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## AROUND OUR COUNTIES



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## AROUND CSAC

### **LAST ISSUE IN THIS FORMAT: NEW PUBLICATION WILL MERGE AROUND OUR COUNTIES WITH CSAC LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN STARTING JULY 9**

This issue of Around Our Counties is the last one that readers will see in this format. Beginning Friday July 9, CSAC's publications Around Our Counties and Legislative Bulletin will be merged into the CSAC Bulletin, a weekly e-publication. The CSAC Bulletin will be distributed on Fridays, and will contain the excellent news stories and analysis you've come to expect from CSAC. The new format is easier to read and navigate. If you are already receiving either Around Our Counties or the Legislative Bulletin, you will automatically be subscribed to the CSAC Bulletin. The Budget Action Bulletins and Executive Directors Watch will continue to be produced. We are excited about this new and improved communication effort.



### **CSAC SET TO PROVIDE NEW SUPERVISORS INSTITUTE BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER**

CSAC is ready once again to provide its popular New Supervisors Institute, which offers newly elected supervisors background and information on a myriad of policy issues, as well as the basics of county government and the role of a county supervisor. The first session is set for November 15-16, in conjunction with the CSAC Annual Meeting in Riverside County. Subsequent sessions will be held in February and May 2011. To review a brochure that outlines the issues covered in the 2010-11 New Supervisors Institute, [click here](#). The Institute is conducted by the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government, in collaboration with the Center for California Studies at California State University, Sacramento. For more information, contact David Liebler, CSAC Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, at [dliebler@counties.org](mailto:dliebler@counties.org).

### **DATES CHANGED FOR CSAC INSTITUTE COURSE ON RETIREMENT**

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government has changed the date for its upcoming course, "Retirement and OPEB: Keeping the County Afloat" to Thursday, August 12. The course was previously scheduled for July 23. For more information about this and other Institute courses, visit the Institute's [Web site](#).

## AROUND THE STATE

### **NEW GUIDE COVERS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN BUDGETING**

The Institute for Local Government – a research and education affiliate of CSAC and the League of California Cities – has just released its new publication, *A Local Official's Guide to Public Engagement in Budgeting*. This guide draws on examples of public engagement in county and city budgeting throughout California and describes six general approaches that local agencies use, often in strategic combination, to involve residents in the budget process. The Institute makes this publication available in electronic and hard copy form. To order, visit [www.ca-ilg.org/pepubs](http://www.ca-ilg.org/pepubs).

## AROUND NACO

### ***SUPERVISOR MCGOWAN HOSTING EVENT AT NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE***

California county officials attending the NACo Annual Conference in Reno/Washoe County next month are encouraged to enjoy a night of music and fun hosted by Yolo County Supervisor and CSAC Second Vice President Mike McGowan. Scheduled for the night of Saturday, July 17, the music starts at 9 p.m. at the Grand Sierra Resort's Xtreme Nightclub in Reno. Dance to the tunes of popular band NightCry. The musical entertainment is being sponsored by Shoretel and the CSAC Finance Corporation. [Click here](#) to register for the conference.

## WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

### ***PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION ON PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE – AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS***

The public is invited to join senior federal government representatives at a listening session and discussion in Southern California on President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative, which focuses on conservation, recreation and reconnecting people to the outdoors. This Los Angeles County session is one of several being held around the country, and will occur on July 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Thorne Hall, Occidental College, 1600 Campus Road, Los Angeles. While open to everyone, participants are asked to register by e-mailing [sun.nelly@epa.gov](mailto:sun.nelly@epa.gov). For those unable to attend, comments and stories can be sent to the [America's Great Outdoors Web site](#).

### ***CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE CONFERENCE SLATED FOR OCTOBER***

The Bond Buyer's 20th Annual California Public Finance Conference will be held October 6-8 at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco. Keep informed about the country's largest market for municipal finance. CSAC members can register at a \$50 discount off regular rates – only \$45! [Click here](#) to register. Also, join the California Public Finance Conference on Linked-In: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gjs/2292425>.