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CSAC Regional Meeting in Orange County Tackles the Economy, Homelessness

More than 40 county supervisors and senior staff from eight Southern California Counties participated in CSAC's regional Meeting in Orange County today where the focus was on the global economy and its impact on local governments, the pervasiveness of homelessness, and how state and local governments are working together to manage this complex issue.

"Our regional meetings are a critical component of bringing people together to learn more about the most important issues we are all dealing with at the County level," said CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate. "Today we had great discussions about the economy, how it impacts counties, and about homelessness, which affects every county from Alpine to Los Angeles. It's in settings like this that people really connect and begin working collaboratively."

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CSAC, League of Cities Form Joint Homelessness Task Force

Recognizing that homelessness is a complex problem that will require collaborative solutions, CSAC and the League of California Cities have formed a Homelessness Task Force that is meeting for the first time on Friday.

The goal is to bring together city and county expertise and perspective, and also to use the Task Force as a venue to bring in state, federal and non-profit organizations that all have a stake in addressing homelessness.

[Read more](#)

CalPERS Staff Provides System Funding Update -- and the News is Not Good

The California Public Employees' Retirement System's (CalPERS) Finance and Administration Committee met this week and heard an annual review of the system's funding levels and risk report that included news of higher contribution rates for contracting employers and the

conclusion that the risk that plans will continue to fall to low funding levels remains high.

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LAO Report on Prop 13 Addresses Fiscalization of Land Use, Other Common Claims

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recently released a lengthy report, "[Common Claims About Proposition 13](#)," aimed at answering major questions about California's landmark property tax limitation measure.

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Governor Signs Criminal Justice Legislation

Governor Brown signed CSAC sponsored legislation allowing counties to recover costs in bail forfeiture cases. AB 1854, by Assembly Member Richard Bloom, will restore the ability for prosecutorial agencies and county counsel offices to recover their costs incurred in successfully opposing a motion to vacate the forfeiture of bail.

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NACo Hosts Discussion on Reforming Criminal Justice Fines and Fees

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting an [interactive discussion](#) on **Thursday, September 29** to address county official's role in reforming criminal justice fines and fees.

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AB 85 County "True-Up" Payments Imminent

Nearly \$180 million in repayments to some counties under AB 85 are set to go out this week. The Department of Finance has notified the State Controller's Office to send lump sum payments out to AB 85 formula counties for diversions of 1991 Health Subaccount funding that occurred in 2013-14.

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2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Base Set

After nearly two years of work, the funding allocation percentages for each county's 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health Subaccount Base have been set. CSAC worked with the Department of Finance, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Health Care Services, and the County Behavioral Health Directors Association to set this permanent base for 2011 Realignment Behavioral Health services.

[Read more](#)

Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week

President Obama declared September 18-24 Prescription Opioid and Heroin Epidemic Awareness Week. The proclamation stresses the importance of addressing this crisis and providing adequate funding to expand access to treatment services. More information on the proclamation is available [here](#).

Administration of Justice News Briefs

CSAC Joins Judicial Council for Federal Grant on "The Price of Justice: Rethinking and the

Consequences of Justice Fines and Fees”

Council of State Governments Justice Center Hosts Police–Mental Health Collaboration Webinar

National Stepping Up Initiative Hosts California Summit

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Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources News Briefs

Final CalEnviroScreen Webinar Next Week – CSAC Seeking Comments

Water Board Groundwater Fee Update On Its Way

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Federal Update

Senator Feinstein Urges USDA and OMB to Address Tree Mortality Crisis in California

House and Senate Lawmakers Express Support for PILT and SRS Funding

Republican EPW Committee Staff Releases Report on Waters of the U.S.

Senate Approves WRDA Reauthorization; House Expected to Act Next Week

House to Consider Bipartisan Juvenile Justice Reform Package

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Supervisors, Let Us Know What's Going On In Your County

What’s going on in your county?

That’s the question at the heart of the “California County Roundtable,” a workshop at this year’s [Annual Meeting](#) featuring county supervisors talking about what’s important right now in their counties – whether those are thorny problems, clever solutions, or something else they think other counties should be thinking about.

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Extensive List of October Courses at the CSAC Institute

The CSAC Institute has developed a terrific slate of courses lined up for you in October which highlight budgeting, finances , IT and strategy. We’ve also combined two classes into an intensive two–day Realignment 101 Workshop that will be invaluable to all.

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Job Openings

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



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