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HEAR THE LATEST STATE BUDGET NEWS AT LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Keep informed on the latest developments with the state budget and other news impacting counties by attending the CSAC Legislative Conference next week, June 2-3 in Sacramento. Attendees may register on-site at the Hyatt Regency, and hotel rooms are still available at the conference rate. For information, visit the [CSAC Web site](http://www.csac.counties.org).

CSAC CHALLENGE AWARDS DEADLINE IS ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AWAY

Roll out your county's best programs and enter the 2010 CSAC Challenge Awards. Entry forms are available in both electronic and print format. Entries have been mailed to counties, and are also available online by [clicking here](#). New this year – information can be entered directly into the online entry form. Or, you may print the online form and enter that way. If you need a hard copy of the Call for Entries brochure, e-mail David Liebler, Director of Public Affairs and Member Services, at dliebler@counties.org. **Deadline for entries is June 11, 2010.**

UPCOMING INSTITUTE COURSE IN JUNE

The CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government is offering a class in association with the Institute for Local Government on June 17 titled "Public Engagement: Involving the Community in Decision Making." The session will be presented in Sacramento from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information and to register, visit the CSAC Institute [Web site](#).

AROUND THE STATE

FORMER LONGTIME BUTTE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER PASSES AWAY

George Gaekle, the first county administrative officer in Butte County, passed away this week in Modesto. He served Butte County from 1953 to 1967, and then was Stanislaus CAO from 1968 to 1979. Upon his retirement, he became a prominent consultant in local government organization and finance. He was one of the first presidents of the County Administrative Officers Association of California (CAOAC). CSAC offers its sincere condolences to George's wife and children.

AROUND NACO

NACO TO HELP MEMBERS WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW HEALTH LAW

The National Association of Counties (NACo) plans to assist counties during the implementation process of the new health reform law. Click [here](#) to read a special message from NACo Executive Director Larry Naake and to view a [video message](#) from NACo President Valerie Brown, Sonoma County supervisor. NACo plans to provide counties with information about the law's implications on the [NACo Web site](#) and in its publications. In addition, questions on health care reform can be sent to healthreforminfo@naco.org.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR NACO ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN JULY

California county supervisors and leaders are encouraged to register for the NACo Annual Conference in nearby Reno/Washoe County, Nevada, on July 16-20 at the Reno/Sparks Convention Center. Workshop topics include: How the foreclosure crisis is impacting your county; how health reform will affect your county employees' health benefits and costs; and how counties are responding to the economy with change. [Click here](#) for registration and other conference information.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

WEBINAR ON ADOPTING A COMMERCIAL RECYCLING ORDINANCE ON JUNE 30

The Institute for Local Government – the non-profit research affiliate of CSAC and the League of California Cities – is presenting a webinar on June 30 in collaboration with CalRecycle geared toward local governments considering the adoption of a commercial recycling ordinance. The “How to Get Started” webinar will cover a status report on California’s pending regulations, and tips for working with both the business community and the waste/recycling hauler community. To reserve your space, please [click here](#). Any questions on the webinar should be addressed to Lianne Dillon at ldillon@ca-ilg.org.

WORKSHOP IN TULARE COUNTY ON RESIDENTIAL RETROFIT PROGRAM

The Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County, along with Southern California Edison and the California Energy Commission, are co-hosting a day-long workshop June 2 to discuss the HOME STAR Residential Retrofit Program. Local government representatives from the San Joaquin Valley Region are urged to attend and learn about the program’s financial incentives for residential energy efficiency upgrades. For more information and to register, call 559/625-7126 or toll free: 800/772-4822.

WORKSHOPS ON CALIFORNIA'S NEW GREEN BUILDING CODES

California’s green building code becomes mandatory on January 1, and will affect all new commercial and residential construction. Workshops on “Understanding California’s New Green Building Code” will be offered throughout the state starting June 16. Speakers include representatives from the California Building Standards Commission and the California Department of Housing and Community Development. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

UPCOMING WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICY CONFERENCE

The California Coalition on Workers' Compensation is holding its annual policy conference on July 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency in Newport Beach/Orange County. The conference is geared toward professionals in the areas of workers' compensation, risk management, health, safety, insurance, and human resources. For more information and to register, visit the Coalition's [conference page](#).