



CALAFCO Legislative Summary

December 7, 2023, LAFCo Meeting

The 2023 Legislative Session is now over. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee is currently tracking 13 pieces of proposed legislation as categorized below. Six bills were signed into law, while the remaining seven became two-year bills. None appear to be concerning or especially impactful to Yolo LAFCo. Of note there is one surviving two-year bill proposed (AB 1379) that seeks to change the Brown Act open meeting requirements to allow no more than two members (i.e., less than a quorum) to attend meetings via teleconference, which could be helpful to some members.

	Bill No./Author	What Bill Would Do	CALAFCO Position	Anticipated Impacts to Yolo LAFCo	Bill Status
1	AB 68 (Ward-D)	Establishes ministerial process to streamline certain housing development if meets requirements.	Watch	None	2-year bill
2	AB 399 (Boerner D)	This bill requires a second election process for water authorities to exclude the detaching agency's corporate area from the county water authority.	Oppose (Undermines San Diego LAFCo authority)	None. Yolo has no county water authorities.	Signed into law
3	AB 557 (Becker D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	Allows teleconferencing provisions to when state health emergency is in effect.	Watch	Helpful during health emergency	Signed into law
4	557 (Hart D) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	Similar in scope to SB 411, this bill allows of a legislative body to hold a teleconference meeting under those abbreviated teleconferencing procedures when a declared state of emergency is in effect.	Watch	Helpful during health emergency	Signed into law
5	AB 805 (Arambula-D) Drinking water consolidation; sewer service	Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board, if sufficient funds are available, to order consolidation of sewer service along with an order of consolidation of drinking water systems	Watch with concerns	Not concerning for Yolo LAFCo, may even be beneficial	2-year bill
6	AB 817 (Pacheco-D) teleconference: subsidiary body	This bill is similar to other brown act legislation. Appears to be a spot bill.	Watch	Unknown.	2-year bill

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7	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	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.	2-year bill
8	AB 918 (Garcia D) Health care district: County of Imperial.	Severely limits Imperial LAFCo's discretion forming this district.	Oppose	None.	Signed into law
9	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.	Neutral	None. RISE districts would be financing tools such as a CFD/Mello-Roos districts and therefore would not impact Yolo LAFCo.	2-year bill
10	AB 1379 (Papan) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences	Would allow teleconferencing with at least a quorum location accessible to the public within the agency jurisdiction.	Watch	Could be beneficial to some members.	2-year bill
11	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."	Neutral	None.	2-year bill
12	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.	Watch	None. Amended to only apply to cities and counties.	Signed into law
13	AB 1753 (Committee on Local Government) Local government: reorganization.	CALAFCO Omnibus bill.	Support	None.	Signed into law