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Legislature Adjourns with County Wins, More Work Ahead

The Legislature adjourned the 2015–16 Legislative Session in the early hours of Thursday morning with little of the fireworks of previous years, but there is still positive news to report relative to CSAC priorities. The Governor has until September 30 to take action on all bills on his desk. A list of CSAC signature and veto requests is available [here](#).

The following overview provides some end-of-session highlights and key outcomes for counties this year.

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CSAC End of Session Bill Roundup

Dozens of bills moved or died during the final days and hours of the legislative session. Please click the links below for details on the bills in each CSAC Policy Area.

[Administration of Justice](#)

[Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources](#)

[Employee Relations and Administrative Services](#)

[Finance and Operations](#)

[Health and Human Services](#)

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CSAC Board Considers Ballot Propositions

The CSAC Board considered seven of the 17 propositions that will be on the November Ballot at its September 1 meeting, and decided to support three, oppose two and take no position on two others. The Board had previously voted to support Proposition 52, which would continue state fees on hospitals. The revenue from those fees allows the state to receive matching federal grants.

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Legislature Reaches a Deal on Cap and Trade

As the end of the legislative session came to a close this week, the Legislature and the Governor announced a deal on the expenditure of the 40 percent of unallocated cap and trade revenues, totaling \$900 million in funds dedicated to a variety of programs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, while placing \$462 million in a reserve account for future years. Lawmakers stated that the deal came to a close at the very end of session as they were awaiting August auction results that yielded less than favorable results.

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House Judiciary Chairman Unveils New Remote Sales Tax Proposal

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) has unveiled draft legislation that would allow states to enforce local sales and use-tax laws on remote sales. Under the proposed measure, entitled the Online Sales Simplification Act (OSSA), remote sales would be taxable according to the tax base of the retailer's state, at a rate set by the buyer's home state.

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Supreme Court Provides Water Permit Mandate Relief

The California Supreme Court issued [an opinion](#) that broadens the scope of what is considered to be "reimbursable mandates." The Court found that when a Regional Water Quality Control Board adds requirements to stormwater permits that are not mandated by the federal Clean Water Act, but rather are within the Board's discretion, such requirements are reimbursable mandates.

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Details For Medical Cannabis Stakeholder Meetings

As reported in last week's CSAC Legislative Bulletin, the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation

(BMCR) and Office of Medical Cannabis Safety (OMCS) recently announced a series of pre-regulatory stakeholder meeting throughout the state in September and October. The specific dates and locations are now available.

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Resources Budget Trailer Bill Sent to Governor

SB 839, by the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, was enrolled on Friday, August 26. This is the measure that would impose a new and excessive application fee for permits required to comply with the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The proposed fees are brand new, not proposed for a phase-in, and would range in cost from \$7,500 to \$30,000.

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AOJ News Briefs

BSCC Holds Proposition 47 Executive Steering Committee Meeting – September 7

PPIC California County Jails Fact Sheet

CDCR Releases 2016 Annual Recidivism Report

Judicial Council Approves Process for Awarding \$25 Million for Court Innovations

Judicial Council Approves “Complete Next Step Then Hold” Plan for New Courthouses

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Meetings, Webinars, Training etc.

Joint Webinar on Changes to Mining Laws (SMARA)

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2016 County Round Table Water Discussion

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SOAR Human Trafficking Training in Oakland

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Family First Prevention Services Act Webinar Materials Available

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Interactive Broadcast on Pretrial Justice

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Why Should You Attend CSAC's Annual Meeting?

There are a lot of good reasons for you to join us in Riverside County November 29 through December 2 for our 122nd Annual Meeting. We'll have great speakers, workshops and policy discussions, plus networking with county peers from all over the state. If you don't believe it, click here for a [brief video](#) about why we want to see you in Riverside County in November.

From Our Blog: Santa Clara County Officials ♥ Collaboration

*“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”
– Helen Keller*

Santa Clara County resident Stephanie Martinson is on a mission. Her goal is simple: saving lives. Stephanie’s route is taking her across local government jurisdictional lines – from school districts to cities to the County. Toss in health-care nonprofits as well as the private sector, and Helen Keller’s quote has come alive in the South Bay.

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Job Openings

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



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