



CALAFCO Legislative Summary

January 25, 2024, LAFCo Meeting

The 2024 Legislative Session is starting up. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee is currently tracking 11 pieces of proposed legislation (4 of which are “dead”) as listed below. None appear to be concerning or especially impactful to Yolo LAFCo.

Also of legislative note, late last year your Executive Officer volunteered to serve on the CALAFCO Legislative Committee Advisory Committee, which means not on the full-time committee but for an advisory special-project ad hoc capacity representing the Central Region. There are no “hot” legislative issues so far where the Advisory Committee has been called into action.

AB 68 (Ward D) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: density, subdivision, and utility approvals.
Status: Dead

AB 530 (Boerner D) Vehicles: electric bicycles.
Status: Dead

AB 805 (Arambula D) Drinking water consolidation: sewer service.
Status: 5/18/2023-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee. Failed to meet deadlines and now a 2-year bill that cannot be acted upon until January 2024. Set for hearing on 01/18/2024.

Summary:

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 when both of the receiving and subsumed water systems provide sewer service and after the state board engages in certain activities, including, but not limited to, consulting with the relevant regional water board and the receiving water system and conducting outreach to ratepayers and residents served by the receiving and subsumed water systems, as provided.

CALAFCO Position: Watch with Concerns

AB 817 (Pacheco D) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.
Status: 1/17/2024-Read second time and amended. Ordered returned to second reading.

Summary:

Current law authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency (emergency provisions) and, until January 1, 2026, in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency’s jurisdiction and other requirements are met (nonemergency provisions). This bill, until January 1, 2026, would authorize a subsidiary body, as defined, to use similar alternative teleconferencing provisions and would impose requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. In order to use teleconferencing pursuant to this act, the bill would require the legislative body that established the subsidiary body by charter, ordinance, resolution, or other formal action to make specified findings by majority vote, before the subsidiary body uses teleconferencing for the first time and every 12 months thereafter.

CALAFCO Position: Watch

[AB 828 \(Connolly D\) Sustainable groundwater management: managed wetlands.](#)

Status: Failed to make April policy committee deadline and now cannot be acted upon until January 2024.
1/12/2024-Re-referred to Com. on APPR

Summary:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans, except as specified. Current law defines various terms for purposes of the act. **This bill would add various defined terms for purposes of the act, including the terms “managed wetland” and “small community water system.”**

CALAFCO Position: None at this time

[AB 930 \(Friedman D\) Local government: Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California \(RISE\) districts.](#)

Status: Set for hearing 1/08/2024

Summary:

Current law authorizes certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, and authorizes an authority to, among other things, provide for low- and moderate-income housing and issue bonds, as provided. Current law authorizes a community revitalization and investment plan to provide for the division of taxes within the plan area. This bill would authorize the legislative bodies of 2 or more cities or counties to jointly form a Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California district (RISE district) in accordance with specified procedures. **The bill would authorize a special district to join a RISE district, by resolution, as specified.**

CALAFCO Position: Neutral

[AB 1379 \(Papan D\) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.](#)

Status: Dead

[AB 1460 \(Bennett D\) Local government.](#)

Status: Failed to make deadlines and is now a 2-year bill. No changes since introduced 3/24/2023.

Summary:

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, except as specified. **This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision naming the act.**

CALAFCO Position: Neutral

[SB 537 \(Becker D\) Open meetings: multijurisdictional, cross-county agencies: teleconferences.](#)

Status: Inactive

Summary:

Current law, until January 1, 2024, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternate teleconferencing provisions during a proclaimed state of emergency or in other situations related to public health that exempt a legislative body from the general requirements (emergency provisions) and impose different requirements for notice, agenda, and public participation, as prescribed. The emergency provisions specify that they do not require a legislative body to provide a physical location from which the public may attend or comment. Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use alternative teleconferencing in certain circumstances related to the particular member if at least a quorum of its members participate from a singular physical location that is open to the public and situated within the agency's jurisdiction and other requirements are met, including restrictions on remote participation by a member of the legislative body. These circumstances include if a member shows "just cause," including for a childcare or caregiving need of a relative that requires the member to participate remotely. This bill would expand the circumstances of "just cause" to apply to the situation in which an immunocompromised child, parent, grandparent, or other specified relative requires the member to participate remotely. The bill would authorize the legislative body of a multijurisdictional, cross-county agency, as specified, to use alternate teleconferencing provisions if the eligible legislative body has adopted an authorizing resolution, as specified. The bill would also require the legislative body to provide a record of attendance of the members of the legislative body, the number of community members in attendance in the teleconference meeting, and the number of public comments on its internet website within 10 days after a teleconference meeting, as specified. The bill would require at least a quorum of members of the legislative body to participate from one or more physical locations that are open to the public and within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction.

CALAFCO Position: Watch

SB 768 (Caballero D) California Environmental Quality Act: State Air Resources Board: vehicle miles traveled: study.

Status: Became a 2-year bill. Scheduled 1/18/2024

Summary:

Current law requires the Office of Planning and Research to prepare, develop, and transmit to the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency for certification and adoption proposed revisions to guidelines establishing criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts of projects within transit priority areas to promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the development of multimodal transportation networks, and a diversity of land uses. Current law creates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air quality standards, to conduct research into the causes of and solution to air pollution, and to systematically attack the serious problem caused by motor vehicles, which is the major source of air pollution in many areas of the state. Existing law authorizes the state board to do those acts as may be necessary for the proper execution of the powers and duties granted to, and imposed upon, the state board. This bill would require the state board, by January 1, 2026, to conduct and submit to the Legislature a study on how vehicle miles traveled is used as a metric for measuring transportation impacts pursuant to CEQA, as specified.

CALAFCO Position: Neutral

SB 865 (Laird D) Municipal water districts: automatic exclusion of cities.

Status: Dead