FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 14, 2014

Contact: Gregg Fishman, Communications Coordinator
916-327-7500, ext. 516
916-342-9508 mobile

CSAC APPLAUDS CAP AND TRADE PLAN

SACRAMENTO – The following statement by CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate is in response to Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg’s Long-Term Cap-And-Trade Investment Strategy released this morning.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) applauds Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg for his leadership on the investment of Cap and Trade funding to meet our statewide AB 32 climate change goals. CSAC appreciates the long-term vision and recognition of investing in sustainable communities to achieve cost-effective greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions.

Transportation projects that leverage changes in land use patterns create a synergistic effect that produces greater reductions than individual investments. Projects consistent with sustainable community strategies and other GHG reducing plans will maximize GHG reductions and help foster long-term sustainable growth for all Californians.

We also recognize that the plan is a positive step forward but that there is much work to be done to ensure the plan encompasses the right components to maximize the public benefit and GHG emission reductions from funds invested. Local governments provide a tremendous opportunity for immediate and significant GHG emission reductions and we look forward to working with Senator Steinberg to capitalize on this opportunity.

The California State Association of Counties is the voice of California’s 58 counties at the state and federal level.

###