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Hannigan, Logan Testify re: Need for More Election Funding

A joint state Senate budget and policy committee heard in great detail about the urgent need for more funding to administer elections in California this year. Specifically, the information hearing was called to review Secretary of State Alex Padilla's request for an additional \$32 million in state funding for state and county needs in the 2016 June primary and November general elections. The joint hearing today of the Senate Budget Subcommittee and the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee featured testimony from Solano County Supervisor Erin Hannigan and Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters Dean Logan. You can watch a [recording of their testimony here](#).

The urgent need for more resources only became apparent in mid-March when it became clear that the California primary in June would have a significant impact on the Presidential candidate selection process for both major parties. “What was unlikely in January became a certainty in March,” said Registrar Logan. “California will actually matter in the primaries for the first time in many election cycles, and that is driving a near-unprecedented wave of new voter registrations.”

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Homelessness Issue Draws a Crowd to CSAC Institute

More than 50 county supervisors and top executives from around the state converged on Sacramento this week to attend the CSAC Institute’s Emerging Issues Class on Homelessness in Our Communities. Facilitated by Humboldt County Supervisor Virginia Bass and Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, participants and speakers had the opportunity to learn, share, and discuss key issues in their communities.

Homelessness may seem like an urban problem, but increasingly, rural and suburban counties are also grappling with this multifaceted issue. Counties of all sizes reported increases in individuals struggling to find a place to live. The current boom in regional housing prices and rent is forcing people on low and fixed incomes out of their homes, many areas do not have affordable housing capacity, new project often run into siting and community issues, and it is clear that mental illness plays a role in chronic homelessness regardless of location.

[Read more](#)

Groundwater Bill Moving Despite Opposition

Despite opposition by CSAC, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the League of California Cities (League), the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), individual counties, and numerous agricultural interests, the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee passed SB 1317, by Senator Lois Wolk.

[Read more](#)

Hotel Tax Proposal Shows Promise of Improving Revenue Collection Problems

Applying county transient occupancy tax (TOT), sometimes called a hotel tax, to online short-term vacation rentals offered by companies like Airbnb has posed a challenge for many cities and counties. These types of lodging are growing in popularity and taking a sizeable chunk out of TOT revenues. [Senate Bill 1102](#) (McGuire) is seeking to provide a solution that ensures all local revenue stays local and that tax collection is more consistent and effective.

[Read more](#)

Executive Steering Committee Formed for Prop 47

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) discussed the establishment of the Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee at its April 14 meeting in Sacramento. The Proposition 47 ESC will be co-chaired by Leticia Perez, Kern County Supervisor and Scott Budnick, Founder & President, Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

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Tax Filing Deadline Monday Will Help Paint May Revise Picture

With the 2015 tax filing deadline looming on April 18, Franchise Tax Board (FTB) is bustling with

processing income tax returns and checks, and running each day's totals – illustrating an up-to-the-minute snapshot about the state's revenue status. Since personal income tax revenue makes up about two-thirds of the state's general fund revenue, these numbers will be critical to understanding the state's fiscal standing.

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A Trio of Problematic Bills Heads to Committee Hearings Next Week

CSAC is opposing three bills that are all coming up in committees on Wednesday, April 20. CSAC will keep counties apprised of any developments.

AB 1643 Would Remove the Science in Workers' Compensation Apportionment

AB 2577 would extend presumptions for respiratory illnesses

AB 2257 would require redundant website work

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Federal Issues Update

Following a two-week spring recess, House lawmakers returned to Washington, D.C. on April 12 to begin a decisive stretch in the fiscal year 2017 appropriations cycle. Amid internal Republican disputes over spending levels, House GOP leaders appear likely to abandon efforts to adopt a formal budget resolution. To get the whole federal Issues update, click here. [Read more.](#)

For items on these specific topics click the link:

[Energy and Water Development Appropriations](#)

[Military Construction – Veterans Affairs Appropriations](#)

[FAA Reauthorization](#)

Spotlighting County Best Practices Featuring Programs from San Diego and Riverside 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:

San Diego County Protecting our Most Vulnerable

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

Riverside County Canine Training Helps Juvenile Offenders “Stay On Point”

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

[Read more](#)

Enter the 2016 CSAC Challenge Awards

CSAC is now accepting entries for our 2016 Challenge Awards, our annual program that spotlights the most innovative programs developed and implemented by our California

Counties.

The deadline to enter is June 24. But don't procrastinate; start working on your entries today. It's easy to enter — just provide us with two pages of information about your innovative program.

For more information on how to enter the 2016 Challenge Awards program, [click here](#).
[Read more](#)

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.

Housing, Land Use and Transportation Bills

[AB 1934 \(Santiago\)](#) - Concerns

“Density Bonus” for Commercial Projects

[AB 2208 \(Santiago\)](#) - Concerns

Housing Element Site Inventory

[SB 1069 \(Wieckowski\)](#) - Oppose

Second Units

Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Bills

[AB 2616 \(Burke\)](#) - Request for Comments

Coastal Commission As Amended April 12, 2016

[AB 2693 \(Dababneh\)](#) - Oppose

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) As Amended March 17, 2016

Government Finance and Administration Bills

[AB 2314 \(Bigelow\)](#). Support

Provides property tax backfill to Calaveras County for property damage caused by the Butte fire.

[AB 2321 \(Rodriguez\)](#).Support

Ensures all local sales tax is directed to appropriate local jurisdiction for vehicle transactions between private parties.

Job Openings

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





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