

Lake Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Special Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 -- 9:30 am

<p>City of Lakeport – City Council Chambers 225 Park Street Lakeport, CA 95453</p>

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Topic: Lake LAFCo Special Meeting

Time: June 17, 2026 09:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Staff

Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer
P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

2. Public Comment

The public may address the Commission on any matter within LAFCo jurisdiction that is not on the agenda. There is a three-minute limit, and no action will be taken.

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approval of Claims

Consider approval of payment of the claims for March, April, and May 2026.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

4. Change of organization for Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01)

Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal for dissolution of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District and consider the following actions:

- a. Find the Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01) proposal exempt from CEQA pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations § 15061(b)(3) and direct the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption; and
- b. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 approving the Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01) proposal subject to terms and conditions.

5. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final LAFCo Budget and Work Program

Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adoption of Resolution No. 2026-04 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Budget.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Extension of Agreement for Staff Transition Services

Consider authorizing an eleventh amended agreement with John Benoit for a one-year extension of time for transition services to the LAFCo Executive Officer.

7. CALAFCO Annual Conference Attendance - Sacramento

- a. Establish the Commissioners that will attend the 2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference on October 21 - 23 at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel for early registration.
- b. Consider nomination of the 2026 CALAFCO Voting Delegate and Alternate.

OTHER ITEMS:

8. Correspondence

- a. CALAFCO's Priorities for 2026 and Beyond - Board Retreat February 26, 2026
- b. CALAFCO Member Update May 2026

9. Executive Officer's Report

10. LAFCo Counsel's Report

11. Commissioner Reports

Commissioners may discuss items and issues of concern to their constituency, LAFCo, and legislative matters.

12. Adjourn to the next meeting on September 16, 2026 at 9:30 AM in Clearlake

The Commission may take action on any item listed on the agenda. Unless otherwise noted, items may be taken up at any time during the meeting.



Any member appointed on behalf of local government shall represent the interests of the public as a whole and not solely the interest of the appointing authority (GOV § 56325).

Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items within LAFCo jurisdiction not appearing on the agenda, as well as any item that does appear on the agenda, subject to the following restrictions:

- No action shall be taken on items not appearing on the agenda unless otherwise authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2 (known as the Brown Act, or California Open Meeting Law).
- The total amount of time allotted for receiving public comment may be limited to 15 minutes.
- Any individual's testimony may be limited to 3 minutes. Time to address the Commission will be allocated on the basis of the number of requests received.

Public Hearings

Members of the public may address the Commission on any item appearing on the agenda as a Public Hearing. The Commission may limit any person's testimony to 3 minutes. Written statements may be submitted in lieu of or to supplement oral statements made during a public hearing.

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Accessibility

An interpreter for the hearing-impaired may be made available upon request to the Executive Officer 72 hours before a meeting. The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible.

Contact LAFCo Staff

LAFCo staff may be contacted at: (530) 632-4406, PO Box 348, Yuba City, CA 95992, or lake.lafco@gmail.com.

Disclosure & Disqualification Requirements

Any person or group of persons acting in concert who directly or indirectly contribute \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a change of organization or reorganization that has been submitted to LAFCo must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act of 1974 applicable to local initiative measures to be submitted to the electorate. These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals; they may be reviewed at Government Code §§56700.1 and 81000 et seq. Additional information about the requirements pertaining to local initiative measures to be presented to the electorate can be obtained by calling the Fair Political Practices Commission at (916) 322-5660.

A LAFCo Commissioner must disqualify herself or himself from voting on an application involving an "entitlement for use" (such as an annexation or sphere amendment) if, within the last twelve months, the Commissioner has received \$250 or more in campaign contributions from the applicant, any financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the application, or an agency (such as an attorney, engineer, or planning consultant) representing the applicant or an interested party. The law (Government Code Section 84308) also requires any applicant or other participant in a LAFCo proceeding to disclose the contribution amount and name of the recipient Commissioner on the official record of the proceeding.

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CLAIMS – March, April, and May 2026 FY 2025-26 Expenses

March 2026

Reference #	Recipient	Account	Description	Subtotal	Total
March 18 meeting	Commissioners	500-101	Commissioners Stipend		\$900.00
Invoice #1488	Law Office of P. Scott Browne	750-564	Attorney Contracts		\$2,213.93
Invoice #2026-0003	John Benoit	750-560	Staff Services		\$1,187.50
Invoice #2026-03	Larkyn Feiler	750-560	Staff Services	\$5,602.50	\$5,856.26
		750-560	Office Expenses	\$253.76	
SB 827 Registration Costs	CSDA	700-453	Conference Reg./Training		\$1,075.00
Total Claims					\$11,232.69

April 2026

Reference #	Recipient	Account	Description	Subtotal	Total
Invoice #1493	Law Office of P. Scott Browne	750-564	Attorney Contracts		\$2,046.43
Invoice #2026-0004	John Benoit	750-560	Staff Services		\$1,625.00
Invoice #2026-04	Larkyn Feiler	750-560	Staff Services		\$1,597.50
Finance Services Agreement	City of Clearlake	500-101	Auditor/City - Agreement		\$16,250.00
Total Claims					\$21,518.93

May 2026

Reference #	Recipient	Account	Description	Subtotal	Total
Invoice #1498	Law Office of P. Scott Browne	750-564	Attorney Contracts		\$2,046.43
Invoice #2026-0005	John Benoit	750-560	Staff Services		\$562.50
Invoice #2026-05	Larkyn Feiler	750-560	Staff Services	\$3,566.25	\$4,371.10
		750-560	Office Expenses	\$50.92	
	CALAFCO Staff Workshop Hotel	700-453	Transportation and Travel	\$753.93	
Statement # 0001475697	Newspaper (Record-Bee/CLO)	500-101	Legal Notices/Publications		\$210.36
Invoice #12659	BFS Printing (mailing postage)	750-560	Office Expenses		\$287.23
Total Claims					\$7,477.62

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APPROVED: June 17, 2026

Stacey Mattina, Chair
or Dirk Slooten, Vice-Chair

Attest:

Larkyn Feiler
Executive Officer

Lake LAFCo FY 2025-26
General Services and Supplies Expenditure Summary

Expenditure Classification	Budget	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	%	Remaining
Commissioners Stipend	\$6,600.00			\$900.00		\$1,000.00		\$700.00		\$900.00			\$3,500.00	53%	\$3,100.00
Supplies	\$250.00												\$0.00	0%	\$250.00
Memberships	\$2,268.00	\$2,268.00											\$2,268.00	100%	\$0.00
Books and Periodicals	\$200.00												\$0.00	0%	\$200.00
Attorney Contracts	\$25,637.62	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$2,213.93	\$2,046.43	\$2,046.43	\$22,678.23	88%	\$2,959.39
LAFCo Clerk Services	\$4,460.29												\$0.00	0%	\$4,460.29
Office Expenses	\$7,200.00			\$103.74	\$50.12	\$138.11		\$107.44	\$143.40	\$253.76		\$338.15	\$1,134.72	16%	\$6,065.28
Staff Office Services	\$54,067.61	\$1,525.00	\$2,815.00	\$2,655.00	\$2,607.50	\$4,488.75	\$630.00	\$2,295.00	\$4,230.00	\$6,790.00	\$3,222.50	\$4,128.75	\$35,387.50	65%	\$18,680.11
Legal Notices/Publications	\$1,400.00								\$120.52			\$210.36	\$330.88	24%	\$1,069.12
Transportation and Travel	\$6,600.00				\$3,830.07							\$753.93	\$4,584.00	69%	\$2,016.00
Conference Registration/Training	\$3,050.00		\$2,800.00							\$1,075.00			\$3,875.00	127%	-\$825.00
Insurance	\$1,400.00												\$0.00	0%	\$1,400.00
Records Retention and Mapping	\$6,000.00								\$210.00				\$210.00	4%	\$5,790.00
Web Page	\$1,800.00	\$1,350.00											\$1,350.00	75%	\$450.00
Auditor/City - Agreement	\$2,500.00								\$2,500.00		\$16,250.00		\$18,750.00	750%	-\$16,250.00
Spheres of Influence (SOI)	\$20,000.00												\$0.00	0%	\$20,000.00
Municipal Service Reviews (MSR)	\$45,000.00	\$517.50											\$517.50	1%	\$44,482.50
Special/Complex projects	\$24,500.00	\$250.00			\$500.00		\$812.50						\$1,562.50	6%	\$22,937.50
TOTAL	\$212,933.52	\$7,956.93	\$7,661.43	\$5,705.17	\$9,034.12	\$7,673.29	\$3,488.93	\$5,148.87	\$9,250.35	\$11,232.69	\$21,518.93	\$7,477.62	\$96,148.33	45%	\$116,785.19

A Budget Amendment was approved on 3/18/2026 by Resolution No. 2026-02 as follows:

Expenditure Classification	Original	Change	Amended
Office Expenses:	\$7,200.00	-\$3,250.00	\$3,950.00
Transportation and Travel:	\$6,600.00	-\$825.00	\$5,775.00
Conference Registration:	\$3,050.00	\$825.00	\$3,875.00
Records Retention and Mapping:	\$6,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Auditor/City - Agreement:	\$2,500.00	\$16,250.00	\$18,750.00
Contingency:	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$0.00

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:	June 17, 2026
TO:	Commissioners
FROM:	Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer
RE:	Public Hearing - Change of organization for Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01)

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Commission take the following actions:

1. Find the Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01) proposal exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations § 15061(b)(3) and direct the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 approving the Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01) proposal subject to terms and conditions.

Application Profile:

LAFCo File No.:	DIS-2026-01
Application Type:	Change of Organization - Dissolution
Initiation Type:	Resolution of Application (No. 2025-131)
Proposal Short Title:	Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01)
Applicant Name:	County of Lake (on behalf of SVWCD)
Date Filed:	February 11, 2026
Properties:	100 Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs)
Size:	1,426 acres (approximately)
Location:	Northwest of the City of Lakeport along Scotts Valley Road
Territory Type:	Unincorporated
Affected Territory:	Inhabited (12 or more registered voters residing in the area)
100% Consent:	No, Conducting Authority Proceedings will be conducted
Public Hearing:	Yes, notice was mailed, published, and posted by May 27, 2026
Notice of Filing:	February 26, 2026
Tax Sharing:	No, the District does not receive Ad Valorem property taxes
TRAs:	057-046; 057-047; and 057-048
Certificate of Filing:	May 22, 2026

Justification of Proposal:

The Scotts Valley Water Conservation District (SVWCD or District) was formed in 1972 to undertake measures to conserve and enhance water resources within the Scotts Valley area. SVWCD has not provided services since its formation and has experienced difficulty maintaining a full Board of Directors, resulting in administrative inactivity. The County of Lake, acting on behalf of the District, seeks to initiate proceedings to dissolve the District to improve efficiency in local governance and water resource

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management. It is in the public interest to dissolve the District, as it has remained inactive and without the capacity to fulfill its intended functions.

Background:

Formation

On March 20, 1972, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) held a public hearing to consider an application to form the District. On May 15, 1972, LAFCo notified the BOS that based on legal advice from then District Attorney, a formation of this kind was not required by law to come to LAFCo and may be accomplished by the BOS. It appears that LAFCo had no further involvement with the District.

On September 11, 1972, the County Board of Supervisors (BOS) passed Resolution No. 72-173 approving the petition for formation of SVWCD consisting of approximately 100 parcels with three divisions within the Scotts Valley area. The BOS also passed Resolution No. 72-174 calling for a special election for the formation of SVWCD and to elect the first three Board of Directors to be seated if approved.

The election was held on October 17, 1972 and formation of the District passed by 46 votes in favor to 5 votes against. On October 24, 1972, the BOS passed Resolution No. 72-202 declaring the results of the election and a Certificate of Filing was executed by the Secretary of State on December 26, 1972 officially recognizing formation of the District.

Purpose

The petition to form the District included the following factors for requesting special district formation:

1. To conserve and enhance water supply and riparian rights.
2. To better promote proposed projects, such as the Scotts Creek Dam, and interim measures, such as flash dams and preservation of vital water bearing gravels in the creek.
3. To provide a legal entity for government agencies to consult with in the solution of mutual and area water and flood control problems and projects, instead of through agreements with individuals that could adversely affect the majority of the properties involved.
4. To collectively address concerns over water rights with the City of Lakeport and to reach resolution of present water problems without court action, instead of everyone acting in their own interest.
5. To enable the area to act in concert to solve problems of available water and its distribution in the area, and to effectively address matters of flood control, such as subsidence, which was becoming a major drainage problem in the valley.
6. To work cooperatively with existing government agencies to increase available water in the summer months and reduce flooding in the winter and spring.

Services

The District was formed under the Water Conservation District Law of 1931 (WAT § 74000 et seq.) which is the enabling legislation for special districts designed to manage, store, protect, and/or conserve water resources, including groundwater and surface water.

SVWCD provides no services, owns no facilities, equipment or infrastructure, and has no personnel, expenses, or liabilities. There would be no change in the provision of services to the area post-dissolution.

Finances

The County Treasurer-Tax Collector researched whether payments have been collected for the District via property tax billing and did not identify any record of having billed or received payment for any type of

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assessment for the District. While the Treasurer-Tax Collector available records are not comprehensive and do not go back to the formation of the District in 1972, there has been no tax related activity for the District identified.

On December 11, 1972, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 72-260 approving a transfer of funds in the amount of \$815.00 to the District Fund with repayment of the loan out of the first available tax revenues that accrue to the District. Based on information from the County Auditor-Controller's office, the initial loan of \$815.00 was repaid in 1974. No further details are available.

Fund Balance

According to the former District Chair, the District generated approximately \$20,000 in a voluntary fundraising effort from District residents and landowners as seed money for the District to cover initial operating costs. The current District Fund balance in the County Treasury is approximately \$25,000 and there are no County records available to confirm how this money was generated. It could be that funds were generated from initial tax revenues, but there are no records to verify the source. The only ongoing account activity for the District is interest earned and payments to the Registrar of Voters during elections.

Liabilities (Debts and Obligations)

State law specifies that a local agency shall continue to be liable for the payment of principal, interest, and any other amounts which become due on account of any bonds or other contracts or outstanding obligations of a local agency on the effective date of the change of organization (GOV § 56886(c)). The District does not have any such bonds or other long-term financial obligations; therefore, it will continue to be unnecessary to levy or collect payments from properties within the District post-dissolution.

The District does not receive revenue from landowners within its boundary, such as from Ad Valorem property taxes, special taxes or assessments, service charges, rates, or fees. There would be no change in the non-collection of taxes or assessments from the affected area post-dissolution.

Governance

The 100 parcels in the District are separated into three divisions for representation purposes. Division Directors are called to be elected by the voters of the district every four years.

The Division I Director has been vacant since 2015 and was set for election in November 2025 for a two-year term expiring in December 2027. The Division II Director was also set for election in November 2025 for a four-year term. No candidates filed with the County Elections office during the nomination period to be considered for either position and no public interest was received for appointments to these positions from the County Board of Supervisors.

The Division III Director term does not expire until December of 2027, but the longstanding member stepped down and no public interest was received for appointment to this position from the County Board of Supervisors.

The two most recent District Directors were not opposed to the District being evaluated to determine whether it should continue. Since the three District Board of Directors seats are fully vacant, the District itself is not able to serve as the applicant for the proposed dissolution application process.

As of August 2025, the County District 4 Supervisor for the area was not aware of any business being conducted by the District or any public meetings being held by the District in the past year or more. The

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District 4 Supervisor is in communication with the former District Chair and discussed the option for dissolution with Scotts Valley residents at a Town Hall meeting. No significant community opposition to dissolution of the District has been expressed to date.

Proposal Analysis:

SOI

A Sphere of Influence (SOI or sphere) boundary indicates the probable physical boundary or service area for local government agencies under LAFCo purview.

Due to the longstanding inactive nature of the District, a Sphere of Influence has not been established for the District to date. Dissolution is an effective method to address the District's probable future boundary. The proposed dissolution does not conflict with any applicable spheres of adjacent government agencies, and no Sphere of Influence needs to be established for the District if it no longer exists.

Plan for Services

A plan for providing services within the affected territory is normally required for a change of organization or reorganization pursuant to GOV § 56653. The contents of the plan generally include the following: a description of the services requested, the level and range of those services, an indication of when those services can be extended into the affected territory, an indication of any improvements or upgrades of infrastructure, and information on how the services will be financed.

The District has not provided services since its formation in 1972 and the proposed dissolution is due to longstanding inactivity. Therefore, a plan for services is not relevant to the proposal.

Property Tax Exchange Agreement

Per Revenue and Taxation Code (RTC) § 99(b), upon the filing of a LAFCo application, but prior to the issuance of a certificate of filing (GOV § 56658), the Executive Officer shall give notice of the filing of a jurisdictional change to the Assessor and Auditor to commence the property tax exchange process.

The County Auditor-Controller provided a letter on May 22, 2026 confirming that an exchange of ad valorem property taxes under RTC § 99(b) is not applicable to this proposal because Scotts Valley WCD does not receive property tax revenue. Therefore, there is no property tax revenue subject to negotiated exchange and there is no need for the Auditor to make adjustments to the allocation of property taxes post-dissolution.

Planning and Land Use

The proposed dissolution conforms to the Lake County General Plan and the General Plan Designation for the area is Agriculture and Range Land. The dissolution proposal is not anticipated to facilitate growth, urban development, or sprawl. Further, no adjustment to the County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is required for the dissolution proposal.

Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities

A Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community (DUC) is an unincorporated geographic area with 12 or more registered voters and with a median household income (MHI) that is less than 80% of the State MHI.

Special consideration for potential inclusion of a DUC affected by a city annexation proposal pursuant to GOV § 56375(a)(8)(A) is not relevant to the review of a special district dissolution proposal.

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Agriculture and Open Space

No direct or indirect impacts to agricultural viability, Williamson Act contracts, conservation easements, or open space resources are anticipated or expected post-dissolution.

Effects of Dissolution:

Upon dissolution, a special district is extinguished and all of its corporate powers cease, except to wind up the affairs of the district (GOV § 57450). If the territory of a dissolved district is located entirely within the unincorporated territory of a single county, the county is the successor agency (GOV § 57451(b)).

A successor agency collects the dissolved district's assets and is empowered to wind up the business of the district; ensuring that all debts are paid, distributing assets and all other lawful purposes for the benefit of the lands, inhabitants and taxpayers within the territory of the dissolved district, as far as may be practicable (GOV § 57452).

The Scotts Valley Community Advisory Council and the Lake County Watershed Protection District would remain in place post-dissolution and could potentially play a role in helping to address the issues outlined in the petition for formation of the District that remain relevant.

CEQA Compliance:

The proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR) Section (§) 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility of a significant environmental impact as a result of the dissolution because SVWCD or the District provides no services, owns no facilities, equipment or infrastructure, and has no personnel, expenses, or liabilities. There is no evidence presented of unusual circumstances that might cause a significant effect on the environment (Title 14 CCR § 15300.2(c)). A Notice of Exemption has been prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15062 for filing with the County Clerk's office if approved.

Public Notice:

The 21-day Notice for this Public Hearing was properly published, posted, and distributed electronically and through the postal mail by Wednesday May 27, 2026.

Policy Consistency:

Lake LAFCo policies are designed to provide information, set criteria, ensure greater consistency in the LAFCo decision-making process, facilitate communication among local agencies in the region, minimize adverse impacts of the social, economic and environmental results of growth, and provide for planned, well-ordered efficient urban development patterns with appropriate consideration of preserving open space lands within those patterns.

The dissolution proposal is substantially consistent with the Commission's local policies and procedures related to changes of organization or reorganizations, as addressed in the following two tables.

General Policy Considerations

Policy Consideration	Consistency/ Applicability	Comment
Communication between local agencies is encouraged.	Consistent	The County has been working with the SVWCD former Board Chair and District constituents through a town hall meeting.

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Urban development proposals shall include annexation to a city where possible.	N/A	
LAFCo will normally deny proposals that result in urban sprawl.	N/A	
Environmental consequences (CEQA) shall be considered.	Consistent	Services have not been and will continue to not be provided post-dissolution.
LAFCo will consider the impact of a proposal on the regional supply of housing for all income levels.	N/A	
LAFCo will favor proposals that promote compact urban form and infill development.	N/A	
Government structure should be simple, accessible, and accountable.	Consistent	Dissolution will streamline the overall local governmental structure of the county by removing a non-functioning special district from the local agency framework.
Agencies must provide documentation that they can provide service within a reasonable period of time.	Consistent	Services have not been provided to date and will continue to not be provided post-dissolution.
Efficient services are obtained when proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize existing public agencies; • Consolidate activities and services; and • Restructure agency boundaries to provide more logical, effective, and efficient services. 	Consistent	Dissolution will improve local government operations, result in more efficient services, and clarify jurisdictional responsibilities related to water resource management.
Adverse impacts on adjacent areas, social and economic interests and the local government structure must be mitigated.	Consistent	Dissolving the District will not have an effect on adjacent properties.
Conformance with general & specific plans required.	Consistent	This project conforms to the adopted Lake County General Plan.
Boundaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definite boundaries are required. • Boundaries that are favored: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create logical boundaries & eliminate islands or illogical boundaries. • Follow natural or man-made features and include logical service areas. • Boundaries that are disfavored: 	Consistent	The entire District boundary is proposed to be dissolved.

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<p>Split neighborhoods or communities. Result in islands, corridors, or peninsulas. Drawn for the primary purpose of encompassing revenue-producing territories. Create areas where it is difficult to provide services.</p>		
Revenue neutrality required.	N/A	The District does not receive property taxes, special taxes, assessments, charges, or fees and is not subject to an AB-8 exchange.
<p>Agricultural and Open Space Land Conservation Standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must lead to plan, orderly & efficient development. • Approved Sphere of Influence Plan required. • Findings with respect to alternative sites required. • Impact on adjacent agricultural/open space lands assessed. • Agricultural Buffers. 	Consistent	The proposal is not anticipated or expected to result in the conversion of Agricultural or Open Space lands.
<p>Need for services exists when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health and safety threat exists. • The residents have requested extension of non-growth-inducing community services. • Subject area is likely to be developed for urban use within 5 years. 	N/A	Services have not been provided to date.
<p>Exceptions are justified on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique. • Standards Conflicts. • Quality/Cost. • No Alternative. 	Consistent	No exceptions to policy considerations are needed.

Dissolution Policies - General

Policy	Consistency/ Applicability	Comment
Services Authorized are no longer necessary, or	Consistent	Services have not been provided to date.

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The services can be provided more efficiently by another agency or provider and that agency agrees to provide the services	Consistent	No services are being provided currently.
The agency is insolvent and unable to provide the services.	N/A	
Bonded Indebtedness. Where possible, LAFCo shall condition any dissolution to provide for the repayment of any bonded indebtedness or other obligations of the dissolved agency.	N/A	
Disposition of Remaining Funds. A dissolved district shall turn over its funds to its successor as determined under 57451.	Consistent	If the territory of a dissolved district is located within the unincorporated territory of a single county, the County is the successor agency (GOV § 57451(b)).

Factors for Consideration:

There are seventeen factors to be considered by the Commission in review of a change of organization or reorganization pursuant to GOV § 56668, which are addressed in the following table. No single factor is determinative; each factor is to be evaluated within the context of the overall proposal. Several factors are not relevant to the change of organization proposal.

Factors for Consideration	
Factor	Evaluation
(a) Population and population density; land area and land use; assessed valuation; topography, natural boundaries, and drainage basins; proximity to other populated areas; the likelihood of significant growth in the area, and in adjacent incorporated and unincorporated areas, during the next 10 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The District is located northwest of the City of Lakeport along Scotts Valley Road. -The District contains 100 parcels with primarily agricultural uses and single-family homes. -Significant growth in the area is limited due to land use restrictions and historic use patterns. -The area is flat and in Scotts Creek watershed. -The District is within a very low-priority SGMA basin known as Scotts Valley (5-014).
(b) Need for organized community services; the present cost and adequacy of governmental services and controls in the area; probable future needs for those services and controls; probable effect of the proposed incorporation, formation, annexation, or exclusion and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the area and adjacent areas. "Services," as used in this subdivision, refers to governmental services whether or not the services are services that would be provided by local agencies subject to this division, and includes the public facilities necessary to provide those services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The District provides no services, owns no facilities, equipment or infrastructure, and has no personnel, expenses, or liabilities. -All three District Board of Directors seats are vacant, and no appointments have been made. -The Scotts Valley Community Advisory Council and the Lake County Watershed Protection District would remain in place post-dissolution and could potentially play a role in helping to address the issues outlined in the petition for formation of the District that remain relevant.

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Factors for Consideration	
Factor	Evaluation
(c) The effect of the proposed action and of alternative actions, on adjacent areas, on mutual social and economic interests, and on the local governmental structure of the county.	No negative effects of the proposed dissolution are anticipated for adjacent areas or mutual social and economic interests.
(d) The conformity of both the proposal and its anticipated effects with both the adopted commission policies on providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development, and the policies and priorities set forth in Section 56377. (Note: Section 56377 encourages preservation of agricultural and open-space lands.)	The dissolution proposal is not anticipated to facilitate growth, urban development, or sprawl.
(e) The effect of the proposal on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands, as defined by Section 56016.	-State Farmland Mapping designates the area as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Local Importance, and Grazing Land. -Dissolution would not convert farmland or active agricultural operations to non-agricultural uses.
(f) The definiteness and certainty of the boundaries of the territory, the nonconformance of proposed boundaries with lines of assessment or ownership, the creation of islands or corridors of unincorporated territory, and other similar matters affecting the proposed boundaries.	The proposal involves dissolution of an entire jurisdictional boundary that is definite, certain, and fully described.
(g) A regional transportation plan adopted pursuant to Section 65080.	N/A
(h) The proposal's consistency with city or county general plans.	The proposed dissolution conforms to the Lake County General Plan policies that support ongoing agriculture uses in the area.
(i) The sphere of influence of any local agency that may be applicable to the proposal being reviewed.	-Due to the longstanding inactive nature of the District, a District Sphere of Influence has not been established. Dissolution is an effective method to address the District's probable future boundary. -The proposed dissolution does not conflict with any spheres of adjacent government agencies.
(j) The comments of any affected local agency or other public agency.	The proposal was routed on February 26, 2026 and no agency comments have been received to date.
(k) The ability of the newly formed or receiving entity to provide the services which are the subject of the application to the area, including the sufficiency of revenues for those services following the proposed boundary change.	-There would be no change in the level or range of services provided post-dissolution since the District does not provide services. -The District does not receive property taxes, special taxes, assessments, charges, or fees. -The County, as successor agency, will assume responsibility for winding up District business, which should be limited in scope.

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Factors for Consideration	
Factor	Evaluation
(l) Timely availability of water supplies adequate for projected needs as specified in Section 65352.5.	N/A
(m) The extent to which the proposal will affect a city or cities and the county in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the appropriate council of governments consistent with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7.	-The proposed dissolution will not have an effect on the County’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), nor the City of Lakeport’s RHNA.
(n) Any information or comments from the landowner or landowners, voters, or residents of the affected territory.	No public comments have been received from affected landowners, voters, or residents to date.
(o) Any information relating to existing land use designations.	The area is zoned Agriculture and Range Land by Lake County as the Public Land Use Authority.
(p) The extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice. As used in the law, “environmental justice” means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services.	The proposed change of organization makes no representations or exclusions of people of any race, culture or income with respect to the location of public facilities and public services.
(q) Information contained in a local hazard mitigation plan, information contained in a safety element of a general plan, and any maps that identify land as a very high fire hazard zone pursuant to Section 21178 or maps that identify land determined to be in a state responsibility area pursuant to Section 4102 of the Public Resources Code, if it is determined that such information is relevant to the area that is the subject of the proposal.	N/A

Attachments:

1. LAFCo Resolution No. 2026-03
2. County of Lake Resolution of Application No. 2025-131

Resolution No. 2026-03
of the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission

Making Determinations and Approving the Dissolution of
the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District (File No. DIS-2026-01)

WHEREAS, a Resolution of Application (No. 2025-131) requesting LAFCo to initiate proceedings for dissolution of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District (SVWCD or District) was adopted by the Lake County Board of Supervisors on November 18, 2025 pursuant to the requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, SVWCD was formed in 1972 to conserve and enhance water resources in the Scotts Valley area, but has not provided services since its formation, has experienced difficulty maintaining a full Board of Directors, resulting in administrative inactivity, and lacks the capacity to fulfill its intended functions; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2026, the County Auditor-Controller provided a letter confirming that an exchange of property taxes under RTC § 99(b) is not applicable to the proposed dissolution because SVWCD does not receive property tax revenue and no adjustments to the allocation of property taxes need to be made; and

WHEREAS, a Certificate of Filing was issued on May 22, 2026 indicating receipt of a complete application pursuant to GOV § 56658; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer gave sufficient notice of a public hearing to be conducted by the Commission in the form and manner prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the proposal meets the necessary statutory criteria outlined in LAFCo law and is substantially consistent with adopted local policy; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer's report was posted at least five days prior to the Commission meeting and presented to the Commission in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the proposed change of organization or reorganization, the report of the Executive Officer and recommendations on the proposal, spheres of influence, the factors for consideration required under GOV § 56668 in the review of a proposal, and adopted local policy; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard and fully considered all the testimony and evidence presented at a public hearing on the proposal on June 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed and considered this resolution and hereby finds that it accurately sets forth the intentions of the Commission with respect to the proposal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission does hereby determine, resolve, and order the following:

Section 1. Environmental Action

The Commission hereby finds and determines, based on the whole of the administrative record, that the dissolution proposal is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the

California Code of Regulations § 15061(b)(3) because there is no possibility of a significant environmental impact as a result of the dissolution because Scotts Valley WCD provides no services, owns no facilities, equipment or infrastructure, and has no personnel, expenses, or liabilities; and directs the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Exemption accordingly.

Section 2. Approval, Boundary, and Name Designation

The Commission hereby approves the dissolution proposal requested by the applicant, as outlined below.

- A. The boundaries of the approved dissolution are defined by the map in Exhibit “A”, attached hereto, and as may be further refined by the State Board of Equalization upon final filing.
- B. The dissolution proposal is assigned the following distinctive short-term designation: “Scotts Valley WCD Dissolution (File No. DIS-2026-01)”.
- C. Any work commenced or costs incurred by the applicant prior to satisfying all terms and conditions of this approval, and especially within the 30-day Reconsideration Period and CEQA statute of limitations timeframe, are completed at the agency’s own risk.
- D. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution pursuant to GOV § 56882.

Section 3. Terms and Conditions of Approval

The Commission hereby approves dissolution of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District, subject to the following project-specific terms and conditions.

- A. Upon the effective date of the dissolution, the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District is extinguished and all of its corporate powers cease, except for the Successor Agency for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the District (GOV § 57450).
- B. The Commission designates the County of Lake as the Successor Agency for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District pursuant to GOV § 57451(b) and § 56078.5.
- C. Prior to the effective date of the dissolution, the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District is prohibited from taking any of the following actions, except for emergency situations as defined in GOV § 54956.5 and actions taken by the legislative body of the Successor Agency designated herein:
 - (i) Approving any increase in compensation or benefits for members of the governing board, its officers, or the executive officer of the agency.
 - (ii) Appropriating, encumbering, expending, or otherwise obligating, any revenue of the agency beyond that provided in the current budget at the time the commission approves the dissolution.
- D. Upon the effective date of the dissolution, the effects of dissolution as outlined in GOV § 57450 – 57463 shall control for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the dissolved district, with special emphasis given to the provision of GOV § 57463 that the funds, money, or property of the dissolved district shall be used for the benefit of the lands, inhabitants, and taxpayers within the territory of the dissolved district, so far as may be practicable.

Section 4. Conducting Authority Proceedings

- A. The affected territory is inhabited as defined in GOV § 56046.
- B. The proposal does not have 100 percent landowner consent.
- C. The Commission is designated as the Conducting Authority for further proceedings and the Executive Officer is hereby directed to initiate the protest process within 35-days (GOV § 57077.1(b)(1)).

Section 5. Certificate of Completion

- A. The Certificate of Completion shall not be filed until all costs incurred and fees due to complete the process have been paid in full and all materials required for final processing of the proposal have been sufficiently prepared and submitted to the Executive Officer.
- B. The effective date of the dissolution shall be the date of recording the Certificate of Completion for the proposal with the County of Lake.
- C. If a Certificate of Completion has not been filed within one year of adoption of this resolution, Commission proceedings for this change of organization shall be deemed terminated, unless an extension of time is approved by the Commission prior to the expiration date (GOV § 57001).

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission at a special meeting on the 17th day of June 2026 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: -
NOES: -
ABSTAIN: -
ABSENT: -

Signed by me after its passage on June 17, 2026.

Stacey Mattina, Chair
Lake Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:

Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer
Lake Local Agency Formation Commission

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-131

**A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION REQUESTING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE
SCOTTS VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE
CORTESE-KNOX-HERTZBERG LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT
OF 2000**

WHEREAS, the **Scotts Valley Water Conservation District (WCD)** was formed in **1972** to undertake measures to conserve and enhance water resources within the Scotts Valley area; and

WHEREAS, the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District has not provided services since its formation and has experienced difficulty maintaining a full Board of Directors, resulting in administrative inactivity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the **Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code §56000 et seq.)**, a local agency may initiate proceedings for the dissolution of a district through adoption of a **Resolution of Application**; and

WHEREAS, the **County of Lake**, acting on behalf of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District, seeks to initiate proceedings to dissolve the District to improve efficiency in local governance and water resource management; and

WHEREAS, the proposed dissolution area is described in the attached map and legal description, which delineate the existing boundaries of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution of Application and accompanying materials shall be filed with the **Lake Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)** for review and processing in accordance with State law; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to dissolve the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District, as it has remained inactive and without the capacity to fulfill its intended functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake, State of California**, that it hereby approves and adopts this **Resolution of Application** requesting the **dissolution of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District**, and directs County staff to transmit this Resolution and all supporting documentation to **Lake LAFCo** for further proceedings as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **County Administrative Officer**, or their designee, is authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete the filing of this application and to cooperate fully with **LAFCo** in the dissolution process.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake at a regular meeting thereof on the 18th day of **November 2025**, by the following vote:


COUNTY OF LAKE

AYES: Supervisors Owen, Sabatier, Rasmussen, Pyska, and Crandell


NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

COUNTY OF LAKE


Eddie Crandell (Nov 20, 2025 12:17:43 PST)
Chair, Board of Supervisors


APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Lloyd Guintivano
County Counsel

By: 
Lloyd Guintivano (Feb 11, 2026 10:49:18 PST)

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk of the Board


By: Johanna DeLong (Nov 19, 2025 15:26:56 PST)

Auditor - Controller/ County
Clerk: Jenavive Herrington


By: Jenavive Herrington (Feb 11, 2026 13:29:52 PST)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Notice of Intention to Adopt Resolution of Application
2. Map – Scotts Valley Water Conservation District Boundaries



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION
for Filing with the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

DATE: Monday, October 6, 2025

TO: Lake LAFCo; Scotts Valley Water Conservation District; Lake County Watershed Protection District; Scotts Valley Water Conservation District; Lake County Watershed Protection District

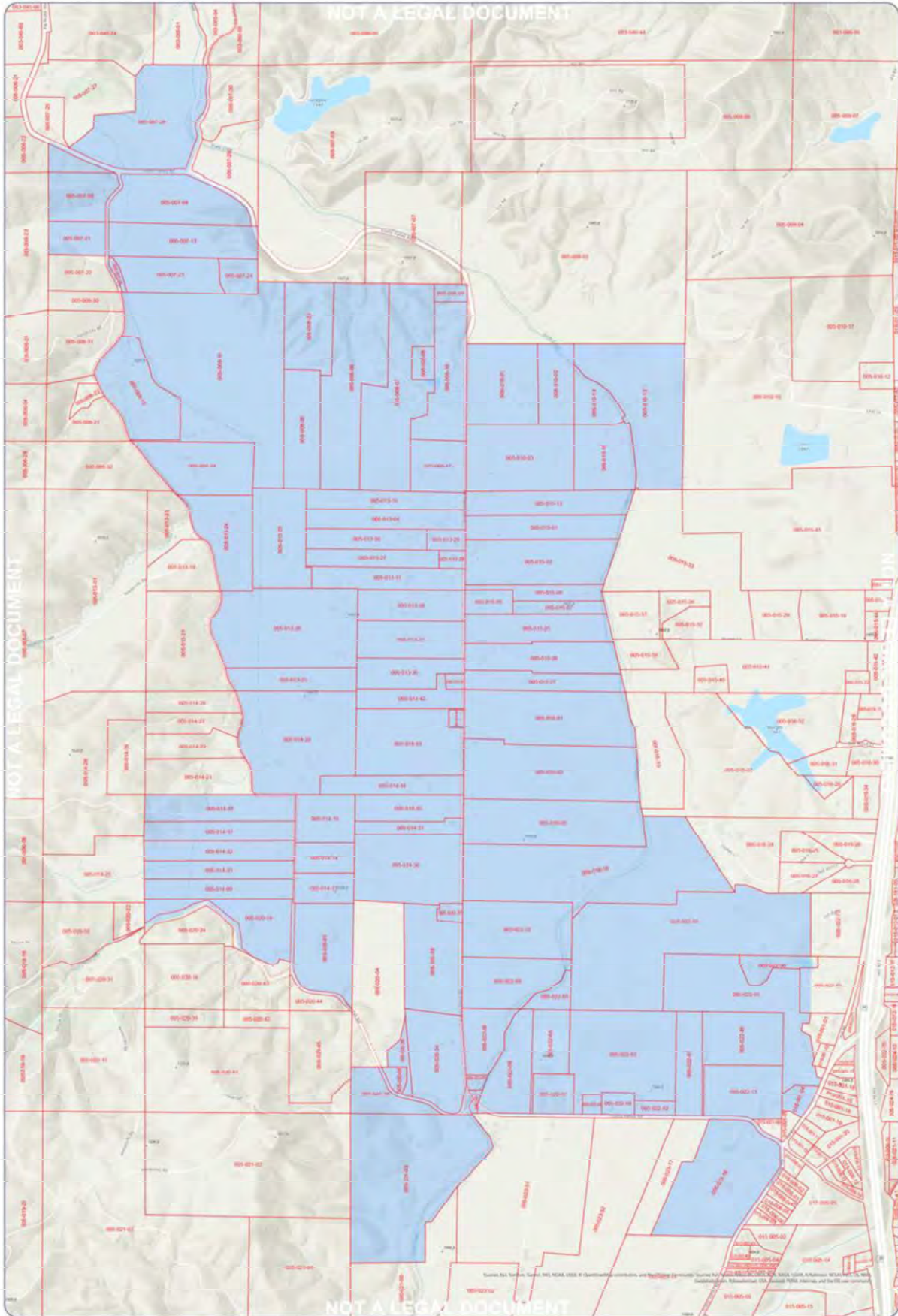
Notice is hereby given that the Lake County Board of Supervisors intends to adopt a Resolution of Application to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (GOV § 56000 et seq.) for the dissolution of the Scotts Valley Water Conservation District.

The Scotts Valley Water Conservation District was formed in 1972 to undertake measures to conserve and enhance the water sources of Scotts Valley. The District has not provided services to date and has difficulty maintaining a full Board of Directors. On behalf of the District, the County is proposing to initiate dissolution of the affected territory shown in the attached map.

The proposed Resolution of Application and all comments will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lake County Board of Supervisors on November 4th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, California. Please refer to the meeting agenda to be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting for additional information.









Please refer to the contact information below for more information.

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Point of Contact	County of Lake Administrative Office
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MEMORANDUM

DATE:	June 17, 2026
TO:	Commissioners
FROM:	Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer
RE:	Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final LAFCo Budget and Work Program

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Budget.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-04 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Budget.

Background:

LAFCo is responsible for annually adopting a proposed budget by May 1st and a final budget by June 15th.

The LAFCo budget shall, at a minimum, be equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year unless the Commission finds that reduced costs will nevertheless allow LAFCo to fulfill its prescribed regulatory and planning duties (GOV § 56381(a)).

At the March 18, 2026 meeting, the Commission held a Public Hearing and adopted Resolution No. 2026-01 approving a Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27, without modification. The Proposed Budget was transmitted after the meeting and no comments were received.

No changes have been requested or made since the prior meeting in preparation for the Final Budget (Attachment 1).

The FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget Executive Officer’s (EO) Report from the prior meeting is included for background information (Attachment 2).

Attachments:

1. LAFCo Resolution No. 2026-04
2. 3/18/2026 Proposed Budget EO Report

Resolution No. 2026-04
of the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission

Approving a Final Budget for FY 2026-27

WHEREAS, LAFCo is required to adopt annually, following a noticed public hearing, a proposed budget by May 1st and a final budget by June 15th (GOV § 56381(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted a proposed budget on March 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared a final budget for public review; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given a notice of hearing in the form and manner specified by law for adoption of the final budget, and upon the date, time and place specified in said notice of hearing, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony submitted, including but not limited to, the approved budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-27 and the Executive Officer's report and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has considered the final budget in light of the requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

NOW THEREFORE, the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission does hereby determine, resolve, and order the following:

1. The attached FY 2026-27 Final Budget (Exhibit "A") is approved.
2. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit the final budget to the Auditor and all parties specified in GOV § 56381(a) as promptly as possible.
3. The County Auditor is requested to collect the funds per GOV § 56381 in the amount of \$144,453 to be apportioned per GOV § 56381 and to transfer said funds to the City of Clearlake on behalf of LAFCo.
4. In the event of non-payment of LAFCo funds by any agency subject to the LAFCo apportionment, the Commission hereby requests and authorizes the County Auditor to collect the funds from property tax revenues or any other revenue source and deposit the funds into the LAFCo account for transfer to the City of Clearlake.
5. Any unexpended funds not otherwise re-budgeted into the 2026-27 budget shall be retained by LAFCo and be either re-budgeted or placed into the LAFCo general reserve.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission at a special meeting on the 17th day of June 2026 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: -
NOES: -
ABSTAIN: -

ABSENT: -

Signed by me after its passage on June 17, 2026.

Stacey Mattina, Chair
Lake Local Agency Formation Commission

ATTEST:

Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer
Lake Local Agency Formation Commission

Expenditure Category	FY 2026-27 Final Budget
500-101 Commissioners Stipend	\$6,600
600-235 Supplies	\$250
700-451 Memberships	\$2,336
700-450 Books and Periodicals	\$200
750-564 Attorney Contracts	\$30,000
750-560 LAFCo Clerk Services	\$4,460
750-560 Office Expenses	\$2,500
750-560 Staff Office Services	\$54,067
750-564 Legal Notices/Publications	\$1,400
700-453 Transportation and Travel	\$6,600
700-453 Conference Registration/Training	\$3,050
960-995 Insurance	\$1,400
750-560 Records Retention and Mapping	\$4,000
750-560 Web Page	\$6,090
750-560 Auditor/City - Agreement	\$2,500
750-560 Spheres of Influence (SOI)	\$100,000
750-560 Municipal Service Reviews (MSR)	\$100,000
750-560 Special/Complex projects	\$24,500
Total General Services and Supplies Budget	\$249,953

999-999	Contingency	\$10,000
405-692	General Reserve	\$130,000
A	Total Expenditure Budget/Contingency/Reserve	\$389,953

	Estimated Carryover Balance (Prior FY)	\$210,000
404-30	Estimated Other Revenue	\$10,000
	Special Project Revenue - Upper Lake MTBE	\$24,500
419-420-710	Interest Income	\$1,000
B	Total Carryover/Other & Special Revenue/Interest	\$245,500

	Expense (A) minus Revenue (B)	\$144,453
419-404-888	Total County/City/Special District Contributions	\$144,453

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:	March 18, 2026
TO:	Commissioners
FROM:	Larkyn Feiler, Executive Officer
RE:	Public Hearing - FY 2026-27 Proposed LAFCo Budget and Work Program

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 approving the Proposed Budget for FY 2026-27.

Background:

With the passage of AB 2838 in 2000, LAFCo became independent from the County. Before this, operational costs of LAFCo were entirely paid for by the County, including staff time, legal services, miscellaneous office expenses, and insurance. The Legislature acted on the recommendation of the Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century and concluded that LAFCos were to become entirely independent and LAFCo costs were to be paid by the County, Cities, and Special Districts (if districts are seated on the Commission) with the costs allocated in equal thirds for each category.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Budget is based on the costs to provide LAFCo services in light of various mandates. This budget relies on carryover to be balanced. The overall goal of the budget is to conduct LAFCo business in a proactive independent manner involving the community and to meet the overall requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg (CKH) Act given the financial resources available.

Summary of Changes from the Prior Budget

Most budget line-items remain the same as the previous year. Below is a summary of proposed changes from the prior fiscal year budget.

1. **Memberships** is proposed to increase by \$68, for a total of \$2,336, to cover an increase in CALAFCO dues capped at 3% as voted on by the CALAFCO Board of Directors.
2. **Attorney Contracts** is proposed to increase by \$4,362.38, for a total of \$30,000, to accommodate a potential cost increase with the upcoming transition of legal representation.
3. Two line-items were adjusted to remove cents and round down to the nearest whole dollar:
LAFCo Clerk Services: a decrease of \$0.29, for a total of \$4,460.
Staff Office Services: a decrease of \$0.61, for a total of \$54,067.
4. **Office Expenses** is proposed to decrease by \$4,700, for a total of \$2,500, to align with anticipated lower costs.
5. **Records Retention and Mapping** is proposed to decrease by \$2,000, for a total of \$4,000, to align with anticipated lower costs.
6. **Web Page** is proposed to increase by \$4,290, for a total of \$6,090, to cover an incremental increase in the Streamline website subscription of 4.8%, which is \$7.50 per month and \$90 per year, and for a new add-on service (DocAccess) to meet new document ADA accessibility standards at a cost of \$350 per month and \$4,200 per year.

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7. **Municipal Service Reviews (MSR) and Spheres of Influence (SOI)** have been combined and is proposed to increase by \$35,000, for a total of \$100,000, in order to proceed with an outside-consultant prepared study for LACOSAN, and the preparation of multiple studies in-house (Upper Lake County Water District and Countywide Water for Fire Suppression).

Summary of Proposed Expenses

Transportation/Travel & Conference Registration/Training: (no change)

The Transportation and Travel and Conference Registration/Training line-items cover the costs for the CALAFCO conference and staff workshop, participation in other CALAFCO activities, other trainings, and mileage reimbursement and meals for in-person meetings.

This line-item is proposed to remain the same (Transportation and Travel \$6,600, and Conference Registration/Training \$3,050) and provides for three Commissioners to attend the CALAFCO Annual Conference on October 21-23, 2026 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento (in addition to a portion of consultant costs for the conference and staff workshop). This will also cover participation in additional CALAFCO activities related to the organizational restructuring underway, such as another potential Northern Region Roundtable, and potentially one in-person Legislative Committee meeting.

Commissioner Stipends: (no change)

The monthly stipend is \$100.00 per Regular and Alternate Commissioner in attendance at Regular and Special Commission meetings. The stipend supports the meeting time, mileage, and related expenses. The \$6,600 amount for this line-item accommodates 11 Commissioners to attend 6 meetings in the upcoming year. In the event that project activity requires additional meetings, additional costs can be attributed directly to a specific project, if needed.

Staff Office Services: (\$0.61 decrease)

This item funds ongoing LAFCo general administrative, pre-project planning with districts/cities/county, Brown Act and Public Records Act request compliance, CKH Act compliance and updates, public outreach, responding to Grand Jury complaints and inquiries, letters from the public, and inquiries from the county/cities/special districts/state, working on the MSRs and SOIs, and financial and accounting duties, as required, commenting on land use plans and specific projects, and processing LAFCo applications, and inquiries and representing Lake LAFCo at CALAFCO events.

The Executive Officer is charged with managing and performing the day-to-day operations of LAFCo. No cost-of-living increase is proposed at this time. Staff Office Services is proposed to decrease by \$0.61, for a total of \$54,067, to remove cents and round down to the nearest whole dollar.

Clerk Services: (\$0.29 decrease)

A LAFCo Clerk is important to produce an accurate record of meetings, distribute packets, and provide other miscellaneous duties. Clerk Services is proposed to decrease by \$0.29, for a total of 4,460, to remove cents and round down to the nearest whole dollar.

Attorney Contracts: (\$4,362.38 increase)

LAFCo Counsel is needed to provide legal advice at Commission meetings and to protect LAFCo's interests, as needed. Attorney Contracts is proposed to increase by \$4,362.38, for a total of \$30,000, to accommodate a potential cost increase with the upcoming transition of legal representation. Project

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related legal costs would be billed to the project proponent through LAFCo's fee structure. In the event of litigation, additional appropriations may become necessary.

Insurance: (no change)

LAFCo is required to have insurance as an independent agency. The CSAC EIA has indicated the Board of Supervisors must approve LAFCo being covered under CSAC's program. The Lake Board of Supervisors has an agreement that LAFCo could be covered under the County's insurance program. \$1,400.00 is the amount for this purpose.

Memberships: (\$68 increase)

Lake LAFCo is a member of CALAFCO, the Statewide professional organization for LAFCos. The CALAFCO Board of Directors approved the FY 2026-27 Membership Dues at their February 28, 2026 meeting, with an adjusted increase not to exceed 3% (final billing will reflect the actual CPI calculation). The dues for Lake LAFCo are estimated to be \$2,336, which is an increase of \$68.

Office Expenses: (\$4,700 decrease)

This item includes ongoing communication, internet, copies, computers, software, printer ink, and maintenance of equipment, mileage for LAFCo related business, phone, postage, paper and miscellaneous office supplies and insurance costs. An additional Supplies budget line-item is in place for miscellaneous supplies needed by Commissioners and the Clerk. Office Expenses is proposed to decrease by \$4,700, for a total of \$2,500, to align with anticipated lower costs.

Supplies: (no change)

This item includes supplies needed by Commissioners and the Clerk for meetings. The amount remains the same at \$250.00.

Books and Periodicals: (no change)

This item is in place to purchase LAFCo Law books or any other periodicals necessary for LAFCo operations. The amount remains the same at \$200.00.

Legal Notices/Publications: (no change)

Newspaper legal notices are required by State law for all public hearings before the Commission. Any cost overruns in this category will be supported through budget augmentation. The amount remains the same at \$1,400.00.

Web Page: (\$4,290 increase)

A website is the primary communication tool for an organization. Web Page is proposed to increase by \$4,290, for a total of \$6,090, to cover an incremental increase in the Streamline website subscription of 4.8%, which is \$7.50 per month and \$90 per year, and for a new add-on service (DocAccess) to meet new document ADA accessibility standards at a cost of \$350 per month and \$4,200 per year.

Special/Complex Projects: (no change)

This line item is reserved for special or complex projects requested by the Commission or staff. The Upper Lake MSR and Annexation (MTBE) project is a State funded activity. Both expenditures and revenue are estimated to remain the same at \$24,500.00.

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Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence: (\$35,000 increase)

Preparing Municipal Service Reviews and Spheres of Influence for local government agencies under LAFCo jurisdiction is a core function and these studies are utilized by the State Legislature, local agencies, and the general public to better understand agency performance and capacity plans for agency service areas.

The costs to prepare MSRs and SOIs are directly related to the requested content and expectations of the Commission, public, and agency staff. The total cost may exceed the estimated budget amount and may require multiple years for completion, especially if there is a high level of controversy or if prepared by an outside consultant at higher rates.

Municipal Service Reviews (MSR) and Spheres of Influence (SOI) have been combined and is proposed to increase by \$35,000, for a total of \$100,000, in order to proceed with an outside-consultant prepared study for LACOSAN, and the preparation of multiple studies in-house (Upper Lake County Water District and Countywide Water for Fire Suppression) for the upcoming fiscal year.

Records Retention and Mapping: (\$2,000 decrease)

This item funds GIS mapping of local agency boundaries and spheres for MSR and SOI updates and continuing to create electronic LAFCo records. Records Retention and Mapping is proposed to decrease by \$2,000, for a total of \$4,000, to align with anticipated lower costs.

City Finance: (no change)

The agreement between LAFCo and the City of Clearlake to provide finance services remains the same at \$2,500.00.

Contingency/Reserve: (no change)

The Contingency fund is proposed to remain at \$10,000. The General Reserve fund is proposed to remain at \$130,000. This provides LAFCo with the funds necessary to initiate projects in accordance with its Bylaws and Policies for which funding does not exist. Without reserves/contingency, if there were a cost overrun or unanticipated expenses (i.e. litigation) during the year, LAFCo would have to formally request a loan from the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors has no obligation to fund such a loan.

Summary of Anticipated other Revenue

LAFCo normally estimates other revenue for fee deposits and interest. The fee deposits do not become revenue until actual work is completed. The amount anticipated remains the same at \$10,000.00 for applications (fee deposits) and \$1,000.00 for interest income. LAFCo may be able to increase line-item appropriations if unanticipated revenue is realized through project applications (fee deposits) or may need to reduce appropriations to make up for any shortfall.

Carryover

LAFCo has consistently relied upon carryover, unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year, to balance the next fiscal year budget. It is anticipated that LAFCo will not expend its entire budget this year primarily due to the change in staff services from a flat fee to an hourly rate, the lack of a Commission Clerk, and delays in the MSR/SOI process and Upper Lake Special Project. It is estimated that unexpended funds from this fiscal year will total approximately \$210,000. Most of the carryover will be dedicated to cover the FY 2026-27 General Reserve (\$130,000) and Contingency Funds (\$10,000), leaving approximately \$70,000 in carryover to reduce the local agency apportionment amount for FY 2026-27.

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Work Program

1. Day-to-day activities of LAFCo and bi-monthly Commission meetings.
2. Process LAFCo applications as received and assist with pre-applications.
3. MSR/SOI Update – LACOSAN, Upper Lake CWD, and Water for Fire Suppression Study.
4. Continue to update the LAFCo website content and organize LAFCo files.
5. Update the monthly budget tracking sheet and process claims.
6. Follow local issues of importance and attend local agency meetings, when possible.
7. Review and provide comments on local agency land use application referrals, when possible.
8. Participate in CALAFCO organizational restructuring and Legislative Committee meetings.

Costs to County, Cities, and Districts

The total LAFCo budget amount to be apportioned between the County, Cities, and Special Districts (under Government Code Section 56381) is proposed to be \$144,453 for FY 2026-27, an increase of \$1,019.48 from the FY 2025-26 budget amount of \$143,433.52.

Attachments:

1. LAFCo Resolution No. 2026-01

Lake LAFCo
FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget

LAFCo Resolution No. 2026-01

Expenditure Category	2021-22 Final Budget	2022-23 Final Budget	2023-24 Final Budget	2024-25 Final Budget	2025-26 Final Budget	2026-27 Proposed	Change
500-101 Commissioners Stipend	\$5,280.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600	
600-235 Supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250	
700-451 Memberships	\$1,889.00	\$1,982.00	\$2,145.90	\$2,196.00	\$2,268.00	\$2,336	\$68.00
700-450 Books and Periodicals	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200	
750-564 Attorney Contracts	\$22,044.00	\$23,454.82	\$24,580.65	\$25,637.62	\$25,637.62	\$30,000	\$4,362.38
750-560 LAFCo Clerk Services	\$4,000.00	\$4,256.00	\$4,460.29	\$4,460.29	\$4,460.29	\$4,460	(\$0.29)
750-560 Office Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$2,500	(\$4,700.00)
750-560 Staff Office Services	\$48,488.00	\$51,591.23	\$54,067.61	\$76,392.50	\$54,067.61	\$54,067	(\$0.61)
750-564 Legal Notices/Publications	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400	
700-453 Transportation and Travel	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600	
700-453 Conference Registration/Training	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,050.00	\$3,050.00	\$3,050.00	\$3,050	
960-995 Insurance	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400	
750-560 Records Retention and Mapping	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000	(\$2,000.00)
750-560 Web Page	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,800.00	\$6,090	\$4,290.00
750-560 Auditor/City - Agreement	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	
750-560 Spheres of Influence (SOI)	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$100,000	\$35,000.00
750-560 Municipal Service Reviews (MSR)	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$45,000.00		
750-560 Special/Complex projects	\$15,000.00	\$24,500.00		\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500	
Total Expenditure Budget	\$164,601.00	\$180,484.05	\$160,504.45	\$208,436.41	\$212,933.52	\$249,953	\$37,019.48
999-999 Contingency	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000	
405-692 General Reserves	\$70,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$130,000	
Total Expense/Contingency/Reserve	\$244,601.00	\$270,484.05	\$260,504.45	\$318,436.41	\$352,933.52	\$389,953	
Estimated Carryover Balance (Prior FY)	-\$100,000.00	-\$101,000.00	-\$101,000.00	-\$140,000.00	-\$174,000.00	-\$210,000	
404-30 Estimated Other Revenue	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000	
Special Project Revenue - Upper Lake MTBE		-\$24,500.00		-\$24,500.00	-\$24,500.00	-\$24,500	
419-420-710 Interest Income				-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000	
Total Expense less anticipated Revenue	-\$110,000.00	\$134,984.05	\$149,504.45	\$142,936.41	\$143,433.52	\$144,453	
419-404-888 Local Agency Contributions	\$134,601.00	\$134,984.05	\$149,504.45	\$142,936.41	\$143,433.52	\$144,453	\$1,019.48

Eleventh Amendment to Agreement for Executive Officer Services for Lake LAFCo with John Benoit, Contractor

This is an amendment dated June 17, 2026 to that certain AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SERVICES by and between the Lake Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) and JOHN BENOIT (CONTRACTOR) first entered into on January 13, 2003 (herein referred to as the 2003 contract) and since amended ten times by the Commission.

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024 Lake LAFCo appointed a new Executive Officer to assume all Executive Officer Duties and manage the day-to-day operation of LAFCo; and

WHEREAS, Lake LAFCo desires John Benoit continue to provide services to LAFCo and assist the new Executive Officer on a limited basis during the transition not to exceed 3-years and within LAFCo’s budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED that the 2003 Contract (as previously amended nine times) is further amended as follows:

1. The provisions of the 2003 contract, as previously amended, shall continue to apply except as amended herein, provided that any provision that is inconsistent with the changed scope of the contract shall be harmonized with the intent of this amendment.
2. John Benoit shall no longer be the Lake LAFCo Executive Officer and instead shall be considered the Assistant Executive Officer between July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027.
3. The effective date of this agreement shall be July 1, 2026 and shall continue until terminated by either party or on July 1, 2027.

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Contractor

Stacey Mattina, Chair
or Dirk Slooten, Vice Chair

John Benoit

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

P. Scott Browne, LAFCo Counsel

Strong Foundation and Clear Direction

Agenda Item 8a

CALAFCO's Priorities for 2026 and Beyond



On February 26, the CALAFCO Board of Directors spent a full day focused on where the organization is headed and what members can expect over the next two years.

CALAFCO is in a strong position. Education programs are active and growing. Member outreach has improved. Governance has been reformed. The Board is clear on priorities and ready to execute.

Board members said so themselves, candidly and consistently throughout the retreat. Progress over the past year is real and visible, and the Board's focus now is on sustaining that momentum with consistent, reliable follow-through.

The retreat centered on fundamentals: the services members rely on, the reliability they expect, and the discipline required to deliver at that level.

HERE IS THE BOARD'S TWO-YEAR VISION:

1. Education Is the Top Priority

The Board identified education as the organization's highest priority. That includes CALAFCO University, the Staff Workshop, the Annual Conference, and webinars. The direction is to keep building on what is working and make sure programming stays practical and relevant for both commissioners and staff. A new emphasis includes making materials available after events conclude, so sessions have lasting value as an ongoing resource members can return to throughout the year.



2. Legislative Work: Present, Strategic, and Grounded

The Board wants CALAFCO to maintain a credible presence in Sacramento and serve as a resource for policymakers on LAFCO-related issues. Legislative efforts will be disciplined and selective, focused on issues with clear statewide relevance and genuine member support. Capacity is finite, and the Board is committed to directing it where it will have the most impact.

3. Governance Reforms Are in Place: Focus Shifts to Implementation

Recent changes to CALAFCO's governance structure, including allowing Executive Officers to serve on the Board and removing seat-type restrictions, were broadly supported at the retreat. The focus now is on making those changes work well in practice. Members were direct about the importance of clear roles. The Board sets policy direction, and the Executive Director manages day-to-day operations. That clarity benefits everyone.

4. Communication Is Improving and Will Keep Getting Better

Transparency and member outreach have improved, and Board members have noted it. The next step is to make communication even clearer and easier to access. Members want concise, timely updates on major initiatives, Board decisions, and working group activities. The website is on the agenda as well, with plans to develop it into a stronger information hub.

5. Building a Sustainable Staffing Model

The Board recognized the substantial work accomplished over the past year and is committed to building on it with a durable staffing structure. Expectations and resources need to align, and the organization is working toward a model that supports the Executive Director with the right capacity to deliver on member priorities over the long term.



6. Dues Structure Review Is a Near-Term Priority

The Board identified the dues structure as a priority for the coming year. The goal is a structure that is fair, transparent, and tied directly to the value members receive, with particular attention to equity across counties of different sizes. Members can expect an open process with clear communication as this work moves forward.



7. Serving Current Members and Growing the Community


The Board is committed to re-engaging LAFCOs that have stepped away and staying connected to those considering membership. The clearest path to both is continue deliver consistent value to current members. A strong track record of reliability and responsiveness is what makes membership worth maintaining and worth joining.



8. The Direction Is Clear

The Board left the retreat with a shared, practical commitment: stay focused, deliver on the fundamentals, and build on what is working. That means stronger education, clearer communication, an improved website, stable staffing, a fair dues structure, and consistent outreach to members across California.



 **CALAFCO's strength comes from the people it serves. Questions, feedback, or ideas? Reach out to your Board representative or contact the CALAFCO office directly.**

Since the March Quarterly Newsletter, CALAFCO has stayed busy on the work that matters most to members: education and training, legislative advocacy, communications improvements, governance implementation, and day-to-day support for LAFCOs of every size and region.

One thing has become especially clear this year: members truly value staying connected with colleagues across California. Workshops, trainings, and committee discussions give commissioners, staff, and partners, whether you are new to LAFCO work or have decades of experience, the chance to share ideas, learn from one another, and build lasting relationships.

HERE'S WHERE THAT STANDS.

Board Governance and Strategic Planning:

Following the Special Membership Meeting in February, the Board has been putting into place the governance changes the membership approved earlier this year.

Those changes take effect with the 2026 election cycle.

In February, the Board also held a full-day strategic planning workshop focused on governance, communications, education, and strengthening member involvement and statewide coordination.

Staff will begin distributing election materials this summer as CALAFCO prepares for the 2026 Board election cycle under the newly adopted governance structure.

Educational Programs Continue to Grow:

Interest in CALAFCO's education and training programs keeps growing.

In February, CALAFCO-U hosted LAFCO 101 with more than 100 registrants, and in April, LAFCO 201 drew another 100-plus participants for a deeper look at governance, legal, and operational topics. It is great to see so many members learning side by side.

CALAFCO also launched free, on-demand SB 827 ethics compliance training in partnership with BBK and Regional Government Services. The training is available to every member through December 31, 2026. If your team hasn't completed it yet, there is still plenty of time.

Staff Workshop in Pismo Beach: The 2026 CALAFCO Staff Workshop was held May 6-8 in Pismo Beach with approximately 85 attendees from throughout California, and was a huge success!

The workshop centered on practical, hands-on discussions and peer learning, giving LAFCO staff from large multi-county offices to single-staff LAFCOs time to connect and work through the day-to-day challenges so many of us share.

A special thank you again to San Luis Obispo LAFCO for serving as the host LAFCO and helping make the workshop a success.

2026 Biennial Survey: CALAFCO also completed its 2026 Biennial Survey of California LAFCOs, with 51 LAFCOs participating.

The survey offers valuable statewide insight into staffing models, budgets, workloads, shared services, and operational trends. LAFCOs of all sizes use the results for benchmarking, organizational planning, budget development, and compensation discussions.

Legislative Engagement Remains Strong: CALAFCO’s Legislative Committee is actively reviewing legislation that affects LAFCOs and the local government services communities rely on across California. This work draws on the combined efforts of CALAFCO staff, Board members, Executive Officers, and our lobbying team. There is always room for more members to weigh in, and we welcome your input.

The CALAFCO Legislative Committee also formally opposed AB 2083 (Jackson, 2026) due to concerns regarding consistency with existing Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg processes and the broader precedent the legislation could create for future LAFCO proceedings statewide.

Membership and Organizational Sustainability: At the May Board meeting, the Board approved CALAFCO’s FY 2026-27 operating budget and approved moving forward with additional discussions regarding CALAFCO’s long-term dues and membership structure.

The Board also approved the creation of a Membership and Dues Review Committee, with appointments expected later this summer. The review will look closely at CALAFCO’s membership and dues structure with fairness, predictability, member value, and long-term financial stability all on the table. We especially want to hear from LAFCOs of every size as this work moves forward, and there will be several opportunities for members to share their perspectives.

Communications and Website Improvements: Staff have also started implementing several practical website and communications improvements in response to member feedback. Current efforts are focused on simplifying key pages, improving the visibility of events and updates, and organizing information more clearly to make the website easier for members to navigate and use.

Planning Ahead: The Board also approved the locations for the 2027-2029 Staff Workshops and Annual Conferences, allowing staff to continue long-range planning for future events and contracts. Planning is also underway for the 2026 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Sacramento, October 21-23. The Board approved updated Achievement Award nomination materials, including several new categories that recognize emerging leaders, creative partnerships, and project-based work across the LAFCO community. We encourage every LAFCO to consider nominating a colleague. Great work happens at organizations of all sizes. Nomination materials will be distributed in June.

SO, WHAT’S NEXT:

Between now and the Annual Conference, CALAFCO’s focus remains straightforward:

- 1) Put the membership-approved governance changes fully into effect.
- 2) Keep improving our communications and website so information is easy to find.
- 3) Strengthen financial reporting and day-to-day operations.
- 4) Expand practical education and training opportunities for members at every level.
- 5) Prepare for the 2026 Annual Conference and 2026 Board election cycle.

CALAFCO There’s still important work ahead, but CALAFCO is clearly moving in a positive direction. Our focus remains on doing the work well, communicating openly, following through, and delivering practical support and real value to LAFCOs of every size across California.

What makes CALAFCO valuable is the willingness of commissioners, staff, and partners throughout California to stay involved, share ideas, and support one another. Whether your LAFCO is large or small, urban or rural, your voice and participation strengthen the whole community.

As always, I’m grateful for the support, participation, and engagement of LAFCOs across California. I warmly welcome those of you who are newer to CALAFCO or simply looking for ways to get more involved.

Michelle McIntyre