating in the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The Board nomination and election procedures shall be:

1. APPOINTMENT OF A RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- a. Following the Annual Membership Meeting the Board shall appoint a Committee of four members of the Board. The Recruitment Committee shall consist of one member from each region whose term is not ending.
- b. The Board shall appoint one of the members of the Recruitment Committee to serve as Chairman. The CALAFCO Executive Officer shall appoint a CALAFCO staff member to serve as staff for the Recruitment Committee in cooperation with the CALAFCO Executive Director.
- c. Each region shall designate a regional representative to serve as staff liaison to the Recruitment Committee.
- d. Goals of the Committee are to encourage and solicit candidates by region who represent member LAFCOs across the spectrum of geography, size, and urban-suburban-rural population, and to provide oversight of the elections process.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBER LAFCOs

- a. No later than three months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall send an announcement to each LAFCo for distribution to each commissioner and alternate. The announcement shall include the following:
 - i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. A regional map including LAFCOs listed by region.
 - iii. The dates by which all nominations must be received by the Recruitment Committee. The deadline shall be no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. Nominations received after the closing date shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Nominations Committee action."
 - iv. The names of the Recruitment Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.
 - v. The address to send the nominations forms.
 - vi. A form for a Commission to use to nominate a candidate and a candidate resume form of no more than one page each to be completed for each nominee.
- b. No later than four months before the annual membership meeting, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall send an announcement to the Executive Director for distribution to each member LAFCo and for publication in the newsletter and on the website. The announcement shall include the following:

Key Timeframes for Nominations Process

Days*	
90	Nomination announcement
30	Nomination deadline
14	Committee report released

*Days prior to annual membership meeting

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 - ii. The specific date by which all nominations must be received by the Recruitment Committee. Nominations received after the closing dates shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Recruitment Committee action."
 - iii. The names of the Recruitment Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.
 - iv. Requirement that nominated individual must be a commissioner or alternate commissioner from a member in good standing within the region.
- c. A copy of these procedures shall be posted on the web site.

3. THE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The Recruitment Committee and the regional representatives have the responsibility to monitor nominations and help assure that there are adequate nominations from each region for each seat up for election. No later than two weeks prior to the Annual Conference, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall distribute to the members the Committee Report organized by regions, including copies of all nominations and resumes, which are received prior to the end of the nomination period.
- b. At the close of the nominations the Recruitment Committee shall prepare regional ballots. Each region will receive a ballot specific to that region. Each region shall conduct a caucus at the Annual Conference for the purpose of electing their designated seats. Caucus elections must be held prior to the annual membership meeting at the conference. The Executive Director or assigned staff along with a member of the Recruitment committee shall tally ballots at each caucus and provide the Recruitment Committee the names of the elected Board members and any open seats. In the event of a tie, the staff and Recruitment Committee member shall immediately conduct a run-off ballot of the tied candidates.
- c. Make available sufficient copies of the Committee Report for each Voting Member by the beginning of the Annual Conference.
- d. Make available blank copies of the nomination forms and resume forms to accommodate nominations from the floor at either the caucuses or the annual meeting (if an at-large election is required).
- e. Advise the Annual Conference Planning Committee to provide "CANDIDATE" ribbons to all candidates attending the Annual Conference.
- f. Post the candidate statements/resumes organized by region on a bulletin board near the registration desk.
- g. Regional elections shall be conducted as described in Section 4 below. The representative from the Recruitment Committee shall serve as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of the caucus election.
- h. Following the regional elections, in the event that there are open seats for any offices subject to the election, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall notify the Chair of the Board of Directors that an at-large election will be required at the annual membership meeting and to provide a list of the number and category of seats requiring an at-large election.

4. ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR LAFCO IN GOOD STANDING NOT ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING
Limited to the elections of the Board of Directors

- a. Any LAFCo in good standing shall have the option to request an electronic ballot if there will be no representative attending the annual meeting.
- b. LAFCos requesting an electronic ballot shall do so in writing no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- c. The Executive Director shall distribute the electronic ballot no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- d. LAFCo must return the ballot electronically to the executive director no later than three days prior to the annual meeting.
- e. LAFCos voting under this provision may discard their electronic ballot if a representative is able to attend the annual meeting.
- f. LAFCos voting under this provision may only vote for the candidates nominated by the Recruitment Committee.

5. AT THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS DURING THE REGIONAL CAUCUSES OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- a. The Recruitment Committee Chairman, another member of the Recruitment Committee, or the Chair's designee (hereafter called the Presiding Officer) shall:
 - i. Review the election procedure with the membership.
 - ii. Present the Recruitment Committee Report (previously distributed).
 - iii. Call for nominations from the floor by category for those seats subject to this election:
 1. For city member.
 2. For county member.
 3. For public member.
 4. For special district member.
- b. To make a nomination from the floor, a LAFCo, which is in good standing, shall identify itself and then name the category of vacancy and individual being nominated. The nominator may make a presentation not to exceed two minutes in support of the nomination.
- c. When there are no further nominations for a category, the Presiding Officer shall close the nominations for that category.
- d. The Presiding Officer shall conduct a "Candidates Forum". Each candidate shall be given time to make a brief statement for their candidacy.
- e. The Presiding Officer shall then conduct the election:
 - i. For categories where there are the same number of candidates as vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
 1. Name the nominees and offices for which they are nominated.
 2. Call for a voice vote on all nominees and thereafter declare those unopposed candidates duly elected.

- ii. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
 1. Poll the LAFCoS in good standing by written ballot.
 2. Each LAFCo in good standing may cast its vote for as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. The vote shall be recorded on a tally sheet.
 3. With assistance from CALAFCO staff, tally the votes cast and announce the results.
- iii. Election to the Board shall occur as follows:
 1. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast is elected.
 2. In the case of no majority, the two nominees receiving the two highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 3. In case of tie votes:
 - a. A second run-off election shall be held with the same two nominees.
 - b. If there remains a tie after the second run-off, the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.
 4. In the case of two vacancies, any candidate receiving a majority of votes cast is elected.
 - a. In the case of no majority for either vacancy, the three nominees receiving the three highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - b. In the case of no majority for one vacancy, the two nominees receiving the second and third highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - c. In the event of a tie, a second run-off election shall be held with the tied nominees. If there remains a tie after the second run-off election the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.

6. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

- a. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, names will be listed in the order nominated.
- b. The Recruitment Committee Chair shall announce and introduce all Board Members elected at the Regional Caucuses at the annual business meeting.
- c. In the event that Board seats remain unfilled after a Regional Caucus, an election will be held immediately at the annual business meeting to fill the position at-large. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the election process will follow the procedures described in Section 4 above. Any commissioner or alternate from a member LAFCo may be nominated for at-large seats.
- d. Seats elected at-large become subject to regional election at the expiration of the term. Only representatives from the region may be nominated for the seat.
- e. As required by the Bylaws, the members of the Board shall meet as soon as possible after election of new board members for the purpose of electing officers, determining meeting places and times for the coming year, and conducting any other necessary business.

7. LOSS OF ELECTION IN HOME LAFCO

Board Members and candidates who lose elections in their home office shall notify the Executive Director within 15 days of the certification of the election.

8. FILLING BOARD VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Appointees must be from the same category as the vacancy, and should be from the same region.

These policies and procedures were adopted by the CALAFCO Board of Directors on 12 January 2007 and amended on 9 November 2007, 8 February 2008, 13 February 2009, 12 February 2010, 18 February 2011, and 29 April 2011. They supersede all previous versions of the policies.

CALAFCO Regions



The counties in each of the four regions consist of the following:

Northern Region

Butte
Colusa
Del Norte
Glenn
Humboldt
Lake
Lassen
Mendocino
Modoc
Nevada
Plumas
Shasta
Sierra
Siskiyou
Sutter
Tehama
Trinity
Yuba

CONTACT: Steve Lucas, Butte LAFCo
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Southern Region

Orange
Los Angeles
Imperial
Riverside
San Bernardino
San Diego

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Los Angeles LAFCo
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Coastal Region

Alameda
Contra Costa
Marin
Monterey
Napa
San Benito
San Francisco
San Luis Obispo
San Mateo
Santa Barbara
Santa Clara
Santa Cruz
Solano
Sonoma
Ventura

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Central Region

Alpine
Amador
Calaveras
El Dorado
Fresno
Inyo
Kern
Kings
Madera
Mariposa
Merced
Mono
Placer
Sacramento
San Joaquin
Stanislaus
Tulare
Tuolumne
Yolo

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**Board of Directors
2015/2016 Nominations Form**

Nomination to the CALAFCO Board of Directors

In accordance with the Nominations and Election Procedures of CALAFCO,

_____ LAFCo of the _____ Region

Nominates _____

for the (check one) City County Special District Public

Position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors to be filled by election at the next Annual
Membership Meeting of the Association.

LAFCo Chair

Date

NOTICE OF DEADLINE
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to be considered by the Recruitment Committee. Send
completed nominations to:
CALAFCO Recruitment Committee
CALAFCO
1215 K Street, Suite 1650
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date Received _____

Board of Directors 2015/2016 Candidate Resume Form

Nominated By: _____ LAFCo Date: _____

Region (please check one): Northern Coastal Central Southern

Category (please check one): City County Special District Public

Candidate Name _____

Address _____

Phone Office _____ Mobile _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Personal and Professional Background:

LAFCo Experience:

CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

Availability:

Other Related Activities and Comments:

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