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Staff Report

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To: Mono County LAFCO

From: Gerry Le Francois, Executive Director

RECOMMENDATION

Following close of the public hearing, adopt the final budget for fiscal year 2018-19.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH Act), a public hearing is scheduled today to adopt the Final Budget for fiscal year 2018-19.

The LAFCO budget must be at least equal to the budget adopted for the previous fiscal year unless the Commission finds that reducing staffing or program costs will still allow the LAFCO to fulfill the purposes and requirements of the Act. Employee expenses should be lower given retirement of the prior executive director. The preliminary budget of \$10,869 is \$713 less than last year and reflects a status-quo level of funding.

ALTERNATIVE APPORTIONMENT

The CKH Act establishes methods for apportioning LAFCO staffing and program costs among the County, Town and special districts. The law allows alternative apportionment methods, which Mono LAFCO has used in the past to avoid impacting financially constrained special districts. Prior to using an alternative apportionment method, LAFCO costs were fully borne by the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County. In recent years, the Commission applied an alternative apportionment method consisting of a third from Mono County; a third from the Town of Mammoth Lakes; and a third from special districts, with the special district share provided exclusively from the Southern Mono Healthcare District and the Mammoth Community Water District, rather than from all independent special districts.

The proposed preliminary budget reflects this same alternative budget apportionment method, which consists of a third (\$3,623) from Mono County; a third (\$3,623) from

the Town of Mammoth Lakes; and a third (\$3,623) from the special districts. Instead of all independent special districts in Mono County contributing, this alternative apportionment consists of \$1,811.50 from Southern Mono Hospital District and \$1,811.50 from the Mammoth Community Water District.

FY 2018-19 BUDGET

The attached Final Budget for fiscal year 2018-19 maintains a status-quo funding level. This level of funding has been sufficient for LAFCO activity this past year. The main staff activity included:

- Review of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act;
- Research and processing the Mammoth Community Water District Annexation;
- Possible dissolution of the Mammoth Mosquito Abatement District; and
- Reviewing current Sphere of Influence and Municipal Service Review of all special districts.

Anticipated work tasks for 2018-19 include:

- Consider LAFCO policies in updating housing policies and mitigation requirements;
- Attend staff training;
- Review LAFCO agriculture preservation policies as a part of a Sustainable Agriculture grant;
- Assess water service providers, including irrigation services, as a part of the Walker River Water Transfer Study and EIR;
- Continue to provide staff assistance as warranted to the Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District in responding to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act;
- Monitor FPDs reorganization interest, including potential merger of supporting fire districts, as a part of grant-funded community wildfire protection planning and hazard mitigation plan update;
- Respond to application activity, and special district inquiries;
- Work to strengthen coordination with the Agriculture Commissioner on agriculture preservation matters; and
- Review plans, projects and environmental documents for LAFCO concerns.

This expected level of activity, which is similar to last year, is reflected in the attached recommended FY 2018-19 Preliminary Budget.

MONO COUNTY LAFCO FY 2018-19 FINAL BUDGET

Salary and Benefits	\$8,069
Memberships (CALAFCO)	\$800
Office Expense	\$200
Travel and Training	\$1,500
Legal Notices	\$300
TOTAL	\$10,869