

CALAFCO Update - 2009 LAFCO related legislation

Signed Into Law

AB 528 (Silva) - Completes the financial disclosure requirement transfer to the Political Reform Act and the FPPC. CALAFCO sponsored.

AB 1582 (Assembly Omnibus Bill) - Our CKH omnibus bill that makes various changes including one year to establish spheres for new districts, waiver of protest hearing for annexations involving railroads, conforming information required for written protests, clarifying language on new cities elections by or from districts, and several other technical changes. CALAFCO sponsored.

Governor returned to legislature for enrollment:

SB 113 (Senate Omnibus Bill) - This bill includes a number of changes requested by CALAFCO in other local government laws, it extends the sunset for the R&T 99 property tax exchange agreement negotiation process to 1 Jan 2015, it cleans up some wrong references in CSD and CSA law, it clarifies where a CSD must send name change notifications, and eliminates obsolete language on appropriation limits for new cities. CALAFCO supports.

SB 215 (Wiggins) - This bill adds Regional Transportation Plans (including the sustainable community strategy or alternate strategy) to subsection (g) of the Sec. 56668 factors a LAFCo must consider in the review of proposals. CALAFCO supports.

Bills Active in the Legislature

AB 18 (Knight) - Brings consistency to the number of council members up for election at the first election following incorporation. On Senate consent agenda; must go back to Assembly for concurrence. CALAFCO Supports.

AB 711 (Charles Calderon) - This bill was gutted and amended last week to provide a state loan for the East Los Angeles incorporation studies pursuant to GC Sec. 56383(g). It will require a 2/3 majority in both the Senate and Assembly to pass. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee is meeting tomorrow (Thursday) to discuss a position on the bill.

AB 1232 (Huffman) - Allows Marin LAFCo to consolidate certain wastewater districts without protest if they have not begun process by 2010. It is now co-authored by Senator Leno. CALAFCO has a watch position. The bill is on the third reading in the Senate before going to the Assembly for concurrence.

SB 211 (Simitian) - Would allow the Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors to create a Santa Cruz park and open space district and exempt it from the LAFCo process. CALAFCO opposes. The bill has recently run into opposition from some of the cities and Santa Cruz LAFCo. It is scheduled for the third reading in the Assembly and then goes back to the Senate for concurrence.

There will be a complete legislative update at the CALAFCO Annual Conference.