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ADVANCE REGISTRATION ENDS SOON FOR CSAC 115TH ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 17-20

The October 30 deadline for advance registration for CSAC's Annual Meeting, November 17-20, Monterey County, is rapidly approaching. To take advantage of advance registration rates, register for the Annual Meeting now by clicking [here](#). Sessions will include information on retirement funds, state reform efforts, social networking, green energy and more. For questions, contact Patti Hughes, CSAC Meeting Planner, at 916/327-7500, ext. 514, or at phughes@counties.org

AROUND THE STATE

LARRY COMBS TO BECOME MERCED COUNTY CEO

Larry Combs, Sutter County chief administrative officer for 26 years who has the longest tenure as a CAO for a single county to date, has been named Merced County's new CEO. Larry will replace current Merced County CEO Dee Tatum, who will retire at the end of this year. In his new position, Larry will be responsible for managing 2,300 employees and a \$460 million annual budget. Prior to Sutter County, Larry worked for both Kings and San Diego Counties. CSAC congratulates Larry on his new position.

MONO COUNTY SUPERVISOR PASSES AWAY

Bill Reid, a Fourth District Mono County Supervisor, passed away on October 21. Bill served on the Board of Supervisors from 1980-1984, 1988-1992 and 1992-1996. In 2006, he filled the unexpired term of another supervisor. He was re-elected in June 2008, and became chairman of the Board in 2009. A long-time resident of Bridgeport, Mono County, he worked as area commander for the California Highway Patrol and is a past president of the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC). CSAC expresses condolences to his wife, Lyn, his three children and numerous grandchildren, as well as to the Mono County Board and staff for their loss.

MARDI WORMHOUDT, FORMER SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DIES AT AGE 72

A three-term former Santa Cruz County supervisor, Mardi Wormhoudt, died on October 21 at the age of 72 after a long battle with melanoma. Mardi had been an iconic figure in Santa Cruz politics since the early 1980s, most notably serving as mayor during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. During her term as District 3 County Supervisor from 1994 to 2006, she focused on juvenile justice reform, among other issues. She is survived by her sons Zachary, Jonathan and Jacob and her daughter, Lisa. We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mardi's family and friends.

STATE OPENS UP ENERGY STIMULUS FUNDS

The California Energy Commission has made more than \$156 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds available for energy efficiency and solar projects for local jurisdictions, non-profits and private organizations. A package of options under the State Energy Program (SEP) and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants Program (EECBG) offer counties the opportunity to invest in energy efficiency and photovoltaic energy projects. These loans can be coupled with grants and

other awards so ARRA dollars can be fully leveraged. For more information about EECBG and the SEP program, the Low Interest Loan Program or other energy-related federal stimulus funding and programs go to the California Energy Commission's Recovery page <http://energy.ca.gov/recovery/index.html>.

AROUND NACO

COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR ENERGY PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

The federal Department of Energy is releasing a funding opportunity under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for innovative government energy programs that have a regional approach, make energy efficiency and conservation a top priority, integrate cost-effectiveness, maximize the creation and/or retention of jobs, and more. For detailed information, click [here](#). Contact Kelly Zonderwyk at NACo: kzonderwyk@naco.org or 202/942-4224.

REPORT ON CHILDREN AND DISASTERS DELIVERED TO WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS

The National Commission on Children and Disasters has delivered its interim report to President Obama and Congress. The report provides recommendations intended to make children an immediate priority in disaster planning. To view the interim report, click [here](#). NACo is committed to protecting communities and preparing the nation for future disasters, and county officials play an integral role in protecting their communities. Click [here](#) to view a letter of support from NACo President and Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown. For more information, contact Jim Philipps at NACo: jphilipps@naco.org or 202/942-4220.