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Date: June 16, 2008
To: LAFCO Commissioners
LAFCO Legal Counsel
LAFCO Staff
Re: 2008 CALAFCO Conference, September 3-5, 2008

Please see attached information packet for the 2008 CALAFCO Conference to be held in Los Angeles September 3-5, 2008. If you will be attending the conference, please make your own hotel reservations as soon as possible. Send me a copy of your conformation and a check will be sent out to the hotel prior to your arrival. Also, attached is the Conference Registration Form. Fill it out completely and return it to me no later than July 1, 2008. **Do Not send in the conference registration to CALAFCO.** Once I get all the information, a check will be sent for the conference registration fees. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Celeste Aguirre".

Celeste Aguirre
LAFCO Secretary

April 29, 2008

TO: ALL LAFCOs

**FROM: Sandor L. Winger
Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCO**

The Los Angeles LAFCO is very pleased to be hosting the 2008 CALAFCO Conference. Enclosed are the registration materials for this year's conference. Please read them over carefully before returning your registration form to CALAFCO. You may have noticed the absence of food choices. In the coming weeks your LAFCO will receive a form requesting your choices for the various meals. As with the enclosed registration form, simply copy the meal form as needed for each attendee, make your choices and return.

We have activities planned for family and friends to enjoy and we hope you will consider bringing them along. The hotel has extended the conference rate to 3 days prior and 3 days after the conference, so come a day early and stay a day later. We promise you won't regret it!

The staff here at Los Angeles LAFCO is looking forward to having you join us in our neck of the woods for this year's conference and we sincerely hope to see you there. Please feel free to call or email us with any questions or concerns.



**LOS ANGELES
2008 CALAFCO CONFERENCE
LAFCO – California's Future Is Our Business**



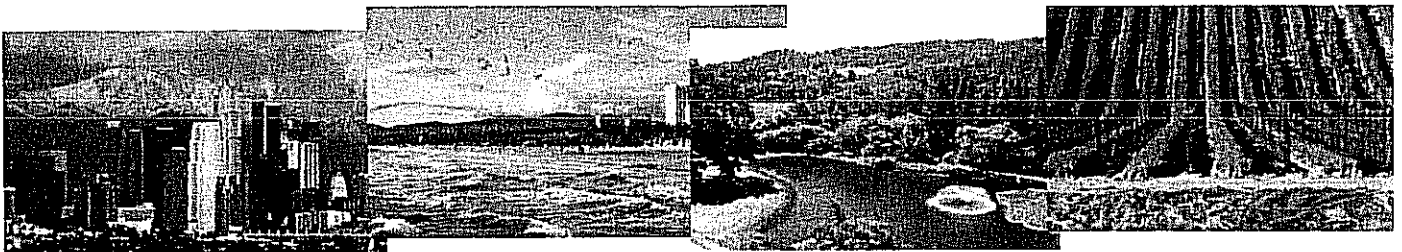
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE*

Wednesday, September 3, 2008

- 7:30** Registration (All Day)
- 8:00** Mobile Workshop
 - Tillman Reclamation Facility
 - The Japanese Gardens
- 10:00** LAFCO 101
- 12:00** Opening Luncheon (Tentative)
 - Welcoming Remarks
 - Keynote Speaker(s) **
- 2:00** General Session:
 - Changing Priorities and Perspective Influencing LAFCO Decisions – The Role that Local Conditions and Circumstances Play in California's 58 Counties.
- 3:10** Break
- 3:30** Breakout Session: Commissioner Roundtable
 - What is the Role of a LAFCO Commissioner?
 - Ethics – What Hat Are You Wearing?
- Staff Roundtable
 - LAFCO's Relationship with Other Local Agencies
 - Ag Land Preservation
 - Environmental Justice
 - The Truth About Sprawl
 - Real Estate Development – Where is it happening?
 - Guiding Development Away From Ag Lands
- 5:00** **End Day One**
- 6:00** Reception
 - Cocktails
 - Hors d' oeuvres
 - Entertainment

Thursday, September 4 2008

- 7:30** Networking Breakfast
- 8:30** CALAFCO Business Meeting
Attorneys Continuing Education Class
- 10:00** General Session
 - Fire, Famine and Floods: Disaster Driven Decision Making
- 11:00** Breakout Sessions:
 - Levee Management & Reclamation Districts
 - Mutual Water Companies – Conversion to Public Utility
- 11:30** Luncheon
- 12:15** Keynote Speaker**
- 1:15** General Session:
 - A Futurist's Vision of LAFCOs: Where Are We Going?
- 2:00** Breakout Sessions:
 - Economic Impacts of the Futurist Vision of LAFCOs, Planning and Economic Forecasting:
 - COG's Regional Planning Agencies: Is LAFCO's Participation Needed?
 - The Future of LAFCOs in the Shadow of AB32 and SB375
- 3:00** Break
- 3:15** General Sessions Option:
 - Water – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
- 5:00** **End Day Two**
- 6:30** **Awards Gala*****

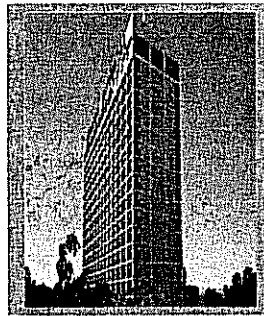


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Friday, September 5, 2008

- 7:30** Continental Breakfast
- 8:30** General Session:
- Transportation and Traffic Congestion: Learn From Our Mistakes
- 9:30** Breakout Sessions
- Legislative Update
 - Legal Independence – Is Relying on County Counsel A Thing Of The Past?
 - California At A Crossroads:
 - Real Estate Development -2nd Largest Industry
 - Smart Growth Plans in Agricultural Lands
 - Government Structure
 - Ivory Tower vs. Reality
- 10:30** General Session:
- Speaker – Closing Remarks
- 11:30** Conference Ends
- 12:00** CALAFCO Executive Board Meeting

- * Conference Schedule Subject to Change
- ** Keynote Speaker(s) to be announced
- *** Cocktail attire, black tie optional



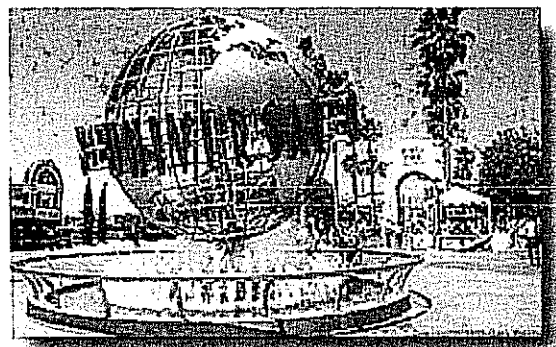
*Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, California*

The 20-story Sheraton Universal Hotel puts guests within strolling distance to Universal Studios and Universal City Walk's entertainment, both reachable by the hotel's complimentary tram. Guests also are close to a Metro train and bus station where they can hitch rides for quick jaunts throughout L.A. The hotel's concierges often direct guests to Burbank's "It's a Wrap," where they can buy clothes worn in movies and on TV shows. Guests also are close to the Hollywood Bowl, Los Angeles Zoo, Griffith Park, Gene Autry Western Museum, Melrose Avenue's tony shops and cafes, Paramount Studios and the L.A. Convention Center. Kids won't mind the 40-mile trip to Disneyland.

Nicknamed "Hotel of the Stars," this Universal City hotel is popular with celebrities and entertainment types who, along with leisure travelers, mingle in the lobby's comfortable seating areas that look out onto the tropical garden and pool. For dining, the hotel offers California cuisine at California's Restaurant and light snacks, buffet breakfasts and other meals at the seasonal Baja Beach Club Poolside Lounge. The hotel also includes a business center; extensive meeting, wedding and banquet facilities; Internet access; fitness center and spa tub.

Hotel accommodations include 436 rooms overlooking Hollywood Hills or San Fernando Valley. They feature comfy Sheraton Sweet Sleeper beds, which are custom-designed, plush-top mattresses dressed with three sheets, fleece blankets, richly colored duvets and piles of feather pillows. Additional amenities include safes, work desks, Internet access, mini-bars, pay movies, and video-game consoles.

Fidos can fall fast asleep on complimentary red, white and blue dog beds and awaken to snacks and water bowls.



LOS ANGELES
2008 CALAFCO CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 3 – 5, 2008

General Information

CONFERENCE HOTEL

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Drive with easy access to restaurants, shops, and museums. Guest amenities include concierge, high speed internet in all meeting rooms, a fitness center, whirlpool and outdoor swimming pool, as well as a variety of dining venues to suit every taste.

CONFERENCE PARKING

Guest parking is available at the Sheraton Universal Hotel for \$18 per day or overnight.

SHERATON UNIVERSAL HOTEL

The Sheraton Universal Hotel has offered all attendees of the Los Angeles 2008 CALAFCO Conference the opportunity to stay at the hotel 3 days prior and 3 days after the conference at the special conference rate of \$159.00/night. The hotel does not have an airport shuttle, but arrangements can be made at the hotel to return to the airport by taxi or private shuttle.

AMTRAK

Amtrak provides convenient and affordable passenger rail service to downtown Los Angeles Union Station. For information contact Amtrak at www.amtrak.com or 800-872-7245.

CALAFCO Sponsored Activities for Spouses/Guests

Tuesday, September 2nd

Golfers Unite

A golf outing at a nearby golf course has been scheduled for Tuesday September 2nd. Additional information including the cost for transportation from the hotel and back will be forthcoming.

Universal Studio Tour and Amusement Park

If golf isn't your cup of tea be sure to check out the world famous Universal Studios Tour. See first hand where and how the magic of movies and some of your favorite television shows are made. In addition to the tour of the back lot take a ride on the thrilling Revenge of the Mummy rollercoaster or try the Jurassic Park 80ft raft plunge.

Some "Dinner-on-your-own" options

1. Universal City Walk has a great selection of restaurants and a food court a great option for families with younger kids.
2. Carpool into the City of Los Angeles for a whole host of dining options

CALAFCO Sponsored Activities

Wednesday, September 3rd

Mobile Workshop – A tour of the Tillman Reclamation Facility and the Japanese Gardens of the Sepulveda Basin. Morning refreshments will be provided. (Cost \$40.00 Advance registration required.) The Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (DCTWRP), was designed to produce reclaimed water that will meet the requirements of the California Department of Health Services and the County Health Department for specific uses with the priority to protect public health. The main function of the plant, however, is to relieve the overburdened portions of the wastewater collection system between the San Fernando Valley and the City' of Los Angeles' main wastewater treatment facility, the Hyperion Treatment Plant, located in Playa Del Rey.

LAFCO 101 – Target audience—Commissioners new to LAFCO. Experienced Commissioners and staff will provide answers to the question, "What is LAFCO?" Box lunch provided. (No additional fee. Advance registration required.)

Thursday, August 30th

Hollywood/Rodeo Drive and Shopping Tour -- 9:00-3:00

Rodeo Drive is arguably one of the most well known locations in the United States, it is a must see attraction. The private tour will take you through Hollywood, the City of Beverly Hills and onto Rodeo Drive culminating with lunch and shopping at the Grove Mall one of the largest outdoor malls in America. Choose from a whole host of restaurants, or take a trolley ride from the Grove to the famous Fairfax Farmer's Market. Advance registration required and the cost will depend on registration levels, however, we estimate the cost being less than \$55.00 per person.

PLEASE NOTE: CALAFCO SPONSORED ACTIVITIES REQUIRE ADVANCE RESERVATIONS. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 31ST IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED. (SPONSORED ACTIVITIES MAY BE CANCELLED IF INADEQUATE INTEREST IS EXPRESSED.)

Additional Information Coming Soon!

REGISTRATION FORM



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSIONERS

Sharing information and resources

2008 CALAFCO CONFERENCE September 3 - 5, 2008

COUNTY:

Please complete all applicable sections.
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON REGISTERING.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

LAFCO POSITION _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

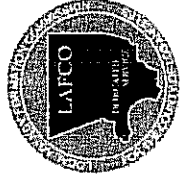
PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAIL: Jamie M. Szutowicz, Admin. Assist.
CALAFCO
801 12th Street, Suite 611
Sacramento, CA. 95814

CALAFCO CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

	Received by July 31st	Received after July 31st	Amt. Encl.
Member	\$390	\$440	
Non-member	\$450	\$500	
Guest/Spouse (All Meals)	\$165	\$165	
Guest/Spouse (Banquet/Receptions)	\$90	\$90	
Member Attorney MCLE Credit	\$50	\$50	
Mobile Workshop	\$40	\$40	
Golf Outing - Price does not include transportation	\$25	\$25	
Universal Studios Tour	\$60	\$60	
Rodeo Drive & Shopping Tour	\$TBA	\$TBA	
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES			



_____ I will attend the pre-conference "LAFCO 101" On Wednesday.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORMS.
Checks payable to CALAFCO
Check # _____

CANCELLATION & REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY

1. Cancellation requests made in writing AND received by CALAFCO no later than August 11, 2008, shall receive a 100% refund.
2. Registrations are considered complete upon receipt of registration fees.
3. Registration fees are transferable to another person not already registered, provided that the request is received in writing by the registration deadline.
4. A LAFCO may carryover, for a period of one year, one cancelled or unused registration that is equal to the amount paid for use at a future conference or workshop provided that the request is received in writing.

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May, 2008

RE: 2008 Annual CALAFCO Conference Sponsorships

Dear Prospective Sponsors:

The Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission is hosting the 2008 Annual Conference of the California Association of LAFCos (CALAFCO). The conference will be held on September 3-5 at the Sheraton Universal in Universal City, California. CALAFCO is seeking sponsors for this important educational event.

The conference provides an opportunity for your organization to meet nearly 300 LAFCo commissioners, commission staff, and special guests. LAFCo commissioners include county supervisors, city council members, special district directors, and specially appointed members of the public. CALAFCO Gold associate members who select a \$1,500 or higher conference sponsorship also receive a free conference registration (\$425).

Details of the sponsorship levels along with the appropriate form are enclosed. Certainly, the Los Angeles LAFCo is extremely proud to host this conference and like many of our associate LAFCos, we have been privileged to work with some of the best in the business. In that regard we urge your support as a sponsor in helping to make this a most memorable and successful event by showcasing the depth and breadth of experience that makes up our business community.

We look forward to and appreciate your support and participation in the Los Angeles 2008 CALAFCO Conference!

Yours Sincerely,



William Chiat
Executive Director

LAFCO: California's Future Is Our Business

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions
LOS ANGELES 2008 CONFERENCE

The CALAFCO Annual Conference will be held from Tuesday, September 2 through noon on Friday September 5, at the Sheraton Universal across from the Universal City Walk in Universal City. Nearly 300 commissioners and staff from the 58 Local Agency Formation Commissions around the state are expected at this annual conference.

BENEFITS of SPONSORSHIP

- Direct exposure of your firm to 300 LAFCo Commissioners and staff from around the state
- Listing and logo in program and display panels
- Tabletop display of your literature
- CALAFCO Gold Associate Members who sponsor at the Gold or Platinum level receive a complementary registration
- Recognition as a supporter of the CALAFCO educational mission
- Discounted registration rates for non-member sponsors

Sponsorship Opportunities

This is a unique opportunity to participate and share in the following:

Platinum Sponsors - \$2,000

- ◆ Participant Gift (with sponsor logo)
- ◆ Awards Reception and Banquet
- ◆ Conference Luncheon

Plus a full page ad in the program brochure, your company's brochure in participant packet, and a tabletop display

Gold Sponsors - \$1,500

- ◆ Hospitality Reception
- ◆ Wine & Beer Showcase Event
- ◆ General Sessions; Mobile workshop
- ◆ Breakfasts

Plus a 1/2 page ad in the program brochure, your company's brochure in participant packet, and tabletop display

Silver Sponsors - \$1000

- ◆ Breaks
- ◆ Mobile workshop

Plus a 1/4 ad in the program brochure and tabletop display

Bronze Sponsors - \$500

Recognition in program

SPONSORSHIP ENROLLMENT

Please return the attached form to:
California Association of
Local Agency Formation Commissions
801 12th Street, Suite 611, Sacramento, CA 95814

For more information on sponsorship:
Sandor L. Winger, Los Angeles LAFCO
818.254.2454

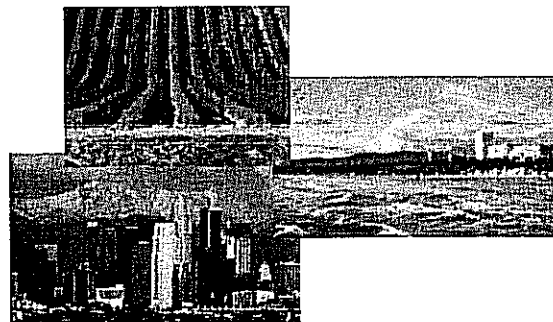
For information on CALAFCO:
www.calafco.org

Recognition for Conference Sponsors

We appreciate our Conference sponsors. Their support enables CALAFCO to enhance its educational activities for LAFCo commissioners and staff, and the broader community. Sponsors will be highlighted and recognized in the program, on display signs, at general sessions, and the awards banquet. CALAFCO is a 501(3)(c) organization.

THANK YOU for your support!

CALAFCO
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS



CALAFCO 2008 Annual Conference
September 3-5, 2008
Sheraton Universal Hotel, Universal City

Sponsorship Form

Firm Name (as you would like listed in program)

Contact Person

Title

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail address

Payment must accompany sponsorship form.
Please make checks payable to: CALAFCO

Mail form and remittance to:

California Association of Local Agency
Formation Commissions
810 12th Street, Suite 611
Sacramento, CA 94558

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE
Friday, August 1, 2008



Sponsorships are allotted on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please check your desired sponsorship:

Platinum Sponsor \$2,000

- Participant Gift
- Conference Luncheons
- Awards Reception and Banquet

Gold Sponsor \$1,500

- Hospitality Reception
- Wine & Beer Showcase Event
- General Session
- Mobile Workshop
- Breakfast

Silver Sponsor \$1,000

- Break

Bronze Sponsor \$500

- Bronze sponsorship

Total Sponsorship enclosed:

\$ _____

Please also include a disk with your logo.

Conference and Hotel Registration Information

One complimentary conference registration (a \$425 value) is included for **Gold Associate Members** who select a \$1,500+ sponsorship. Non-member sponsors may register at the Associate Member conference rate of \$425 per person. Registration forms and information are available at www.calafco.org or by calling 916/442-6536. All attendees must be registered.

If you plan on staying at the conference, make hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Universal City at 818/980-1212. Note that hotel rates increase significantly after 31 July 2008, and rooms may not be available.

THANK YOU for your support!