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## CSAC on the Road: County Visits Foster Communication

It's about a thousand miles from the northwestern tip of Del Norte County to the southeastern tip of Imperial and the 58 counties in between are as broad and diverse as you can imagine. So it's important to CSAC that we get out into our member-counties as often as possible, even if the far-flung nature of California makes that more challenging. This week alone CSAC staff visited six different counties to make presentations, attend conferences and foster two-way communication between counties and CSAC.

For example, CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate is in San Francisco today for a meeting of

the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) Statewide Leadership Council. The PPIC is the preeminent policy research organization in the state. Their research topics include public safety, health and human services, the environment and the economy just to name a few. Having Matt on their Leadership Council helps keep CSAC on top of emerging trends and policies. The [Leadership Council](#) is a virtual who's who of leaders in public policy.

CSAC was also in Contra Costa, Inyo, Kern, Mendocino and LA Counties this week. To find out why--read more.

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## **NACo Seeks candidates for Leadership Positions**

NACo First Vice President Bryan Desloge is seeking candidates for a variety of key leadership positions within the national association for 2016-17.

California county officials are encouraged to apply for any of the following:

- Policy steering committee chairs and vice chairs and subcommittee chairs and vice chairs.
- Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) and Rural Action Caucus (RAC) chairs, vice chairs and members.
- Standing committee chairs, vice chairs and members.
- Ad hoc committee, task force and advisory board chairs, vice chairs and members.
- At-large NACo Board Directors.

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## **Tobacco Legislation Moves to Governor's Desk**

The CSAC Policy Committee adopted a SUPPORT position on a raft of tobacco control measures heard in the Second Extraordinary Session on Health Care (Special Session) over the past nine months. All of the bills have now been sent to the Governor for his signature or veto.

These bills were previously being kept in enrollment, a little-used purgatory of sorts between the Legislature and the Governor, in an effort to stall threats made by the tobacco industry to overturn the proposed measures with a statewide initiative campaign and generally derail the initiative process. The tobacco bills are described in the chart below:

[Read more](#)

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## **Sonoma County Opens Homeless Court**

Sonoma County's rate of homelessness is three times the national average, with more than 3,000 individuals identified last year living either on the streets or in shelters. To assist in reducing the number of homeless individuals cited with infractions ranging from illegal camping to panhandling, the Sonoma County established a new Sonoma County Homeless Court.

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## **Governor Signs Mining Bills**

Governor Brown signed both [AB 1142](#), by Assembly Member Adam Gray, and [SB 209](#), by Senator Fran Pavley on Monday, April 18. CSAC Supported both measures. Together they make significant changes to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) that will affect annual mine inspections, financial assurances, reclamation plans, local and state enforcement of SMARA, and the role of the State Mining and Geology Board.

[Read more](#)

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# FEMA Requests Comments on Proposed Public Assistance Policy

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) posted new proposed Public Assistance standards in the Federal Register. This proposed policy language would require applicants to apply nationally accepted hazard-resistant codes and standards to buildings located in hazard prone areas under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Comments are due by May 23, 2016.

[Read more](#)

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## Federal Issues Update

Get the latest from Washington related to energy and water Appropriations, SCAAP, FAA Reauthorization and other issues affecting counties.

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## CSAC Opposes Bills Restricting Sober Living Homes

This week the legislature heard several bills on the siting of facilities for psychiatric patients and those struggling with substance use disorders. Each bill approached the issue of siting in a different way, but CSAC is opposed to all of them for the same reason: These facilities provide a critical health care service in the mental health and substance use disorder continuum of care.

The bills CSAC is opposing on sober living homes are described below:

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## Deadline Approaching for Healthy Cities & Counties Challenge

The Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge is designed to encourage small to mid-sized cities and counties to create a positive health impact. The Challenge is the product of collaboration between the Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association, and the National Association of Counties. Once accepted to participate in the Challenge, cities and counties will work towards improving their residents' health by creating policies that consider health issues, creating replicable strategies to achieve measurable results, and creating sustainable funding by leveraging Challenge prize money with long-term funding sources.

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## CSAC Policy Briefs

**Administration of Justice**

[CDCR Three-Judge Court April Update](#)

[Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Executive Steering Committee Meeting](#)

[2016 Spring Semi-Annual Trial Court Revenue Distribution Training Sessions](#)

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## Spotlighting County Best Practices

## Featuring Programs from Santa Cruz and Los Angeles Counties

CSAC is producing a series of videos and blog postings highlighting California Counties' best practices. The programs we are spotlighting are recipients of our annual Challenge Awards, which recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments.

This week we featured two innovative programs:

### Santa Cruz County Collaborative PACT Making a Difference in Lives, Community

- [Watch our video](#)
- [Read our blog posting](#)

### Los Angeles County: Women Helping Women Veterans

- [Watch our video](#)
- [Read our blog posting](#)

[Read more](#)

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## CSAC Seeks Best Practices for Annual Challenge Awards

These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find innovative, effective and cost-saving ways to provide programs and services to their citizens. This is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight your county's best practices and the staff behind them.

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## Other Bills of Interest

A roundup of bills from all policy areas of interest to counties that are not included in this week's Bulletin articles.

### Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources

#### Aboveground Storage Tanks

[AB 1147 \(Galgiani\)](#) - [Request Comments](#)

As Amended April 4, 2016

#### Regional Conservation Frameworks

[AB 2087 \(Levine\)](#) - [Request Comments](#)

As Amended April 5, 2016

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## Job Openings

Click [here](#) to see the latest county and local government job postings.

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