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Join Us In Riverside County for Great Speakers and Programs

CSAC's Annual meeting always provides a full program of workshops and policy discussions about issues that matter to counties in California. We also work hard to deliver a program of speakers who will leave you inspired, informed and excited to put what they have to say to use in your public service. This year is no exception. We hope you can join us November 29 through December 2 in Palm Springs, Riverside County to hear what these three great speakers have to say!

Chris Gardner is an entrepreneur, best-selling author and single parent. Gardner's autobiography, *The Pursuit of Happyness*, became a New York Times #1 best seller and was the inspiration for the critically acclaimed movie of the same title, starring Will Smith.

Frank Luntz is one of the most honored communication professionals in America today. “The Nostradamus of pollsters,” declared Sir David Frost, while Time magazine named him one of “50 of America’s most promising leaders aged 40 and under.”

Chad Hymas is “One of the 10 most inspirational speakers in the world” according to The Wall Street Journal. On April 3, 2001, Chad Hymas’ life changed instantaneously when a tragic accident left him a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the chest down. Chad is now a world record wheelchair athlete.

For more information about our [speakers, click here.](#)

Advance Registration is open until November 15. [Click here to register.](#)

For a list of [Annual Meeting Workshops click here.](#)

For general information about our [Annual Meeting, click here.](#)

\$16.9M in SCAAP Funding Announced

Fifty California counties will receive nearly \$16.9 million in State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) awards this year, with the State of California receiving nearly \$50.6 million. California’s combined total represents roughly 37 percent of the \$189 million that was made available for SCAAP. The Bureau of Justice Assistance announce the allocations this week.

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From Our Blog: Mono County-Breaking Down Barriers, Building Relationships



To watch a short video about this program, [click here.](#)

At the junction of Highways 120 and 6 in eastern Mono County — 37 miles from Bishop and 51 from Lee Vining — sits the isolated, rural community of Benton. There is little evidence left of Benton’s rich mining history. The town is now home to either 164 or 282 residents — depending on which state sign you believe when you enter the town. The Benton Paiute Reservation is just a few miles away. The surrounding region, sitting more than 5,700 feet above sea level under the towering Mt. Montgomery, is desolate yet beautiful.

For those accustomed to the hustle and bustle of city life, the silence can be almost frightening. You have to be a special type of person to live in this community that has a long history of both poverty and resilience.

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Local Streets and Roads Report Due Next Week

The biennial report on the condition of California’s local streets and roads will be published on Tuesday of next week and is expected to show a continuing decline in the condition of our local transportation network. The report is a product of a partnership between CSAC, the League of California Cities, the County Engineer’s Association of California and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies. It is designed to track the condition of local streets and roads in every city and county in the state. The 2014 report showed the overall Pavement Condition Index (PCI) at 66 out of one hundred—or at risk.

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State Revenue Behind Budget Projections

The latest [Department of Finance report](#) shows mixed news on state revenues, but the trend is below projections by a small margin. Overall, the monthly General Fund revenues are \$32 million, or 0.3 percent, below budget and the year-to-date revenues are \$217 million, or 0.9 percent, below budget.

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AB 85 True-Up: \$164 Million Paid to Counties

The 2016–17 Budget Act included nearly \$180 million for repayments to counties for fiscal year 2013–14 AB 85 redirections, but the actual amount repaid to counties is \$164,612,348.98 due to a calculation error. These repayments to counties were made pursuant to AB 85, which requires the state to “true up” redirections from each formula county’s 1991 Health Subaccount to actual data.

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CSAC Webinar: When Broadband Won’t Build

We’ve all heard the debates about how rural areas need more access to reliable broadband networks, as well as how urban residents need more affordable access to the internet. If only the problems of access and adoption were solved, our communities could realize the benefits of global markets, precision agriculture, telemedicine, and new education initiatives.

But what can counties do to gain access to broadband networks if the traditional providers won’t build? Participate in our Webinar to find out!

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Modifications to Groundwater Basin Boundaries Set Stage for SGMA Implementation

This week, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final 2016 modifications to California’s groundwater basin boundaries. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) initially established the basin boundaries as defined in [Bulletin 118](#), a comprehensive report on California groundwater resources that DWR periodically updates.

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New GASB Guidance on Reporting Postemployment Benefits

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has released a draft implementation guide related to [GASB Statement 74](#), which sets standards for financial reporting of postemployment benefits other than pensions (also known as “OPEB”). The proposed guide, available [here](#), includes implementation guidance, questions and answers, comments on the scope and applicability of the statement, definitions, and other specific guidance.

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San Diego County Chosen to Participate in Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge

Earlier this month, San Diego County was selected to participate in the Healthiest Cities and Counties Challenge. San Diego County’s Live Well Communities program works to address several problems in historically underserved communities of southeast San Diego, including improving access to healthy foods, creating jobs, addressing crime, and increasing capacity for civic engagement and leadership.

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Deadline Extended for Let's Get Healthy California Innovation Challenge 2.0

The deadline for the Let's Get Healthy California Innovation Challenge 2.0 has been extended to October 31. Innovation Challenge 2.0 encourages community and health advocates across California to share ideas and projects that will help achieve Let's Get Healthy California's goal of improving the health of every Californian. Information on how to submit an innovation or to learn more about the challenge is available [here](#).

Administration of Justice News briefs

California Court Administrators Release Report On Improving Fine and Fee Compliance

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NACo Hosts Effective Programs and Practices for Women in the Justice System Webinar

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Futures Without Violence Hosts Defending Childhood Webinar

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Job Openings

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