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## April Revenue Brings May Revisions

California's tax revenue took a hit in April as both sales taxes and—more importantly—income taxes came in below projections. The state's major taxes had been slightly above estimates until last month, so the decline sent year-to-date revenue dipping [nearly one percent \(\\$869 million\) below projections](#). State tax revenues are up about five percent compared to last year.

The Governor will no doubt use the disappointing April numbers to bolster his ongoing calls for

fiscal prudence when he releases his May Revision budget proposal on Friday, May 13. CSAC will keep with our long tradition of summarizing the May Revision by the end of the day and emailing it out to counties and others. CSAC's [analysis of the January budget proposal](#) provides a baseline for changes that may be made in the May Revision.

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## **CSAC Legislative Conference Next Week**

Several hundred county supervisors and senior staff will gather in Sacramento for CSAC's annual legislative conference—a chance to engage with state policymakers on issues that matter to counties and network with others in the county family.

“CSAC is both an advocate and a conduit for information between the state capitol and our 58 county members,” said Executive Director Matt Cate. “The legislative conference allows us the opportunity for county supervisors to talk face-to-face with state senators and assembly members that share their constituencies. We have some great discussions lined up on several major policy issues and the state budget.”

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## **Steinberg Institute Report: Positive Impacts from MHSA-Funded Programs**

Mental health funding has made dents in homelessness and psychiatric hospitalizations, according to a new report by the Steinberg Institute. The report evaluates Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act, or MHSA) funded programs. The report was produced in partnership with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), a CSAC affiliate that represents the mental health directors of all 58 counties and two cities. The report shows the impacts of the comprehensive mental health services provided to Californians through this funding.

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## **PPIC: County Jails as Enrollment Sites for Expanding Health Coverage**

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) recently released a report [Expanding Health Coverage in California: County Jails as Enrollment Sites](#). The report takes a look at millions of state residents who continue to lack full health coverage, those who remain uninsured and those who may be difficult to enroll in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) program. PPIC found that uninsured rates are highest for young men and for those with low levels of education, income, and employment.

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## **NACo Resolution Process Underway**

In preparation for the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2016 [Annual Conference and Exposition](#), July 22–25 in Long Beach, Los Angeles County, NACo members are invited to submit policy resolutions and platform changes to be considered at the conference. And, now's the time to register for the conference at the link above.

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## **Proposed Groundwater Sustainability Plan Emergency Regulations Available**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the proposed Groundwater

Sustainability Plan (GSP) Emergency Regulations, which are available on [DWR's GSP website](#).  
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Read more about pending [groundwater legislation here](#).

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## **Federal Update: Water, Drought, Energy, Budget**

Following a one week recess, lawmakers in both chambers returned to the nation's capital looking to find common ground and bipartisan support for legislation to address the opioid addiction epidemic, the Puerto Rican debt crisis, and supplemental funding to combat the spread of the Zika virus. In addition, congressional leaders looked to make progress on the fiscal year 2017 budget front, and we have details on Senator Feinstein's drought relief bill and more.

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## **Action Coming Soon: Broadband Merger**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) meets today to [review a slate of items](#) – including the proposed merger of broadband providers. This proceeding, involving Time Warner Cable, Bright House Networks Information Services, and Charter Communications, is currently recommended for approval by CPUC staff.

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## **Sales Tax Allocation – Issues Identified, Fix TBD**

As we [reported](#) last November, an audit of the Board of Equalization (BOE) found widespread issues with allocation of sales and use taxes as well as weaknesses in oversight and internal controls at the BOE. Of particular interest to counties, the audit revealed that counties had received an over-allocation of sales tax. It affects all accounts, including sales taxes related to Proposition 172, 1991 Realignment, 2011 Realignment, and local Bradley–Burns taxes. The BOE is currently working on a plan to correct these errors, which should be available later this month.

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## **Upcoming Webinar on Whole Person Care Application**

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is conducting a webinar to describe the final application and selection criteria for Whole Person Care. As part of this webinar, on May 19 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., DHCS will be clarifying specific program requirements. Registration information is [available here](#). Keep an eye out for a separate stakeholder notice that DHCS will release the week of May 16 that addresses the release of the application and the selection criteria.

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## **Webinar Recap: Safety Up, Costs Down-Putting Results First**

CSAC's webinar on Safety up, Costs Down: Putting Results First was very well received and is available online for people who might have missed it. The webinar focused on Kern County and the lessons they have taken from their experience implementing Results First. The program builds county staff capacity for administration of justice issues and provides continuous technical assistance, making sure a county has the tools it needs to determine which evidence-based programs best fit the community's needs.

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# Policy Briefs

## Administration of Justice

Dierkhising Appointed to BSCC Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Committee Meets May 18,

[read more](#)

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## From Our Blog: California Counties, Let's Spotlight Your Best Practices

We recently had the pleasure of spotlighting 12 county best practices during National County Government Month. These innovative programs were recipients of the [2015 CSAC Challenge Awards](#).

For the past few months, CSAC communications staff has been on the road to learn more about these programs for the [videos and blogs we produced](#). We traveled from San Diego to Amador, Los Angeles to Mendocino.

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## New U.S. Communities Technology Contract & Supplier Summits

As CSAC President, Supervisor Richard Forster likes to say, we are “one family, 58 strong.” and one of the ways that works is through our pooled purchasing program that can significantly reduce costs for counties. The U.S. Communities purchasing program has more than 35 contracts available, but on average, California counties only use two per county. Counties can save more by utilizing more of the supplier contracts. This no-cost program is available to all counties, cities, special districts, and non-profits and offers the lowest local government pricing on all contract items.

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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

#### Ground Water

[SB 1317 \(Wolk\) - Request Comments](#)

As Amended May 10, 2016

#### Administration of Justice

#### State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act

[SB 868 \(Jackson\) - Support](#)

As Amended April 26, 2016

#### Construction Contracts: Indemnity

[SB 885 \(Wolk\) - Oppose](#)

As Amended May 10, 2016

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## Job Openings

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



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