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AROUND CSAC

MORE THAN 250 ATTEND 2009 CSAC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

More than 250 county officials gathered in Sacramento last week during the 2009 CSAC Legislative Conference and heard the latest state budget news, met with legislators and attended several workshops and sessions focused on local and state fiscal issues. Speakers included Legislative Analyst Mac Taylor, Christopher Thornberg with Beacon Economics, Jean Ross with California Budget Project, Max Neiman of the Public Policy Institute of California, and Joe Krahn of Waterman & Associates. County supervisors also participated in a press conference and shared their significant concerns about the various proposals under consideration to address the state's chronic budget problems. If you attended the conference, please take time to fill out the survey sent via email earlier this week or click [here](#). CSAC appreciates your feedback as we strive to offer high-quality conferences and events.

JOIN CSAC AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT, JULY 17 – 18, SACRAMENTO

CSAC is joining with our local government partners to hold a Local Government Summit on Governance and Reform, July 17 – 18 in Sacramento. This summit is being sponsored by the Cities, Counties and Schools (CCS) Partnership, an ongoing partnership of CSAC, the League of California Cities and the California School Boards Association. Join with hundreds of county, city and school leaders to consider and help craft reforms that will restore a greater degree of local control over services, taxation and spending decisions, and end the decades of the state's failure to adopt balanced budgets and meet the pressing needs of our state. Click [here](#) to register. For registration and hotel information, contact CSAC Meeting Planner Patti Hughes at phughes@counties.org. For additional summit information, contact Executive Director Paul McIntosh at pmcintosh@counties.org.

CHECK OUT THE CSAC INSTITUTE SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE

Summer/Fall 2009 courses are already filling up for the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government. To view the summer/fall schedule, click [here](#). New during the summer/fall session are course offerings in Southern California, in addition to courses at the CSAC Conference Center in Sacramento. Classes include "County Finances: It's a Whole New World" on July 23, "Managing Effective Meetings" on August 14, and "Negotiation and Collaboration in Complex Environments" on September 24. Four courses will also be offered in conjunction with the CSAC Annual Meeting in Monterey in November. For more information or to register, visit the Institute's Web site at www.csacinstitute.org or contact Bill Chiat, Program Manager, at 916/327-7500, ext. 510 or bchiat@counties.org.

2009 CHALLENGE AWARDS DEADLINE COMING UP – JUNE 12

Don't miss out on the 2009 Challenge Awards competition. CSAC wants to know about the achievements of your county programs. These unique awards recognize the innovative and creative spirit of California county governments as they find new and effective ways of providing programs and services to their citizens. Click [here](#) for entry guidelines and form. The deadline for this year's competition is Friday, June 12. If you have any questions, please contact David Liebler, Director of Public Affairs & Member Services, at dliebler@counties.org.

MAGAZINE SECTION OF CSAC WEB SITE EXPANDED

The *California Counties* magazine section of the CSAC Web site has been expanded. The page now includes links to all of the articles in each issue, starting with the January/February 2009 edition. To access the page, click on the magazine cover image on the right side of the home page or view the

magazine Web page directly by clicking [here](#). For questions or comments about *California Counties*, please contact Publications Editor Susan Hyman at shyman@counties.org.

APPLY FOR THE CITIES, COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The Cities, Counties and Schools Partnership Award recognizes communities that demonstrate excellence in collaboration by doing one or more of the following: working together on collaborative projects between, cities and schools, counties and schools, cities and counties or all three jurisdictions; utilizing cooperative, cross-jurisdictional services to enhance the quality of life for a community; working collaboratively to establish healthy communities; and creating a culture of cooperation across jurisdictions. To apply for this award, write "also applying for CCS Partnership Award" at the top of your CSAC Challenge Award entry. If you have already submitted an application for the Challenge Awards, email CCS partnership with the title of the program you submitted at ccspartnership@counties.org. There is no fee for CCS award entries. Deadline is June 30. For more information, contact the CCS Partnership at 916/323-6011.

A R O U N D N A C O

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON 2009-10 STEERING COMMITTEES AVAILABLE

Do you want a voice in creating the national legislative policies of the National Association of Counties (NACo)? CSAC is now accepting applications from those who would like to be members of a 2009-10 NACo steering committee. There are 11 steering committees: Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Community and Economic Development; Environment, Energy and Land Use; Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs; Health; Human Services and Education; Justice and Public Safety; Labor and Employment; Public Lands; Telecommunications and Technology; and Transportation. Your participation can make NACo – and California's presence in this association – more powerful. Please note that this process is separate from the leadership position appointments handled by NACo. Steering committee membership requests should be sent to CSAC. If you are interested in committee membership, please contact Sue Ronkowski at 916/327-7500 ext. 508 or sronkowski@counties.org. Deadline is June 30.

NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERS DOZENS OF WORKSHOPS, JULY 24 – 28

There's still time to register for NACo's Annual Conference July 24 – 28 in Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee. Timely topics will be covered to assist you in addressing such critical issues as the economy, H1N1 virus, food safety, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and more. To view the full listing of workshops click [here](#). New this year is three concurrent forums on The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. On Tuesday, July 28 at 2 p.m., attend one of three "town hall settings" that will deal with: Housing, Employment and the Economy; Energy, Infrastructure and Economic Development; or Reporting, Transparency and Accountability: Recovery Act and Beyond. And don't miss out on seeing NACo President-elect and Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown sworn in as NACo President. In addition, the California Caucus will meet Sunday, July 26 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gaylord Opryland Convention Center. The meeting will feature an update on federal issues by staff from Waterman & Associates, as well as casting California's vote for NACo 2nd Vice President. Register online and save \$25. Early bird registration deadline is June 19. For more information and to register, visit [NACo's Annual Conference Web page](#).

PARTICIPATE IN 2ND ANNUAL POSTER SESSION AT NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Counties are invited to participate in the 2nd annual poster session at the 2009 NACo Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, July 24 – 28. The poster session – titled Innovations in County Health Systems – is designed to showcase how counties are transforming health care delivery and coverage options at the local level. It will feature innovative success stories, tools, lessons learned, and how-to tips of county health programs and policies that may be replicated throughout the country. Space is limited. Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your county's health work by registering as a participant no later than June 11; actual posters to be displayed at the conference do not have to be ready by this is

date. To register or for more information about the poster session, please visit www.naco.org/healthyposters or contact Anita Cardwell at 202/942-4267 or acardwell@naco.org.

AROUND THE STATE

NEW SAVE OUR WATER POSTER AND WEB SITE BANNER AVAILABLE

Save Our Water has a new 11x17 poster that is now available to download at www.saveourh2o.org. Save Our Water is a statewide public education program designed to educate Californians on the state's water challenges and encourage them to reduce the amount of water they use everyday. The poster shows water-saving tips for both and inside and outside and is easy to print on 11x17 paper. For the PDF version of the poster, click [here](#). In addition, there is a Web site banner available to upload to your county Web site. Click [here](#) to download the banner. For questions about the poster or banner, contact Ellen Manolis, Outreach Specialist with the Association of California Water Agencies, at ellenm@acwa.com or 916/441-4545.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, JUNE 14 – 18, SAN DIEGO

The American Water Works Association's Annual Conference and Exposition is June 14 – 18 in San Diego. Mayors, water commissioners, council members and other public officials will convene to explore critical water issues, including funding water system improvements in today's difficult economy, presentations from respected experts on federal stimulus funding, state revolving funds, and innovative financing options. More than 500 exhibitors will be on-site showcasing the latest products and services available to help ensure safe water. For more information, visit the Association's event [Web site](#). On-site registration will be available.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS HOSTS MENTAL ILLNESS BROADCAST, JULY 15

The National Institute of Corrections is hosting a live, three-hour satellite/Internet broadcast on July 15 at 9 a.m. to address how organizations can prepare to work with persons suffering from mental illness in jails. The broadcast will address several topics, including identifying stakeholders who need to be involved in designing a successful mental health treatment program and implementing strategies to leverage existing resources and develop an action plan. Register online by July 13. There is no registration fee. For more information, visit www.nicic.gov/Broadcasts or contact Ed Wolahan at 800/995-6429, ext. 4419, or at ewolahan@bop.gov.