

TO: MEMBERS, FORMATION COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: CALAFCO STAFF WORKSHOP AT THE CLIFFS IN PISMO BEACH-HOSTED BY SAN LUIS OBISPO LAFCO

RECOMMENDATION. This is an information item only. No action by the Commission is required.

DISCUSSION. The Cliffs Hotel in Pismo Beach will be the site of the CALAFCO annual Staff Workshop to be held on April 29 through May 1st. The Staff Workshop is conducted each year at a different location throughout the State and this year is being hosted by San Luis Obispo LAFCO. Executive Officers, Analysts, Legal Counsels, and Clerks from around the State gather to discuss current issues, best practices and skill building. This exchange helps LAFCO professionals to build on each others experiences and improve the approach we take to various LAFCO issues. It is a great opportunity for networking and developing a deeper understanding of the challenges LAFCOs currently face.

The Workshop is shaping up to be a productive and timely event in regard to the challenges being faced by the Cities, Counties, Special Districts and the State of California. San Luis Obispo LAFCO Staff is the chair of the 15 member program committee and is coordinating Hotel and conference logistics. Staff is also coordinating, the Mobile Workshop, the Real Time Surveys session with the "Clicker Man" and we will be participating on two discussion panels. Attached for your information is the itinerary for the Mobile Workshop and Draft Program for the event prepared by LAFCO Staff.

Over 100 people from around the State have signed up for the workshop. In addition, 26 people have signed up for the Mobile Workshop which includes a stop in Avila Beach, a visit to the City of San Luis Obispo Greenbelt, and a tour of Cal Poly's sustainable Village Development. "Tour Guides" from the County, City, and Cal Poly are scheduled to meet us at each stop. All of the rooms reserved at the Cliffs (92) have been booked and we are in the process of finalizing the menu, arranging the conference facilities, and coordinating all sorts of other details!

LAFCO Chairman David Brooks will be welcoming the visitors on April 29, at 1:15 p.m. The Workshop has really come together nicely in the last month and we forward to the participants arrival on the Central Coast.