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Budget Done, But Counties' Work Not Finished

Governor Jerry Brown signed the 2011-12 state budget yesterday without much fanfare, using his blue pencil to veto a total of \$270 million from the state budget, \$23.8 million of which is from the General Fund. The Governor has not yet acted on all trailer bills, but we anticipate him doing so in short order.

So, the question of the day is: what next?

Counties are disappointed, but not disheartened about the final outcome. Recognizing the increasingly challenging political environment in the Capitol, it seems that this budget was about the best that could be done. Now we must refocus on achieving the constitutional protections counties need to effectively manage realigned programs locally. The Governor remains committed to seeking voter approval of those constitutional protections next year, and we will continue to work with the Administration to identify appropriate statutory protections in the interim.

Much of this summer will be focused on an array of implementation issues for public safety, health, and human services realigned programs. The Legislature is scheduled to be on summer break from July 15 to August 15 with an adjournment date of September 9, so we will be working to achieve what is absolutely necessary in the short-term.

CSAC continues to delve into budget trailer bill language for all the details and will be working with county counsels and affiliates to identify issues of concern. In the meantime, please check out our [Budget Action Bulletin](#) outlining the components of the 2011-12 state budget. You can also get information from this week's [CSAC Bulletin](#).

There is obviously much work to do and we're rolling our sleeves up to tackle the tasks at hand. Stay tuned and have a GREAT Fourth of July weekend!

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