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SPEAKERS AT LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE TO PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHTS

CSAC has lined up an outstanding group of speakers at its Legislative Conference, June 2-3, at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. These speakers have extensive insight into the state budget crisis, what to expect in the next few months, and what it all may mean for California counties. Speakers include: California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer; Senator Denise Ducheny, chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee; and Greg Lucas, journalist and Capitol observer. For more information on the Legislative Conference and to register, [click here](#). Also, visit the Legislative Conference page on the [CSAC Web site](#).

COUNTDOWN TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK, APRIL 19-23

Happy County Government Month! And CSAC's County Government Week is only days away. Activities are planned to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of county government. Each day of the week will focus on vital county services, including justice, public works/transportation, natural resources/agriculture, health and human services, and government operations. On April 22, California counties will be honored in the State Legislature with a joint resolution. Counties are urged to adopt similar resolutions in their own counties. For a sample resolution and other tools, visit the [CSAC Web site](#).

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2010 CSAC ANNUAL MEETING

Exhibitor registration for the 2010 CSAC Annual Meeting is now open! This year's conference is taking place November 16-19 in Riverside County, with the Exhibit Hall portion open November 16-17. An 8' x 10' booth space is \$1,000 if your registration is received by the earlybird deadline of July 27. Don't miss out on this opportunity to showcase your product or service to all conference attendees, and interact with California county officials. For additional information and to register as an exhibitor, please [click here](#).

HEAR WHAT "THE COUNTY VOICE" HAS TO SAY

The federal census, health care reform, the state budget, unemployment, ballot initiatives – these are just a few of the issues that have been tackled recently in [The County Voice](#), CSAC's new blog. Started last month, *The County Voice* is a place where CSAC, county officials, and stakeholders can voice their thoughts on governance and issues that impact California's 58 counties. We urge you to take a look at our blog, subscribe in order to receive regular updates, and issue your own comment to any of our postings. If you have questions, contact Erin Treadwell, CSAC's communications coordinator, at etreadwell@counties.org.

UPCOMING INSTITUTE COURSES ON LEADERSHIP PRACTICES

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government is offering two courses on leadership practices in April and May. All are of interest to county supervisors, executives, and others. "To Do or Not To Do: Leadership in Decision-Making" will be held on Thursday, April 29, and "Managing Conflict (even Hostility) and Disagreement with Comfort" is scheduled for Friday, May 14. 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](#).

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TRINITY COUNTY SUPERVISOR SELECTED FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Judy Morris, Trinity County supervisor, has been chosen as one of 25 county leaders from across the nation to participate in the seventh annual County Leadership Institute, held June 1-5 in Washington, D.C. Known for enhancing the capacity of county officials to identify and implement innovative solutions to complex challenges, this year's program focuses on the demands on leaders in a new, "permanent crisis" era of government. Congratulations on your acceptance, Judy!

FORMER MONO COUNTY SUPERVISOR TO BE HONORED AT CONFERENCE IN MAMMOTH

Andrea Mead Lawrence, a former Mono County supervisor for 16 years who passed away last year, will be honored on May 20 at the California Society for Ecological Restoration Conference near Mammoth Mountain (Mono County). Andrea was a longtime environmental advocate for the Eastern Sierra region and an alpine skiing champion who won two gold medals at the 1952 Olympics, among other accomplishments. For information about the event, visit www.secal.org.

NEW PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN BUDGETING PUBLICATION

The Institute for Local Government – a research and education affiliate of CSAC and the League of California Cities – recently released a publication to assist counties with encouraging public involvement in budgeting. *A Local Official's Guide to Public Engagement in Budgeting* includes examples of public engagement in county budgeting throughout California and describes six general approaches that local agencies use to involve residents in the budget process. To view the publication, [click here](#).

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WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE IS NEXT MONTH

California county officials are urged to attend the National Association of Counties (NACo) Western Interstate Region Conference, May 26–28 in Yellowstone County (Billings), Montana. The conference focuses on issues critical to counties in the west. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

FOUR FREE WEBINARS ON INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS

NACo is offering a series of four free webinars on emergency interoperability starting April 13. Topics include an introductory session for elected and senior leaders, governance structure, model practices, and grants and funding. Register by [clicking here](#) to attend one or more of the sessions.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

BOND POOL SEMINAR ON MAY 21 IN LONG BEACH

"Thinking of Diving into a Bond Pool?" is the title of a session offered on May 21 by the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission, which provides information, education and technical assistance on debt issuance and public fund investments to local public agencies and other professionals. Held in Long Beach, this session addresses what to consider before joining a pool, which pool is right for your needs, and what kinds of services an entity can expect from a pool. Visit [CDIAC](#) to learn more or to register.