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[Congress Approves Omnibus Budget Bill!](#)

On December 18, despite objections from conservative Republicans and progressive Democrats, the House easily approved a fiscal year 2016 omnibus spending plan (HR 2029) by a vote of 316 to 113. The bipartisan compromise, which is the product of weeks of closely held and hard-fought negotiations between the two chambers and parties, provides fresh line-by-line guidance to every agency through September 30, 2016.

[Budget Agreement Includes ACA Excise Tax Delay](#)

Legislation passed today by Congress will effectively delay the implementation of the problematic Cadillac Tax by two years.

[CSAC, League and ACWA File Constitutional Amendment with AG](#)

CSAC joined with the League of California Cities (League) and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in filing a proposed constitutional amendment with the Attorney General's office. The measure would amend Article X of the California Constitution to create a new, optional funding system local agencies can use to finance stormwater management, flood control, sewer and water supply projects, set rates for customers to encourage conservation and reduce water and sewer bills for low-income customers.

[California's Population Tops 39 Million](#)

The new population numbers are out, showing that California now has more than 39 million residents and giving us an update on where people live in California. We dove a little deeper into the numbers, produced by the California Department of Finance, to see not only where people live, but also whether the changes over the last five years are due to birth and death rates or to domestic migration.

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[CSAC Gearing Up for Budget, Legislature's Return In January](#)

The relative quiet and calm in the Capitol will quickly change come January 4 when the Legislature returns to Sacramento for the second half of the 2015-16 legislative session and the Governor's releases his budget proposal for the coming fiscal year.

[From Our Blog: Branding--It's So Much More than a Logo](#)

In October, Placer County officially unveiled its new brand and logo, an initiative designed to create a consistent, unified look of county products, services and presentations.

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