



## CALAFCO Legislative Summary

July 27, 2023, LAFCo Meeting

The CALAFCO Legislative Committee is currently tracking 21 pieces of proposed legislation as categorized below. Twelve (12) bills that failed to make deadlines and dropped off this year’s calendar (becoming 2-year bills) have been removed from this summary (which includes the remaining nine (9) bills). None appear to be concerning for Yolo LAFCo. Of note there are two surviving bills proposed that seek to change the Brown Act open meeting requirements, both would appear to give Yolo LAFCo the option to return to meeting via teleconference.

	What Bill Would Do	Anticipated Impacts to Yolo LAFCo
<b>Support Position</b>		
SB 360 (Blakespear D) California Coastal Commission: member voting.	Would allow members or employees of certain entities to sit on the California Coastal Commission. This bill would add members or employees of JPAs and LAFCos into that list.	None.
AB 1753 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: reorganization.	CALAFCO Omnibus bill.	None.
SB 878, 879, and 880 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.	Annual validating acts.	None.
<b>Watch Position</b>		
AB 530 (Boerner D) Vehicles: Electric Bicycles	As introduced, this bill was relative to greenhouse emissions. However, it was gutted and amended on 5/15/2023 and now addresses county water authorities.	None. Yolo has no county water authorities.
SB 411 (Portantino D) Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership.	This bill would authorize a legislative body to use alternate teleconferencing provisions like the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency.	Positive. Would allow use of teleconferencing provisions.
AB 1637 (Irwin D) Local Gov’t internet websites and email addresses	By January 1, 2026, would require a local agency that maintains an internet website ensure that the internet website utilizes a “.gov” top-level domain or a “.ca.gov” second-level domain. 5/18/2023: The bill was amended and is no longer applicable to LAFCos as its definition of a local agency has been narrowly defined to only cities and counties.	None. Amended to only apply to cities and counties.

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SB 537 (Becker D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	Would also teleconferencing provisions to allow legislative bodies of multijurisdictional agencies to meet remotely.	Positive. It would allow LAFCo use of teleconferencing provisions.
SB 557 (Hart D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	Similar in scope to SB 411, this bill is follow-on legislation to AB 361 (2022) and seeks to return some of the pandemic-era teleconferencing provisions to the Brown Act and would change the timeline for legislative bodies to reaffirm an emergency from the current 30 days to 45 days. This bill is sponsored by CSDA.	Positive. Would provide limited additional flexibility to open meeting laws.
<b>Oppose Position</b>		
AB 918 (Garcia D) Health care district: County of Imperial.	Severely limits Imperial LAFCo's discretion forming this district.	None.
AB 399 (Boerner D)	This bill, the Water Ratepayers Protections Act of 2023, would additionally require the public entity to submit the proposition of excluding the public agency's corporate area from the county water authority to the electors within the territory of the county water authority. The bill would require the 2 elections to be separate; however, the bill would authorize both elections to run concurrently. The bill would require a majority vote for withdrawal in both elections for the withdrawal of the public agency from the territory of the county water authority.	None. Yolo has no county water authorities.
<b>No Position or Neutral Position</b>		
AB 930 (Friedman D) Local government: Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) districts.	The bill would provide for the establishment of a governing board of a RISE district with representatives of each participating local government outside of the LAFCo process.	None. RISE districts would be financing tools such as a CFD/Mello-Roos districts and therefore would not impact Yolo LAFCo.
AB 828 (Connolly D) Sustainable groundwater management: managed wetlands	Adds definitions for Managed Wetlands, and small community water system to Water Code Section 10721. 4/17/2023: Amended to define agencies and entities required or excluded from existing 10726.4 (a)(4). Amends Water Code section 10730.2 to add language regarding fees, and amends Water Code section 10733 to address groundwater sustainability plans.	None. Water systems are regulated by County Env. Health and our local GSA has been formed as a JPA not a district overseen by LAFCo.
AB 1460 (Bennett D) Local Government	As introduced, this bill makes only a minor nonsubstantive change to CKH in that it would merely add commas to Section 56000 so that it would read: "This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000."	None.

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AB 768 (Caballero D) California Environmental Quality Act: vehicle miles traveled: statement of overriding consideration.	The bill would add language into the Public Resource Code to provide that a public agency, in approving or carrying out certain types of projects, is not required to issue a statement of overriding consideration for significant effects on the environment identified by a project's vehicle miles traveled if the lead agency has imposed all feasible mitigation measures on the project and it finds no feasible alternatives to the project.	Minimal to none.
AB 865 (Laird D) Municipal water districts: automatic exclusion of cities	Existing law authorizes a governing body of a municipal water district may adopt an ordinance excluding any territory annexed to a metropolitan water district organized under the Metropolitan Water District Act, providing that the territory is annexed prior to the effective date of the formation of the municipal water district. If that happens, the Secretary of State must, within 10 days of receiving a certified copy, issue a certificate reciting the passage of the ordinance that excludes the area from the municipal water district. This bill would extend the Secretary of State's window to issue that certificate from 10 to 14 days.	None. Yolo has no metropolitan water districts.