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Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission Management Discussion & Analysis of Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 & 2016

1. Discussion of Basic Financial Statements

Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCo) primary funding source for its annual budget is mandated by Government Code Section 56381. Section 56381 requires that the costs of LAFCo are to be paid in equal one-third shares by the agencies represented on the Commission; that is, the County pays one-third of the adopted budget, the four Cities pay one-third and the fifty Special Districts pay one-third. LAFCo does not receive its annual income directly; instead, an independent third party, the County Auditor, receives and holds the funds for LAFCo.

LAFCo's General Fund is its primary operating fund; it is used to account for most all transactions of the Commission. When application fees are received, a Project Fund will be developed for the income and expenditures associated with that particular Project.

LAFCo has no other specialized funds such as enterprise funds, capital asset funds, debt payment funds, or other similar funds. Because of the size of its budget, the type of income, and the nature of the funding process mandated by Government Code Section 56381 and the keeping of the funds by the County Auditor, LAFCo has historically utilized a modified cash basis of accounting.

2. Comparative Financial Information

All services needed by LAFCo, including County services received by LAFCo, must be paid for from LAFCo's budget. This includes such services as staff, legal counsel, GIS, County surveyor, Auditor, (A-87 costs), Assessor and Recorder, Engineering services, publications of legal notices, communications, website, insurance, the cost of annual audits, etc. These costs have been reflected in LAFCo's budget since Fiscal Year 2001-2002. Additionally, the costs of the Sphere of Influence/Municipal Service Review process as mandated by G.C. 56425 and 56430 have been reflected in LAFCo's budget.

For Fiscal Years 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 apportionment costs to the County, Cities, and Special Districts remained at \$45,000 each. For Fiscal Year 2015/2016 apportionment costs were lowered to \$41,667 and again lowered to \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

3. Condensed Financial Information

A summation of LAFCo's financial circumstances is provided in the below tables:

Statement of Net Position		
June 30, 2017 & 2016		
Assets	2017	2016
Cash	165,947	180,695
Accounts Receivable	2,726	1,010
Total Assets	168,673	181,705
Liabilities	26,214	16,003
Total Net Position	142,459	165,702
Statement of Activities		
June 30, 2016 & 2015		
	2017	2016
Program Expenses	149,366	179,695
Program Revenues	126,000	162,187
Net Program Income	(23,366)	(17,508)
General Revenue	124	232
Increase in Net Position	(23,242)	(17,276)
Net Position-July 1	165,702	182,978
Net Position-June 30	142,459	165,702

4. LAFCo's Overall Financial Position

The particular financial circumstances of LAFCo are different from most public agencies. LAFCo has no authority to tax, borrow or enter into capital projects. It does have the power to assess fees for applications and services provided. By law, fees can only be the actual, direct costs of providing the service, and cannot be used to fund the operating costs of LAFCo. The primary expenditures for the budget are paid by the participating agencies rather than from fees, taxes or assessments on property. LAFCo has no debt. Its primary monetary assets are its reserve funds. For Fiscal Year 2017-2016, reserve funds were as follows: General Reserves of \$90,238.

5. Analysis and Transactions of General Fund-LAFCo's Budget

Following is the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017, which was adopted by the Commission in June 2016.

Commission's Final Budget Fiscal Year 2016/2017			
Quick Books			Fiscal Year
Line #	Account #	Description	2016/2017
Revenue			
1	4000	LAFCo Apportionment Fees	\$ 120,000
2	4030	Application Filing Fees	30,000
3	4800	Miscellaneous	-
4	4910	Interest Income	120
5		Total	\$ 150,120
6		Use of Residual Cash	46,477
7		Total Income	\$ 196,597
Expenses			
8	5300	Contract Services - Office & Staff	65,680
9	5500	Office Rent	5,160
10	5600	Office Expense	2,000
11	5700	Internet & Website Costs	1,200
12	5900	Publication & Legal Notices	2,000
13	6000	Televising Commission Meetings	1,700
14	6100	Audit Services	3,025
15	6200	Bookkeeping	4,800
16	6300	Legal Counsel	6,000
17	6400	A-87 Costs - County Services	2,010
18	6500	Insurance - General Liability	1,000
19	6600	Memberships (CALAFCO/CSDA)	2,100
20	6740	In-County Travel & Stipends	4,300
21	6750	Travel & Lodging	5,000
22	6800	Conferences (Registrations)	3,000
23	7001	MSR Reviews-Administration	15,000
24	7501	SOI Updates	42,622
25		Total Expenses before Application Fees	\$ 166,597
26	8000	Application Filing Fees	30,000
27		Total Expense	\$ 196,597

6. Analysis of Significant Budgetary Variations-Unspent Funds

LAFCo policy (Chapter III, Section O, Item 7 of the Policy & Procedures) states: *“The annual budget will include a fund set by the Commission for the purpose of funding sphere updates or sphere reviews, service reviews and special studies and any tasks, consultants, special staff, or CEQA review associated with this process. This fund may be carried over from year-to-year for purposes of accumulating sufficient reserves to accomplish the indicated tasks. Excess funds not used as budgeted shall accumulate to this reserve.”*

Each year, since the beginning of the budget process under Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg (C-K-H), there have been unspent funds from the various line items. The Commission through its budget deliberations process has determined that money not spent in one budget year from various line items, is to be used in the next year's budget to increase reserves and as a Fund Balance Carryover to offset the forthcoming year's budget for G.C. 56425 & 56430 mandates.

7. Description of Significant Capital Assets and Long-term Debt Activity

Except for a provision in C-K-H that allows the Board of Supervisors to lend temporary operational funds to the Commission, LAFCo has no authority to borrow or to develop capital projects. The Commission has no mortgages, leases, liens, short-term loans, long-term debt, or any other encumbrances. It owns no stocks, bonds, securities or other investments. It has no capital assets or capitalization programs. The Commission does have the authority to pursue grants to assist in its decision making, but has no grants at this time.

8. Discussion of Significant Changes in Conditions and Estimated Maintenance Expenses for Infrastructure Assets

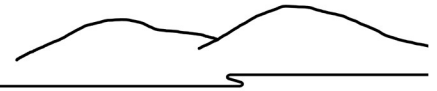
The Commission owns no land, buildings or infrastructure. Other than normal office furniture, filing cabinets, telephone, computer, and printer, the Commission has no physical assets. Paper and electronic records or past actions and activities are maintained in the LAFCo office, and from the date of inception of LAFCo in 1963.

9. Currently Known Facts, Decisions or Conditions

There are no facts, decisions or conditions that are currently known that are expected to significantly alter LAFCo's future financial picture.

10. Additional Financial Information

This financial report is designed to provide LAFCo's participating agencies, members of the public, customers, and other interested parties with an overview of LAFCo's financial results and financial condition. Should the reader have questions regarding the information included in this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact Mendocino LAFCo at 200 South School Street, Suite F, Ukiah, CA 95482; 707-463-4470.



April 6, 2018

Mendocino LAFCO

Ukiah, CA

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Mendocino LAFCO as of and for the year-ended June 30, 2017, as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that our audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mendocino LAFCO as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information and Budget VS. Actual comparison be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with managements responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurances on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide an assurance.

Pehling & Pehling, CPA's
An Accountancy Corporation

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
& GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017 & 2016

	Statement of Net			Statement of Net		
	General Fund	Adjustments Note 3	Position 2017	General Fund	Adjustments Note 3	Position 2016
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash - Note 2	\$ 165,947	\$ -	\$ 165,947	\$ 180,695	\$ -	\$ 180,695
Accounts Receivable	2,726	-	2,726	1,010	-	1,010
Total Assets	\$ 168,673	\$ -	\$ 168,673	\$ 181,705	\$ -	\$ 181,705
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Accounts Payable	17,149	-	17,149	16,003	-	16,003
Fees Received in Advance	9,065	-	9,065	3,341	-	3,341
Total Liabilities	\$ 26,214	\$ -	\$ 26,214	\$ 19,344	\$ -	\$ 19,344
<u>Fund Balance/Net Position</u>						
Fund Balances						
Reserved for Legal	90,238	(90,238)	-	100,145	(100,145)	-
Reserved for Municipal Service Reviews	-		-	-	-	-
Unassigned	52,221	(52,221)	-	65,557	(65,557)	-
Total Fund Balance	\$ 142,459	\$ (142,459)	\$ -	\$ 165,702	\$ (165,702)	\$ -
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 168,673	\$ (142,459)	\$ -	\$ 181,705	\$ (165,702)	\$ -
<u>Net Position</u>						
Unrestricted		\$ 142,459	\$ 142,459		\$ 165,702	\$ 165,702
Total Net Position		\$ 142,459	\$ 142,459		\$ 165,702	\$ 165,702

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 & 2016

	2017	2016
<u>General Government - Planning</u>		
Insurance-General	\$ 987	\$ 807
Memberships	1,231	2,781
Audit Fees	4,550	4,575
Internet and Website Costs	999	999
Legal Counsel	6,121	6,873
Architect, Engineering and Planning Services	-	-
Professional Services	100,250	118,440
Rent	5,184	4,985
Office Expenses	2,458	2,855
Publication and Legal Notices	1,610	1,883
County Support Services	-	-
Televising Commissioner Meetings	2,781	780
Bookkeeping-Financial	2,412	4,819
Professional Fees-Applications	14,981	12,585
Transportation and Travel Out of County	1,805	260
In-County Travel & Stipends	2,328	1,950
Miscellaneous Expense	1,279	3,103
Special District Training Support	391	12,000
Total Program Expenses	\$ 149,366	\$ 179,695
 <u>Program Revenues</u>		
Assessments	120,000	135,000
Application Fees & Reimbursements	6,000	27,187
Total Program Revenues	\$ 126,000	\$ 162,187
 Net Program Income	\$ (23,366)	\$ (17,508)
 <u>General Revenues</u>		
Interest Earnings	124	232
Total General Revenues	\$ 124	\$ 232
 Increase in Net Position	\$ (23,243)	\$ (17,276)
 Net Position - July 1,	165,702	182,978
Net Position - June 30,	\$ 142,459	\$ 165,702

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Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2017 & 2016

Note 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

The Mendocino Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCo) primary operates under the rules and requirements of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Act of 2000. This act is commonly referred to as C-K-H or AB 2838. This act is found in the Government Code beginning with Section 56000. However, this part of the Government Code does not comprise of all the requirements of laws that LAFCo must meet. Other elements of the law such as the Public Resources Code, Guidelines to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Revenue and Taxation Code, Election Code, Brown Act, case decisions, state and local policies and the policies and procedures of LAFCo also affect the decision making responsibilities of LAFCo. However, the primary controlling authority of LAFCo is the Government Code beginning with Section 56000 and LAFCo's policies which implement the law.

Accounting Policies

The Commission's accounting and reporting policies conform to the generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to state and local governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Basis of Presentation

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting of the Commission as a whole.

The Commission is comprised of only one fund, the General Fund. The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Commission and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities.

Basis of Accounting

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, asset and liabilities resulting from an exchange are recognized when the exchange takes place.

When an expense is incurred for the purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, the Commission's policy is to apply restricted net assets first.

In the General Fund Financial Statements, government funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available”. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectable within the current period or within sixty days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are recorded when due.

When an expense is incurred for the purpose for which either committed, assigned or unassigned net assets are available, the Commission’s policy is to apply committed or assigned net asset first.

Budget

The Commission is required to adopt an annual budget for the Commission’s general operations each fiscal year. The annual budget for the general fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting utilized by the Commission. The budget is amended from time-to-time as needed and is approved by the Board of Commissioners with each amendment.

Deposits and Investments

It is the Commission’s policy for deposits and investments to either be insured by the FDIC or collateralized. The Commission’s deposits and investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Commission as of June 30, 2017 and 2016. The categories are described as follows:

- Category 1 Insured, registered or collateralized, with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity’s name.
- Category 2 Uninsured and unregistered or collateralized, with securities held by the counter party’s trust department or agent in the entity’s name.
- Category 3 Uninsured and unregistered, or uncollateralized, with securities held by the counter party, or its trust department or agent but not held in the entity’s name.

Deposits and Investments as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 consist of Category 1 type only.

State law requires uninsured deposits of public agencies to be secured by certain state approved investment securities. The Commission’s deposits are secured as part of an undivided collateral pool covering all public deposits with the financial institution. The market value of the pool must be equal to at least 110% of the total public deposits held by the financial institutions.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft to, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The Commission carries insurance for all risks. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverages in the past three years.

Equity Classifications – Government-wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed as follows:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding liabilities used for acquisition, construction or improvement of these assets.
- b. Unrestricted net position – All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “Investment in capital assets, net of unrelated debt”.

Equity Classifications – Fund Statements

Government fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned.

Note 2 – Cash

The Commission maintains an account with the County of Mendocino used for issuing warrants for the payment of general operating expenses. Cash on deposit in the County of Mendocino’s treasury is a pooled money investment account similar to a money market account. The funds deposited with the County are invested in accordance with Sections 53601 and 53635 of the California Government Code that specify the authorized investments that an investment pool can purchase.

The County’s investment policy as of July 7, 1997 prohibits the following: reverse repurchase agreements, collateralized mortgage securities, futures or options, lend securities or security with a stated or potential maturity longer than five years. Interest earnings recorded by the Commission for these funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were \$124 and \$232, respectively. The County of Mendocino issues a separate comprehensive annual financial report. Copies of the County of Mendocino’s annual financial report may be obtained from the County of Mendocino’s Auditor-Controller’s office, 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1080, Ukiah, CA 95482.

The Commission’s deposits with County Treasury have a risk category of “uncategorized” which represents investments in pools where the Commission’s investments are not evidenced by specific identifiable securities.

Note 3 – Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position

There are no differences in the amounts reported for government activities in the Statement of Net Position.

Note 4 – Subsequent Events

Subsequent events are those events or transactions that occur subsequent to the effective date of the financial statements, but prior to the issuance of the final reports, which may have a material effect on the financial statement or disclosures therein.

There are no subsequent events that have occurred that meet the above definition.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY
BUDGETARY COMPARISONS SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Budgeted		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget
				Positive (Negative)
Beginning Budgetary Fund Balance	\$ 165,702	\$ 165,702	\$ 165,702	\$ -
Resources (Inflows)				
Assessments	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	-
Fees & Reimbursements	30,000	30,000	6,000	(24,000)
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Interest Earnings	120	120	124	4
Total Resources	\$ 150,120	\$ 150,120	\$ 126,124	(23,996)
Charges (Outflows)				
Insurance-General	1,000	1,000	987	13
Memberships	2,100	2,100	1,231	869
Audit Services	3,025	3,025	4,550	(1,525)
Bookkeeping	4,800	4,800	2,412	2,388
Internet and Website Costs	1,200	1,200	999	201
Legal Counsel	6,000	6,000	6,121	(121)
Contract Services-Office & Staff	62,000	65,680	62,655	3,025
Office Rent	5,160	5,160	5,184	(24)
Office Expenses	2,000	2,000	2,458	(458)
Publication & Legal Notices	2,000	2,000	1,610	390
Televising Commission Meetings	1,700	1,700	2,781	(1,081)
A-87 Costs-County Services	2,010	2,010	1,060	950
In-County Travel & Stipends	4,300	4,300	2,328	1,972
Travel & Lodging	5,000	5,000	1,805	3,195
Conferences (Registrations)	3,000	3,000	1,279	1,721
MSR Reviews-Administration	15,000	15,000	6,762	8,238
Contract Services-SOI Updates	39,000	42,622	29,772	12,850
Special District Training Support	-	-	391	(391)
Application Filing Expenses	30,000	30,000	14,981	15,019
Total Charges	\$ 189,295	\$ 196,597	\$ 149,367	\$ 47,230
Ending Budgetary Net Position	\$ 126,527	\$ 119,225	\$ 142,459	\$ 8,224

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.