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## Legislature Approves \$16 Million for County Elections

The Senate and Assembly both passed [Assembly Bill 120](#) on Thursday that will provide over \$16 million to counties for elections administration. The Governor is expected to sign the CSAC supported bill soon, which will provide funding in the current fiscal year to the Secretary of State's Office to reimburse counties for elections costs incurred between April 26 and July 15, 2016.

[CSAC strongly supports](#) this allocation and appreciates the effort initiated by Secretary of State Alex Padilla, who formally raised concerns earlier this month.

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## Assembly Democrats Release \$1.3B Housing Plan

The Assembly Democratic Caucus released a one-time, \$1.3 billion housing funding plan earlier this week. Counties will recall that two key Assembly housing funding proposals from last year, both supported by CSAC, stalled. AB 1335 (Atkins), which would have created a new “permanent source” of funding for affordable housing development through real estate recording fees didn’t make it off the Assembly floor, while AB 35 (Chiu), which would’ve have expanded the state’s affordable housing tax credit program, was vetoed by the Governor.

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## Problematic Stormwater Pollution Plan Bill Sailing Through Legislature

*SB 1170 will add significant new costs and inefficiencies in the delivery of essential public infrastructure.*

CSAC would like to highlight a particularly problematic bill, Senate Bill 1170 by Senator Bob Wieckowski that would prohibit a public entity from delegating to a contractor the development of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) on a public works project. Currently, a project’s SWPPP may be developed by the project owner or prepared by a contractor’s SWPPP developer.

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## Elections Take Center Stage in 2016

A new online tool tracking elections costs was released by the California Association of Clerks and Elections Officials (CACEO) that will be very helpful in the elections reform conversations by clearly tracking and illustrating elections costs by county. This information provides comparison data plus transparency on election costs. The data set includes a county-by-county breakdown for statewide primary, general and special elections dating back to 2004. It also features historical trend data on overall costs and trends of ballot complexity.

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## State Tax Revenues Lag Projections for Key Month

April is a critical month for state revenue projections when incomes taxes are filed. Unfortunately, the [LAO is reporting that collections](#) are failing to meet estimates by nearly \$1 billion. Tracking this month is closely watched not only for the 2015 calendar year but also 2016 because high-income filers make estimated payments for current calendar year.

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## CSAC Opposes County Retirement Systems Bill

CSAC is opposing a bill that would allow retirement systems operating under the County Employees’ Retirement Law of 1937 (known as ’37 Act counties) to essentially operate independently from its respective county without any input from the county Board of Supervisors. The Urban Counties Caucus (UCC) and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) are also opposed to the bill.

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## Transportation Funding Update: Amendments to SBX1 1

Transportation funding remains a top priority for CSAC in 2016, so we are pleased to report

that our sustained advocacy has resulting in some movement behind the scenes in the Legislature and Administration towards a bipartisan transportation funding and reform deal. On the legislative front, Senator Jim Beall introduced amendments to his substantial transportation funding proposal late last Friday, adding a number of democratic co-authors. While CSAC had hoped there would be bipartisan support due to the inclusion of a number of reform elements, Senator Beall continues negotiations with colleagues across the aisle and in the Assembly.

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## Deadline Approaching for Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge

Want to win some prize money for your county, and make your residents healthier at the same time? Consider taking the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge. It's a fun way to encourage small to mid-sized cities and counties to create a positive health impact.

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## Spotlighting County Best Practices in Orange and San Diego

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:

### Veterans Helping Veterans in Orange County

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

### San Diego County Focuses on the Health of Inmates and Probationers

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

[Read more](#)

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## Workshop: What is Public Engagement and Why Do It?

Local governments are in the business of engaging the public, but some ways of doing it are better than others. The Institute for Local Government (A CSAC sponsored organization) is sponsoring a workshop in coordination with Mendocino County Local Agency Formation Commission and the California Special District Association to explore the best ways to engage the public.

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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.

### Housing, Land Use and Transportation

#### Junior Second Units

AB 2406 (Thurmond) – [Support](#)

As Amended April 28, 2016

#### Administration of Justice

#### Construction Contracts: Indemnity

[SB 885 \(Wolk\) - Oppose](#)  
As Amended April 18, 2016

**Telecommunications**  
**Major Rural Outages: Notifications and Reporting**  
[SB 1250 \(McGuire\) - Support](#)  
As Amended March 28, 2016

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## Job Openings

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



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