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## AROUND OUR COUNTIES



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## AROUND CSAC

### **LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS WILL ASSIST COUNTIES IN CHALLENGING TIMES**

County officials will learn new ideas to guide them through today's tough fiscal environment at a series of workshops held during the CSAC Legislative Conference, June 2-3, at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. Topics covered include "Navigating the Federal Appropriations Process," "The Right Stuff: A Case Study of Winning a Local Bond Measure" and "Good Labor Relations During Bad Fiscal Times." For more information on the Legislative Conference and to register, [click here](#). The conference's host hotel, the Hyatt Regency, has reduced their room rates, so visit the [CSAC Web site](#), scroll down to Hotel Accommodations, then click on that link to make your reservation.

### **COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH CELEBRATED ACROSS THE STATE**

Numerous counties took part recently in recognizing April as National County Government Month. From special events such as health fairs, to resolutions and proclamations, to a social media blitz by CSAC, both the public and media were educated and informed about the value of county services and their importance in the fabric of the lives of 38 million Californians.

### **UPCOMING INSTITUTE COURSES IN MAY AND JUNE**

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government is offering classes of interest to county supervisors, executives and others in May and June. "Effective Partnership with County Funded CBOs" will be held on Thursday, May 6; "County Mental Health Obligations, Services and Funding" is scheduled for Thursday, May 20; and "Public Engagement: Involving the Community in Decision Making" is presented on Thursday, June 17. All are held in Sacramento from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit the Institute [Web site](#).

## AROUND THE STATE

### **SAN BENITO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RETIRING**

Susan Thompson, San Benito County Administrative Officer for the past five years, has announced that she will retire on October 9. Susan has worked a total of 32 years in public service. CSAC has enjoyed working with Susan over the years and wishes her well on her retirement.

### **LARRY COMBS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AWARD**

Merced County Executive Officer Larry Combs, former Sutter County administrative officer, will receive an Award of Excellence from the Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration on May 6. Larry is being honored with the Ross Clayton Award for Lifetime Distinguished Public Service. Congratulations, Larry. For information about the awards dinner, e-mail [kcox@ccp.csus.edu](mailto:kcox@ccp.csus.edu).

### **RETIRED SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT ATTORNEY LOSES BATTLE WITH CANCER**

Retired Santa Barbara County District Attorney Christie Stanley passed away April 25 after a long battle

with cancer. She was elected to the position of district attorney in 2006 by a vote of nearly 70 percent, and was the first woman elected as DA in the history of the county. She served as district attorney until her illness forced into early retirement in January, after three decades of dedicated service to Santa Barbara County. CSAC expresses its sympathies to Christie's loved ones.

#### **MARIPOSA COUNTY SURVEYOR PASSES AWAY**

Jerry Freeman, Mariposa County surveyor for the past 11 years, passed away on April 15. Jerry owned a local surveying company, and was a beloved person in his community. CSAC offers its condolences to his family and friends.

#### **ILG LAUNCHES INSURING KIDS ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER**

The Institute for Local Government – a research and education affiliate of CSAC and the League of California Cities – has announced a new resource to help local officials connect families with affordable health insurance for their children: the Insuring Kids Online Resource Center ([www.ca-ilg.org/InsureKids](http://www.ca-ilg.org/InsureKids)). The resource center is based upon best practices and lessons learned through a three-year program called "Communities for Healthy Kids," where participants helped identify the best ways for local officials to connect with parents whose children are eligible for no- or low-cost health insurance.

## AROUND NACO

#### **NACO SEEKING COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

NACo president-elect Glen Whitley is seeking appointments to NACo's leadership team for the 2010-11 term. Note that the president only appoints NACo *leadership*. If California county officials are interested in NACo committee *membership*, please contact Sue Ronkowski at [sronkowski@counties.org](mailto:sronkowski@counties.org). Those interested in presidential leadership appointments should fill out the [Presidential Appointment Application](#) on the NACo Web site. Applications are due by June 4.

## WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

#### **WORKSHOP ON CALIFORNIA'S NEW GREEN BUILDING CODES**

California's green building code becomes mandatory on January 1, and an upcoming half-day workshop will give participants a clear understanding of how these new codes will affect all new commercial and residential construction. "Understanding California's New Green Building Code" will be presented on May 20 at the Pasadena Hilton. Speakers include representatives from the California Building Standards Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. For more information and to register, [click here](#).