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## Registration Now Open for CSAC Annual Meeting

[Registration is now open](#) for CSAC’s 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, scheduled for November 29 through December 2 in Palm Springs, Riverside County. The conference is being held at the Palm Springs Convention Center and the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel.

The theme for the 2016 Annual Meeting is “The Power of Connection,” spotlighting the leading role California Counties play in connecting with our residents and communities, as well as state and federal government.

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## Committee Chairs Offer New Transportation Funding Bill

Senator Jim Beall and Assembly Member Jim Frazier, chairs of the Transportation Committees in their respective legislative houses, have released details and legislative language on a long-awaited compromise that could help break the logjam over transportation funding. The proposal includes new revenue to help fix crumbling streets roads and bridges, and also reforms that can help ensure the money is spent efficiently and, as intended, on transportation projects.

The Beall–Frazier package would generate \$7.4 billion annually in revenue to repair and maintain state highways and local streets, roads and bridges. Some of it would come from increased taxes and fees. Some would come from redirecting state funds back to transportation—funds that had been borrowed or redirected during the recession for other priorities.

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## State Revenues Below Expectations, Economic Indicators Mixed

The latest [monthly revenue report from the Department of Finance](#) shows lackluster revenue performance for the month of July. For current fiscal year-to-date, total General Fund revenues are down about \$330 million (5 percent). July 2016 had fewer tax collection days when compared to July 2015, which may explain some of the weak year-over-year growth. July revenues were up 0.6 percent when compared to July 2015, but overall below the month's budget estimate.

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## Senate Releases Cap and Trade Proposal

The State Senate released their latest Cap and Trade proposal this week, totaling approximately \$1.2 billion in spending for a variety of different programs aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California. The plan does include funding for a number of CSAC priorities, including waste diversion, transportation, and tree mortality as well as funding for a new local climate program aimed at disadvantaged communities.

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## HHS News Briefs and Legislative Update

**No Place Like Home Financing Bill Moves Forward**

**CSAC supports AB 1299 as it moves to Senate Floor**

**AB 1702 (Stone) Signed by Governor – Key Protections for Foster Youth**

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## Brown Act and “SLAPP” Ruling

A recent ruling from the Second Appellate Court adds to the case law related to “strategic lawsuits against public participation” (a.k.a. SLAPP) and the Brown Act. Last week's Bulletin also included a story about a [court case](#) related to SLAPP and local governments. The information below is about a different case and a different issue.

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## Retired Annuitants: Useful Options, Complicated Processes

If you are considering hiring retired annuitants to augment your staff, you should know that the landscape has changed recently. There are some new rules to consider in light of the implementation of the Public Employees Pension Reform Act of 2013 ([PEPRA](#)). Liebert, Cassidy, and Whitmore (LCW) recently published a [blog](#) that offers some guidance and clarifications related to hiring retired annuitants.

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## **Water Board Proposed Dredge and Fill Procedures: County Concerns Detailed**

California Counties remain concerned over the State Water Resources Control Board Proposed Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Materials to Waters of the State. This week, CSAC and Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) submitted a joint comment letter that details the issues we're concerned about. The CSAC and RCRC comment letter may be viewed [here](#).

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## **Webinars, Workshops Offered for CalEnviroScreen 3.0**

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is holding several regional workshops and webinars on a draft updated version of [CalEnviroScreen](#). CalEnviroScreen is a mapping tool that helps identify California communities that are most affected by many sources of pollution, and where people are often especially vulnerable to pollution's effects. OEHHA expects to release a revised analysis and report for public comment in early September 2016.

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## **CalRecycle Offers Grants for Recycled Tire Projects**

This is a story about where the rubber meets the road, literally. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has a program to help to divert used tires from landfills, prevent illegal tire dumping, and promote markets for recycled-content tire products. And there are grants available to help local governments pay for paving projects that use rubberized pavement.

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## **From Our Blog: AB 2835 is a Solution in Search of a Problem**

*This originally ran as an [Op-Ed](#) in the East Bay Times, Friday, August 12.*

By Matt Cate, Neil McCormick and Chris McKenzie

As the Legislature closes in on the end of this two-year legislative cycle, we'd like to shed some light on a particularly onerous bill that, if passed, will cost \$350 million annually to taxpayers without providing any discernible benefit to employees, only the unions that represent them. AB 2835 by Assembly Member Jim Cooper is a solution in search of a problem.

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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.

[AENR Bill of Interest](#)

**Stormwater Fees and Charges**  
SB 1298 (Hertzberg) – Support in Concept  
As Amended August 11, 2016

SB 1298, by Senator Hertzberg, would amend the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act’s definition of “sewer” to include storm drainage.

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## Job Openings

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

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