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Capitol Update & CSAC Programs and Services

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Capitol Update & Review of CSAC Programs and Services

- ◆ 8th Extraordinary Session
- ◆ 2010 Legislative Activities
- ◆ CSAC June Legislative Conference
- ◆ CSAC's New Communication Efforts
- ◆ CSAC Finance Corporation
- ◆ Institute for Excellence in County Government
- ◆ National Association of Counties
- ◆ April: National County Government Month

8th Extraordinary Session

- ◆ Called by Governor on January 8, 2010; Legislature adjourned the session on March 11, 2010.
- ◆ Governor convened session to address current year deficit of \$6.6 billion (of estimated \$19.9 billion 19-month deficit).
- ◆ Budget information found in CSAC Budget Action Bulletins available on CSAC's budget webpage at www.csac.counties.org

8th Extraordinary Session

- ◆ Legislature sent Governor package of bills estimated to save approximately \$4 billion.
- ◆ Governor vetoed ABX8 2, which contained \$2.2 billion in budget year savings.
- ◆ Governor signed ABX8 5 which included deferral of state payments in 2010-11 of HUTA, social services payments, and Proposition 63.
- ◆ Governor has not yet acted on gas tax swap proposal, which eliminates sales tax on gas for an increase in gas excise tax. Local streets and roads held harmless, increased funding for transit, and state general fund relief.

2010 Legislative Activities

- ◆ CSAC legislative staff analyzing more than 1,000 measures introduced before the February 19 deadline.
- ◆ CSAC legislative representatives testify weekly before policy committees to advocate on behalf of counties and meet with legislative staff regularly to discuss bills of significance to counties.
- ◆ Distribute weekly *CSAC Legislative Bulletin* every Friday.
- ◆ Vet legislative issues through CSAC policy making process.

CSAC June Legislative Conference

- ◆ June 2-3 in Sacramento.
- ◆ All five policy committees will meet.
- ◆ Workshops on effective labor negotiations, the local initiative process, and strategies to secure federal funding.
- ◆ Featured speakers to provide insight on what's happening in the Capitol and with the state budget and impacts on counties.
- ◆ Opportunity to meet with your local legislators individually or together with other counties from your region with whom you have issues of shared significance.

CSAC's New Communication Efforts

- ◆ CSAC now on Facebook and Twitter. Links to each site can be found on the CSAC website.
- ◆ CSAC now has a blog – “*The County Voice*”! Look for frequent postings by CSAC staff at: www.csac.counties.org/blogs/.
- ◆ CSAC to unveil new e-publication this spring that will incorporate the CSAC *Legislative Bulletin, Around Our Counties*, an events calendar and more all in one location!
- ◆ *Executive Director's Watch* distributed as news happens.

CSAC Finance Corporation

- ◆ The CSAC Finance Corporation provides a variety of cost saving services to promote the economic well-being of counties while generating revenue to support CSAC in maintaining dues and fees at static levels.
- ◆ Issued Proposition 1A Securitization Bonds in 2009.
- ◆ California Communities pooled finance programs save counties time and money. Programs include, Tax & Revenue Anticipation Notes, Pension Obligation Bonds, and many others.
- ◆ U.S. Communities Purchasing Program provides counties guaranteed lowest pricing.
- ◆ CalTRUST investment pool provides a variety of investment options.

Institute for Excellence in County Government

- ◆ Provides county elected officials and senior staff instruction on myriad of county issues. Past topics include water, transportation and budgeting in difficult times.
- ◆ Instructors include faculty from CSU Sacramento, USC and other policy experts.
- ◆ First four graduates credentialed in December; six to eight more credentials to be awarded in June at the CSAC Legislative Conference.
- ◆ Average class size ranges from 20 to 30 participants.
- ◆ Classes typically held in Sacramento at the CSAC Conference Center; courses also held in Southern California and the Bay Area.

National Association of Counties NACo

- ◆ Annual legislative conference was well attended by California counties.
- ◆ Supervisor Valerie Brown, NACo President, presided.
- ◆ California supervisors met with their Congressional delegation on a variety of issues.
- ◆ Annual meeting this July in Washoe County, Nevada.

April: National County Government Month



- ◆ Objective: Promote counties and the vital services counties provide to all Californians.
- ◆ National Association of Counties promoting April as County Government Month.
- ◆ ACR 121 by Assembly Member Connie Conway introduced on February 10. On April 22, CSAC will receive resolution officially recognizing April as County Government Month.
- ◆ During the week of April 19-23, CSAC will highlight one issue area each day and provide media with facts on counties' activities and the services counties provide to the public within the given issue area.
- ◆ Tell “your county story” to your local media and constituents.
- ◆ Additional information can be found on the CSAC website.