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To: Olin Woods, Chair, and Members of the
Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission

From: Elisa Carvalho, Interim Executive Officer
Terri Tuck, Commission Clerk

Date: July 25, 2011

Subject: Receive Letter and Information Regarding the 2011 Annual CALAFCO
Conference

Recommended Action

Receive the attached letter and information regarding the 2011 Annual CALAFCO Conference scheduled for August 31 – September 2, 2011.

Reason for Recommended Action

Napa LAFCO, the 2011 CALAFCO Annual Conference Host, provided a letter to member LAFCOs regarding the upcoming conference, which includes an attached Conference flyer and Napa Valley Visitor information.

Fiscal Impact

The LAFCO budget includes appropriations to pay for hotel rooms, registration, travel, and food costs for Commissioners and staff who attend CALAFCO conferences and workshops.

Background

The CALAFCO Annual Conference is held for LAFCO Commissioners and staff to educate

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July 25, 2011

themselves on current statewide issues and activities. It also provides the opportunity to meet LAFCO peers and discuss policy and approaches to improve practices, policies, and procedures. This year's location, in the beautiful Napa Valley, will be a very popular destination.

Each year Commissioners have been very pleased with the quality of the presentations provided at the Conference. In particular, the opening LAFCO 101 session is consistently of interest to new commissioners, and even with some of the more experienced Commissioners. In addition, this year's theme, "Exploring New Boundaries", reflects LAFCO's evolving role in overseeing regional growth management. The program will focus on LAFCO's core challenges and opportunities in facilitating sensible and sustainable growth and development applicable to rural, suburban, and urban communities.

Currently, staff and four Commissioners are registered for the Conference. Staff still has time to make reservations for Commissioners that are interested in attending; however, the deadline for early registration and special conference room rates is July 31, 2011. There may be a limited amount, if any, of hotel rooms available at the Conference rate. The earlier Commissioners can inform us of their intent to attend the Conference the more likely staff will be able to confirm reservations. Room rates are reflected in the attached information. You will also find Conference material with the program, registration fees, and hotel rates listed. If you wish to attend, please contact the Yolo LAFCO office at your earliest convenience.

Attachment:

2011 Annual CALAFCO Conference Letter and Information from Napa LAFCO



Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County
Subdivision of the State of California

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May 20, 2011

TO: CALAFCO Member Agencies
FROM: Bill Dodd, Chair
SUBJECT: 2011 Annual CALAFCO Conference

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YOLO LAFCO

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County is pleased to host CALAFCO's 2011 Annual Conference at the Silverado Resort and Spa between Wednesday, August 31 and Friday, September 2, 2011. We hope all member agencies and guests will join us for three days in the Napa Valley discussing new and emerging trends affecting LAFCOs' planning and regulatory duties. This year's theme is aptly titled, "Exploring New Boundaries," and reflects LAFCOs' evolving role in overseeing regional growth management.

The Planning Committee has organized an outstanding and diverse program focusing on LAFCOs' core challenges and opportunities in facilitating sensible and sustainable growth and development applicable to rural, suburban, and urban communities. An underlying theme to the program is considering the "big picture" factors influencing present and future needs of our collective constituents, such as exploring demographic changes, municipal service funding, and balancing smart urban growth with agricultural preservation.

A visit to the Napa Valley would not be complete without experiencing some of the region's unique and legendary amenities. With this in mind, consider joining fellow attendees for a pre-conference golf tournament at the Silverado Resort's 18-hole championship course scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, August 30. I also encourage attendees to register for a mobile workshop on the morning of Wednesday, August 31. The workshop will include visits to several renowned wineries to learn from the winemakers themselves about their innovative practices in helping to sustain viticulture as the region's main commerce.

Please visit the CALAFCO website at www.calafco.org for more information on the 2011 Annual Conference. This includes registration details and updated draft programs. Should you have any questions, please contact Executive Officer Keene Simonds at (707) 259-8645 or ksimonds@napa.lafco.ca.gov. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Bill Dodd
Chair

Enclosures:

- 1) Conference Flyers
- 2) Napa Valley Visitor Information

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A Feeling Called Napa

An Introduction to the Napa Valley

Care to trade the buzz of your everyday life for a place that sparkles with bliss? Try some time in Napa, and we'll reacquaint you with feelings you may have forgotten. Sound inviting? This rather dramatic transformation begins as soon as you embark on the scenic drive to our valley of the vines. Distractions and stress seem to melt away, as changes in terrain reflect your shifting state of mind. Buildings become fewer and far between, and freeways peel away from the landscape to reveal sprawling farms and pristine ranches. And soon the vines begin to spring up; neat pinstripe rows of perfection in the making that mark the cusp of a different kind of destination; a valley of wonders where the pace has been buffered for your personal enjoyment. Signs outside Napa should read, "Prepare yourself," because things are definitely different here. In fact, people *feel* different here. And once you're in the Napa state of mind you may find yourself doing some unusual things. Gazing through your vehicle's window to take in the *scenery*. Enlisting a morsel of fresh bread to capture that final drop of tantalizing sauce on your dinner plate. You may catch yourself *thinking*. The results are always the same. Your guests will be walking around with smiles spread across their faces, wondering why they haven't been here before. Or wishing they could stay a little longer. Let's put it this way, without departure notices, no one would ever leave. Because every experience here is enhanced by a taste or a touch or a scent or a sound that gently reminds: your other life is miles away. For now, you are at peace. You are calm. You are smiling. You are in Napa.

Cooler in summer and warmer in winter, Silverado sits at the southern end of the Napa valley, where temperatures are ten degrees closer to perfection than in towns just minutes to the north.

Women are "better" wine tasters than men. The art of identifying complicated flavors is based largely on perception, and the female palate is ten times more discerning than the male.

There's no other destination like it anywhere in the world. Why? Because the people that care for your group are artisans that portray life's pleasures in forms that rival perfection. Your meals are prepared by master chefs. The wine you linger over is among the *best in the world*. The places you visit are infused with drama and sculpted in expressions that beg a second look. There is no beginning and end to a group experience in Napa, because every moment is filled with new sensations for every receptor. It is not a destination, it is a feeling. And what a feeling it can be.

What is a day in Napa like? Wake up to the sounds of our world; the chorus of birds performing from a stage of noble firs and shady oaks. Perhaps there is some business to attend to in the morning, but the rest of the day has been reserved for enjoying the many fruits of the verdant valley. Board your coach and ride the Silverado Trail through an ever-changing landscape of golden hills and lush environs until your destination comes into view. Now the winery experience takes hold, gently tugging at your curiosity as warm smiles greet you and your guests. There are stone aging cellars filled with oak barrels to inspect. Production mysteries to unravel. And soon you are standing in a sun-swept tasting room, a glass of *something spectacular* in hand with the mountains of Wine Country on the horizon. “How’s the wine? Can we bring you anything?” These are the questions your guests will become accustomed to, delivered in a tone they will identify as genuine *sincerity*. The sun begins a slow descent as thoughts of dinner creep into your mind. But that has all been arranged, and your job is to simply show up with an appetite for tastes you have not yet encountered. Rich, wonderful flavors that defy description lie in wait at your next destination, a private dining affair in one of Napa’s spectacular venues.

The roses you see planted at the edge of the wineries are part of the vintner’s science. They are prone to the same pests as the grapes, but show the signs of trouble a full two weeks before the vines will.

Each and every evening venue is so dramatic it inspires a change in your state of mind. Witness a western lodge lifted from the sprawling ranches of Montana. Cross stylized foyers of wood and glass that read more like museums of modern art than anything associated with industry. Delve into caves of cool limestone that are so perfectly sculpted they beckon a touch, as if to prove they are in fact real. Day and night, Napa is an intellectual and sensory experience that could not be replicated with a dozen stamps on your passport. And when your evening of fine dining is complete, you return home to the lush landscapes of Silverado. The resort is a place where every care is attended to and each request is fulfilled with the word “yes.” Best of all, it is positioned at the gateway to all that Napa has to offer, so you are never more than minutes from the towns and attractions that your guests will soon become enamored with. Your perfect day complete, you are drifting off to sleep. Tomorrow there is biking or hiking or balloon flights. Another spectacular winery to explore. Perhaps a massage. Tonight, there are dreams and sleep and pure contentment. This is the feeling we call Napa, and now that you have it, you hope it never goes away.

The Napa Valley accounts for just 10% of California’s total wine production. In contrast, the valley’s wineries produce more than 70% of the state’s premium vintages.

Meeting Planner's Guide

Facts and Figures about the Napa Valley

Airports and Access

The Napa Valley is 90 minutes from three of Northern California's airports. Choose between Sacramento (SMF), Oakland (OAK) or San Francisco (SFO) as your gateway to Wine Country. Although drive times can be increased by factors like time of day and day of the week, we've found that Sacramento and Oakland are generally more resistant to extended transfer times than San Francisco. Regardless of the airport you use, drives to Napa are scenic countryside affairs that will pass more quickly than guests expect. Napa County has an airport as well, available to small planes and private charters.

The Weather and your Wardrobe

World-class grapes, like your attendees, require warm days, comfortable nights and very little rain. Napa Valley weather conditions are highly predictable and generally mild. Expect great weather most of the time and you won't be disappointed. Daily temperatures range from the mid fifties in winter to the eighties in the summer; the chart at the right offers more detail. For winter, long pants and a jacket are in order; this is also the rainy season for Napa, and some durable shoes and an umbrella will be welcome accessories on misty days. Summer days are warm and dictate light clothing. Summer evenings are cool and comfortable, and a light sweater or jacket is generally all you'll need, if anything at all. There's plenty of California sunshine here, so don't forget the sunglasses. The key to dressing for success in Napa is layers; when cool mornings give way to warm afternoons, you'll be glad your attire is flexible.

Daily Average Temps

	High	Low
Jan	56	37
Feb	62	40
Mar	64	41
Apr	69	43
May	74	47
June	79	51
July	82	53
Aug	81	53
Sep	81	52
Oct	76	48
Nov	64	42
Dec	56	38

When to Come to Wine Country

You can't always dictate your time of visit, but when you can we offer the following advice. First, avoid the weekends whenever possible, particularly for group events. During the week, the valley's destinations are yours to enjoy. On the weekends, you must share resources with an ever-increasing number of individual travelers. The most hectic months to visit are September and October, when the harvest takes place and tourism is at its peak. We also suggest that whenever possible, your arrivals and departures be scheduled to avoid morning and evening rush hours.

The Basics on Geography

The Napa Valley is approximately thirty miles long and seven miles wide. Destinations in the valley are fairly concentrated, meaning that the furthest transfer from any one point to another is 45 minutes or less, depending on the time of day and the day of the week. Transfer times can be longer during peak traffic hours and on the weekends. The Silverado Resort is located at the southern end of the valley, near the town of Napa. The other communities of the valley run as follows from south to north: Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, Calistoga.

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Liquor Laws and Policies on Shipping Wine

Alcoholic beverages are sold daily until 1:00 am in accordance with California state laws. Retail liquor purchases can be made at wineries, in liquor stores, and in grocery and drug stores. The purchase and consumption of alcohol is limited to persons 21 and older. Group attendees may have plans to ship wine home from Napa. Keep in mind that shipping is limited to states that offer "reciprocity" with California. This is an ever changing and relatively short list, and may even vary by the winery; specific and accurate information is available only from the individual wineries.

Sales Tax

Napa Valley sales tax is currently 8.75%

Driving in Napa

Valid US or international drivers license is required for all drivers. Rental car agencies require a valid drivers license and a major credit card. California state law requires liability insurance. Like all US cities, traffic flows to the right side of the road. Child safety seats are required for all children under the age of six, or any child weighing less than 60 pounds, regardless of age. Child safety seats are available for rent from all major car rental agencies.

International Language Services

Multilingual guides and escorts are available for international groups. Consult Destination Services for specific details about rates, services and supported languages.

Currency Exchange and ATM's

Foreign currency exchange services are available through Bank of America branches in Napa, and from other local banks. The Silverado Resort does not offer exchange services. There are ATM's located throughout the Napa Valley, including an ATM on property at Silverado. General banking hours in Napa are Monday through Friday, 9 am – 5 pm.

Time Zone

Napa, like all of California, operates on Pacific Standard Time (PST); three hours behind the United States east coast and eight hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT.)

NAPA VALLEY

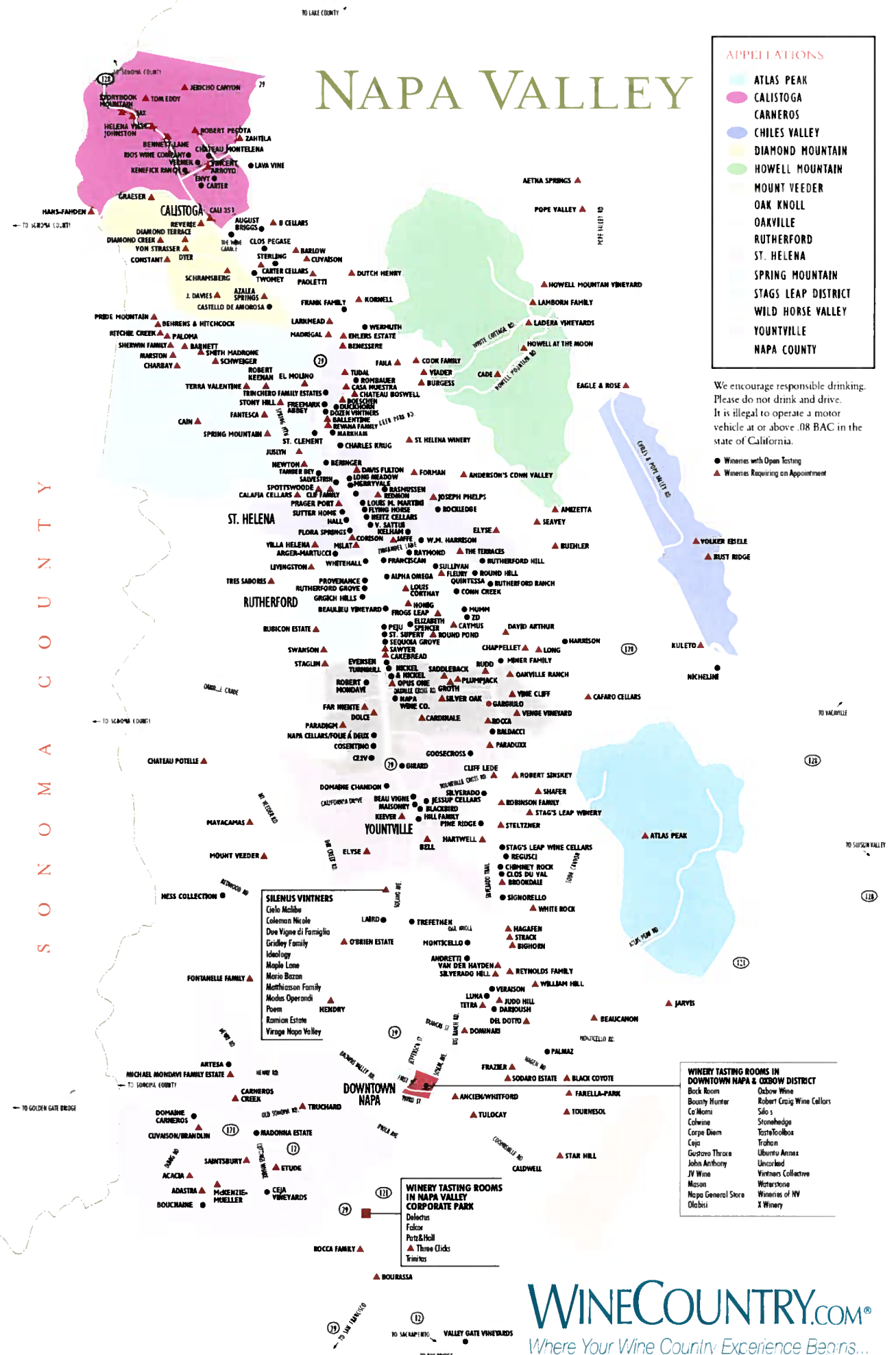
APPELLATIONS

- ATLAS PEAK
- CALISTOGA
- CARNEROS
- CHILES VALLEY
- DIAMOND MOUNTAIN
- HOWELL MOUNTAIN
- MOUNT VEEDER
- OAK KNOLL
- OAKVILLE
- RUTHERFORD
- ST. HELENA
- SPRING MOUNTAIN
- STAGS LEAP DISTRICT
- WILD HORSE VALLEY
- YOUNTVILLE
- NAPA COUNTY

We encourage responsible drinking. Please do not drink and drive. It is illegal to operate a motor vehicle at or above .08 BAC in the state of California.

- Wineries with Open Testing
- ▲ Wineries Requiring an Appointment

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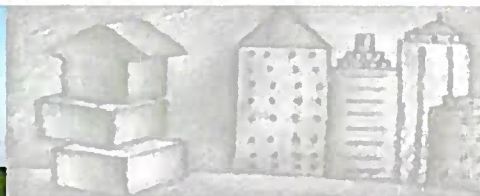
- SILENIUS VINTNERS**
- Colo Melillo
 - Coleman Nicole
 - Dave Vigne di Famiglia
 - Gridley Family
 - Ideology
 - Maple Lane
 - Mario Bazzon
 - Mathiasson Family
 - Modes Operandi
 - Poem
 - Ramicon Estate
 - Virago Napa Valley

- WINERY TASTING ROOMS IN DOWNTOWN NAPA & COWBOY DISTRICT**
- Black Room
 - Bounty Hunter
 - Co-Mom
 - Coburn
 - Corpe Diem
 - Cujo
 - Gustavo Thorne
 - John Anthony
 - JV Wine
 - Mason
 - Napa General Store
 - Olestri
 - Oxbow Wine
 - Robert Craig Wine Cellars
 - Solo
 - Stonehedge
 - Tasta Colloso
 - Traction
 - Ubiquito Amnes
 - Uncorked
 - Vintners Collective
 - Watershore
 - Wineries of NV
 - X Winery

- WINERY TASTING ROOMS IN NAPA VALLEY CORPORATE PARK**
- Defector
 - Faktor
 - Porto/Hall
 - Three Clicks
 - Trinites

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2011 Annual CALAFCO Conference



Exploring New Boundaries
 August 31, 2011 – September 2, 2011
 Silverado Resort/Napa
 Longitude: 38.3° / Latitude: -122.3°

REGISTER NOW! CALAFCO's 2011 Annual Conference



Travel Distances From Local Airports:

- Oakland: 50 miles
- San Francisco: 58 miles
- Sacramento: 64 miles

Wednesday August 31 through Friday September 2, 2011

Silverado Resort / 1600 Atlas Peak Road | Napa | California | 94558

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- Exploring the Big Picture:
Growth Trends in California
- Exit Strategies:
Disincorporation and Consolidation of Cities
- Terms and Conditions:
How Far Can/Should We Go?
- Managing the Agricultural/Urban Interface
- The Stanislaus Experience: Three Fire Agencies' Regional Approach to Cooperative Solutions
- Dissolution/Consolidation/Insolvency Issues and Trends with Special Districts
- Recycled Water: Opportunities and Challenges in Growth Management
- Next Generation of Municipal Service Reviews: Improving Value by Increasing Collaboration
- Social Justice Criteria: Tulare Case Study
- LAFCo 101: Covering the Basics
- LAFCo 201: Ethics

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Member (before 8/1).....	390.00
Member (after 8/1).....	440.00
Non Member.....	500.00
Member One-Day.....	225.00
Non Member One-Day.....	300.00
Guest/All Meals.....	190.00
Guest/Banquet Only.....	100.00

Additional	
MCLE Credit.....	50.00
Golf Tournament (8/30 @ 1:00 PM).....	100.00
Mobile Workshop (8/31 @ 7:45 AM).....	44.00

SILVERADO RESORT RATES

Resort Guest Room.....	139.00/night
Junior Fireplace Suite.....	149.00/night
Fireplace Suite.....	159.00/night
Two-Bedroom Suite.....	209.00/night

22.80/night Resort Fee Applies and Covers:

- Self and Valet Parking
- Wireless Internet Access
- Complimentary Tennis Court Use
- Complimentary Fitness Facilities Use

Additional	
18-Hole Golf with Cart Rate.....	85.00

Hotel Room Rates Good Through 7/31/11
 Contact Silverado at (800) 532-0500
 or www.silveradoresort.com
 (Promo Code 'CALAFCO')