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To: Susan Bransen
Subject: Re: Larger Font - Land Use & Housing Materials

Hi Susan: Thank you for keeping me in the loop on the work of the committee. I've been a bit remiss in providing feedback but am impressed with the accomplishments so far. Based on the comments you just sent I would offer four suggestions for language to increase the collaboration with LAFCoS and to make use of LAFCo resources to avoid duplication of effort:

1. Page 124 - **Consult with LAFCo on Maps and MSRs.** Encourage the MPOs to request the GIS maps from LAFCo for all local agency boundaries and spheres of influence in the county. Most urban and suburban LAFCoS have all their maps available in GIS and they would be the most accurate and up-to-date. I would also suggest that the MPO request the most recent Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) for the local agencies that are providing or could be providing services in the areas identified for growth. These MSRs cover municipal services from counties, cities and special districts and are updated every five years.
2. Page 124 - **Consult with LAFCo on Special Districts.** In many areas of California special districts provide the municipal services. MPOs are often unaware of the existence, services and capacity of the special districts that may be providing the services to growth areas (density or geographically). The relevant LAFCoS will have that information, including the fiscal capacity and physical capacity of the district or city to expand services. In many cases water or waste water capacity, for example, may not be feasible from existing agencies to sustain growth in certain areas.
3. Page 125 - **Reconciliation** - This is one error I'd suggest correcting. The text indicates that the SCS is updated more often than LAFCo plans. Actually LAFCo is required to update Spheres and Municipal Service Reviews at a minimum every five years beginning 1 January 2008. That should help provide MPOs with fairly current information.
4. Page 127 - **Consult with LAFCo on Local Policies.** I like the existing language on consulting with LAFCo regarding anticipated changes to boundaries and service capabilities. I would suggest adding to that to consult with LAFCo on any local policies adopted by LAFCo regarding preservation of agricultural and open space lands, island annexations, annexations, service extensions and sphere changes. Those polices may provide helpful input to the MPO on the SCS preparation.

Hope these comments are of value. I'll be in Santa Rosa tomorrow at a CALAFCO meeting and will be unable to participate. Good luck with the meeting and best wishes for the holiday season. BC

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Hello All,

I am forwarding you an updated file with larger font for the meeting tomorrow. I noticed that the document I sent earlier is difficult to read to accomodate the comments in the right margin. I hope this helps.

Susan

(See attached file: Housing Land Use Comments to 11-23 Draft - 13 Font.doc)