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AROUND CSAC

HOT TOPICS ADDRESSED AT CSAC 115TH ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 17-20

Retirement funds, state reform efforts, social networking, and green energy – pick up valuable information on these pressing topics at the CSAC Annual Meeting, November 17-20, Monterey County. Workshops include: “Defined Benefits Today and Tomorrow: How the Economic Downturn will Affect Retirement Funds Financially and Politically,” “Rebuilding California from the Ground Up – Laying the Foundation,” “Tweets and Posts: The Upsides and Downsides of Twitter and Facebook for Counties,” and “Recharging Your Counties and Communities with Green Energy Programs.” Attendees are also encouraged to participate in important policy discussions and decisions during policy committee meetings. And don’t miss out on the many networking opportunities, including the Exhibit Hall and County Night. Advance registration deadline is October 30. For more information, click [here](#). For questions, contact Patti Hughes, CSAC Meeting Planner, at 916/327-7500, ext. 514, or at phughes@counties.org

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR PROPOSITION 1A SECURITIZATION PROGRAM

Enrollment is now open for participation in the Proposition 1A Securitization Program. Although the clean-up legislation, SB 67, for securitization of Proposition 1A has not been enacted, California Communities is proceeding with the program as previously scheduled so that financing can be completed in a timely fashion and is ready to go when the legislation is approved, which is expected in mid-October. California Communities is a joint powers authority sponsored by CSAC and the League of California Cities, and is facilitating the securitization for local agencies. Counties can expect to receive documents about a week after enrollment. Applications and participant documents must be submitted by November 6. To view CSAC and CSAC Finance Corporation “frequently asked questions” document on the suspension and securitization of Proposition 1A, click [here](#). For enrollment information with California Communities, click [here](#). If you have questions about the program or enrollment, contact Laura Labanieh, CSAC Finance Corporation Program Manager, at 916/327-7500, ext. 536, or llabanieh@counties.org. For general questions about Proposition 1A, contact Jean Hurst, CSAC Legislative Representative, at 916/327-7500, ext. 515, or jhurst@counties.org.

NEW THIS YEAR – CSAC INSTITUTE COURSES OFFERED AT ANNUAL MEETING

As you register for the 2009 CSAC Annual Meeting, don’t forget to check out the many courses that will be offered by the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government during the conference in Monterey County. Courses offered in Monterey include: “Values-Based Leadership: Strategies for Success in Public Service” and “Beyond the Brochure: Recruiting & Hiring Senior Executives.” There is also still room in courses offered during October in Sacramento, San Diego and Ventura. To view the full fall schedule, click [here](#). For more information or to register, visit the Institute’s Web site at www.csacinstitute.org or contact Bill Chiat, Program Manager, at bchiat@counties.org or 916/327-7500, ext. 510.

CSAC PARTICIPATING IN BREAST CANCER WALK, OCTOBER 18

CSAC staff members are participating in the 13th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Sunday, October 18, downtown Sacramento. So far the team – Counties Striking Against Cancer, or CSAC – has raised \$3,885, putting the team in second place among participating Sacramento teams and companies. CSAC is participating in the fundraiser in honor and support of CSAC Meeting Planner Patti Hughes, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in July. If you would like to join the team or make a donation, click [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Kiana Buss at kbuss@counties.org, or Faith Conley at fconley@counties.org.

AROUND THE STATE

FORMER TULARE COUNTY SUPERVISOR PASSES

Former Tulare County Supervisor Jim Maples passed away last week. He was 75. Jim had been battling pancreatic cancer. He served 15 years on the board of supervisors, starting with an appointment to the position in 1992. Prior to that, Jim spent 34 years as an educator and 22 years coaching men's basketball at Porterville College. Colleagues said one of Jim's proudest moments was when Porterville school officials named a school after him in 2001 - Jim Maples Academy. CSAC sends it condolences to Jim's family and friends.

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NEW CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION REPORT RELEASED

The Institute of Medicine and National Research Council has released a new report titled *Local Government Actions to Prevent Childhood Obesity*. The report outlines goals and action steps necessary to help local governments develop childhood obesity prevention plans. Commissioner Peggy Beltrone, Cascade County, Montana, participated on the committee and assisted in the development of the publication. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sponsored this study. The online report can be accessed at www.nap.edu. For more information contact Anita Cardwell at acardwell@naco.org, or 202/942-4267.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK EXPANDED TO AN ENTIRE MONTH – APRIL

The National Association of Counties Executive Committee has expanded National County Government Week to a full month in an effort to enable more counties the opportunity to participate in activities raising public awareness and understanding of county government. The designated month is April. Counties aren't expected to hold public awareness activities throughout the month, but can schedule activities any time during the month. Mark your calendars for April 2010 and be on the lookout for more information in the new year. For more information, contact Tom Goodman at tgoodman@naco.org, or 202/942-4222.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

ROSE INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOSTS FORUM, OCTOBER 15

The Rose Institute of State and Local Government is hosting a forum on October 15, at Claremont McKenna College, on the legal, financial and representational issues associated with the 2010 Census and 2011 state and local government redistrictings. The conference – titled “Redistricting, The 2010 Census, and Your Budget: Changes and Challenges for California Governments” – is geared toward elected officials, general managers, general counsel, financial officers and elections officials. A new Rose Institute study will be released at this conference, previewing California's 2011 Congressional redistricting and its politics. CSAC is a sponsor of this event. Click [here](#) to register. An agenda can be found by clicking [here](#).

JOIN CSAC AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 28-30

Don't miss out on the Municipal Management Association of Northern California's annual conference, “Leading the Way Through Change,” October 28-30, at The Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe. The Association provides opportunities for professional growth, training and idea-sharing for local government managers. CSAC staff members will be hosting a reception for attending county officials on October 28 at 5 p.m., room location at the hotel to be determined. The conference program is scheduled to include workshops on the future of local government, municipal finance, communications, succession planning, organizational development, and use of technology. Online registration is now available. For more information, visit www.mmanc.org. To RSVP for the CSAC reception, contact Faith Conley, CSAC Legislative Analyst, at fconley@counties.org.