

# LAFCO

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

From: Elizabeth Castro Kemper, Executive Officer

Date: September 22, 2008

Subject: Receive status report on Commission Counsel position

## **Recommended Action**

1. Receive a status report on the Commission Counsel position.
2. Direct staff to research options for Commission Counsel services
3. Appoint Robyn Drivon interim Commission Counsel subject to report back from LAFCO staff to the Commission.
4. Direct staff to prepare a Resolution of Commendation for Stephen B. Nocita acknowledging his 26 years of service to the Yolo LAFCO.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The 2008-09 LAFCO budget has \$14,000 allocated for legal services. This amount may need to be reevaluated depending upon the findings of the recommended report.

## **Reason for Recommended Action**

Current Commission Counsel Stephen B. Nocita is currently on extended leave from his position with the County Counsel's Office. He plans to retire by the end of the 2008 calendar year. In response, it is necessary for the Yolo LAFCO to determine the best method to continue legal services.

## **Background**

Upon confirmation that Mr. Nocita is no longer available to provide Commission Counsel services, the Executive Officer discussed the situation with the Yolo LAFCO Chair. In addition, an informal survey was sent to similar sized LAFCO's throughout the state to ascertain possible approaches to receiving legal services. Discussion with various Executive Officers throughout the state is occurring currently. Staff has also met with County Counsel to determine future options. Staff intends to return to the Commission with a report at the October 27 meeting.

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