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HOTEL ROOMS FILLING FAST FOR CSAC 115TH ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 17-20

Hotel rooms are booking quickly for CSAC's Annual Meeting, November 17-20, in Monterey County. If you have not done so, please make your hotel reservations by clicking [here](#). This year's Annual Meeting promises to be valuable for county officials with information on retirement funds, state reform efforts, social networking, green energy and more. Advance registration deadline for the Annual Meeting is October 30. For more information, click [here](#). For questions, contact Patti Hughes, CSAC Meeting Planner, at 916/327-7500, ext. 514, or at phughes@counties.org

HIGH PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSITION 1A SECURITIZATION PROGRAM

At press deadline, approximately 770 agencies had enrolled in the California Communities Proposition 1A Securitization Program, including 55 counties, 300 cities and 415 special districts. California Communities is a joint powers authority sponsored by CSAC and the League of California Cities, and is facilitating the securitization of Proposition 1A for local agencies. Applications and participant documents must be submitted by November 6. To view CSAC and CSAC Finance Corporation "frequently asked questions" document on the suspension and securitization of Proposition 1A, click [here](#). Also, please visit the [California Communities Web site](#) for more information. If you have questions about the program or enrollment, contact Laura Labanieh, CSAC Finance Corporation Program Manager, at 916/327-7500, ext. 536, or llabanieh@counties.org. For general questions about Proposition 1A, contact Jean Hurst, CSAC Legislative Representative, at 916/327-7500, ext. 515, or jhurst@counties.org.

TWELVE PROGRAMS RECEIVE CHALLENGE AWARDS; SAN DIEGO TAKES INNOVATION AWARD

Even during these times of severe fiscal crisis, California counties continue to produce excellent programs, as shown by the 2009 CSAC Challenge Awards competition. Twelve programs received Challenge Awards this year, with San Diego County garnering the top Innovation Award for their program Neighborhood for Kids – East County. Challenge Award recipients include: *Under 50,000 Population* – Glenn County, Glenn County Mental Health Forensics Team; *50,001 to 200,000 Population* – Lake County, Revitalizing Clearlake Oaks; and San Benito County, San Benito County Juvenile Hall Orientation Video; *200,001 to 700,000 Population* – Marin County, Marin Health and Wellness Campus; Merced County, Merced County Day Reporting Center; and Monterey County, Revitalization of the Public Safety Net Hospital; *700,001 and Above Population* – Alameda County, Write to Read; Los Angeles County, Voters with Specific Needs Sensitivity Training Video; Orange County, The AB 939 Surcharge Program; Riverside County, County Pharmacy Saves Member and Taxpayer Dollars, and Volunteer Pharmacists Assist with Emergency Response; and San Mateo County, San Mateo County Sheriff's Green Jail Initiative. Congratulations to these recipients and all who participated in the Challenge Awards program.

REMEMBER TO EXTEND YOUR STAY AT ANNUAL MEETING FOR CSAC INSTITUTE COURSES

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government is offering course before, during and after the CSAC Annual Meeting. Don't forget to extend your [hotel stay](#) and take advantage of the educational opportunities being offered. For a list of these courses and to register, click [here](#). Also, an Institute course

on “Financing California Counties” will be taught in Ventura on November 6. The speaker is Diane Cummins, former chief fiscal policy advisor for the Senate Pro Tem in the State Capitol with more than 30 years experience in California state budgets.

CSAC TEAM RAISING FUNDS TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

A group of CSAC staff members will walk a 5K course around downtown Sacramento in the 13th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 18. To date, the team – Counties Striking Against Cancer, or CSAC – has raised \$4,235, maintaining its second place ranking among participating Sacramento teams and companies. The team is walking in honor and support of CSAC Meeting Planner Patti Hughes, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in July. If you would like to join the team or make a donation, click [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Kiana Buss at kbuss@counties.org, or Faith Conley at fconley@counties.org.

AROUND THE STATE

STATE ISSUES UPDATED WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

The state Department of Water Resources has released an updated model ordinance to assist counties with reducing water waste in landscapes. The Department prepared the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in response to the passage of AB 1881, the Water Conservation Landscaping Act of 2006. The ordinance addresses water budgets for landscapes, prevention of excess erosion and irrigation runoff, landscape and irrigation design requirements, use of recycled water, irrigation audits and more. The Model Ordinance can be found on the Department of Water Resources Web site by clicking [here](#), along with a schedule of planned workshops to assist counties with adoption and implementation.

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NACO ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

The National Association of Counties (NACO) is seeking proposals for workshop presentations at its 2010 Legislative Conference, March 6-10, Washington, D.C. The deadline to receive the proposals is October 23; program selection will be announced by November 3. For specifications and an online form, click [here](#). For more information, contact Ruth Nybro, Director of Education and Training, at 202/942-4277 or rnybro@naco.org.

FUNDING FOR PREVENTION AND WELLNESS ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced that \$373 million in funding for community prevention and wellness activities is available. Applications are due December 1. An [initiative](#), “Communities Putting Prevention to Work,” will provide funding to local communities through competitive grants from CDC. This funding is part of \$650 million for chronic disease prevention available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. CDC plans to provide the grants for policies and programs that increase physical activity, improve nutrition, reduce obesity and decrease tobacco use. To access the full funding announcement on www.grants.gov, please click [here](#). For more information, contact Anita Cardwell at 202/942-4267 or acardwell@naco.org.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

JOIN CSAC AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 28-30, LAKE TAHOE

Don't miss out on the Municipal Management Association of Northern California's annual conference, "Leading the Way Through Change," October 28-30, at The Resort at Squaw Creek in Lake Tahoe. The Association provides opportunities for professional growth, training and idea-sharing for local government managers. CSAC staff members will be hosting a reception for attending county officials on October 28 at 5 p.m., room location at the hotel to be determined. The conference program is scheduled to include workshops on the future of local government, municipal finance, communications, succession planning, organizational development, and use of technology. Online registration is now available. For more information, visit www.mmanc.org. To RSVP for the CSAC reception, contact Faith Conley, CSAC Legislative Analyst, at fconley@counties.org.