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AROUND CSAC

JOURNALIST LISA LING TO SPEAK AT 115TH ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 17-20

CSAC is pleased to announce Lisa Ling, journalist and special correspondent for the *Oprah Show* and contributor to the *National Geographic Channel*, will be a keynote speaker at the 115th Annual Meeting, November 17–20, in Monterey County. In addition to hearing from Ling, annual meeting attendees have a solid lineup of workshops to choose from that will provide valuable information for counties. Workshops include: “Defined Benefits Today and Tomorrow: How the Economic Downturn will Affect Retirement Funds Financially and Politically,” “Recharging Your Counties and Communities with Green Energy Programs,” “The Complex Organisms Called County Employees” and “Tweets and Posts: The Upsides and Downsides of Twitter and Facebook for Counties.” Advance registration deadline 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

DON'T MISS OUT TODAY & FRIDAY – PROPOSITION 1A SECURITIZATION WEBINARS

Today, September 10, at 10 a.m., California Communities will be hosting an informational webinar regarding the securitization of Proposition 1A. The webinar will also be hosted this Friday, September 11, at 10 a.m. Topics covered during the webinars include: Proposition 1A financing team introductions, overview of ABX4 14 and ABX4 15, Proposition 1A Securitization Program structure, options available to local agencies, and enrollment and commitment processes. The same topics will be covered at both webinars. For more information on the Proposition 1A Securitization Program, and to register for either webinar, please visit www.cacommunities.org/prop1a. Also, a reminder that CSAC and the CSAC Finance Corporation have compiled a “frequently asked questions” document on the suspension and securitization of Proposition 1A. To view the FAQ, click [here](#). For more information, contact Laura Labanieh, CSAC Finance Corporation Program Manager, at 916/327-7500, ext. 536, or llabanieh@counties.org.

CALTRUST INTRODUCES MONEY MARKET OPTION FOR LOCAL AGENCIES

The CalTRUST Board of Trustees is excited to announce the immediate availability of the new CalTRUST money market account. This new account option is open to all CalTRUST participants. The account has already taken in more than \$100 million in assets in its first week. In discussions with CalTRUST participants and other interested local agencies, many have expressed a desire for a CalTRUST option with same-day liquidity and a stable net asset value (NAV), or share price. The CalTRUST money market account gives participants access to the Wells Fargo Advantage Funds Heritage Money Market Fund Select Class shares. The Heritage Fund was launched in June 1995, and had more than \$24 billion in assets as of August 28. It is important to note that the new Heritage Fund option is not replacing the CalTRUST Short-Term account option, but exists to complement it. Details of the Heritage Money Market Fund can be found by clicking [here](#). For more information, please visit CalTRUST online at www.caltrust.org, or contact Laura Labanieh, CSAC Finance Corporation Program Manager, at 916/327-7500, ext. 536, or llabanieh@counties.org.

FALL CSAC INSTITUTE COURSES QUICKLY FILLING UP

Fall courses offered by the CSAC Institute for Excellence in County Government are quickly filling up, but there's still time to register. Upcoming courses offered, including some of the Institute's most popular: Negotiations and Collaboration in Complex Environments, Thursday, September 24, Sacramento;

Performance Measurement, Friday, October 2, Sacramento; The Art & Practice of Organizational Leadership, Friday, October 9, San Diego; Problem Solving and Process Improvement, Friday, October 23, Sacramento; and Financing California Counties, Friday, November 6, Ventura. Several courses will also be offered during the CSAC 115th Annual Meeting in Monterey County. To view the full fall schedule, click [here](#). For more information or to register, visit the Institute's Web site at www.csacinstitute.org or contact Bill Chiat, Program Manager, at bchiat@counties.org or 916/327-7500, ext. 510.

AROUND THE STATE

SOLANO COUNTY TAKES TOP PRIZE IN STATE FAIR COUNTIES EXHIBIT COMPETITION

For the fifth year in a row, Solano County took the Best of Show Award in the 2009 State Fair Counties Exhibit Competition. A total of 33 counties participated in this year's competition. The Solano County exhibit – titled "A Farmer's Paradise in Solano: The Enchanted Orchard" – featured a giant orange, reminiscent of the old George's Orange Stand in Dixon. The exhibit, which also won the Best Agriculture Award, allowed visitors to walk through oversized fruit crates filled with displays that showcase the agricultural in Solano County. Other awards included: Best Content – Modoc County; Best Marketing – Santa Barbara County; Best Craftsmanship and Best Use of Technology – Placer County; Best Creative Use of Product/Produce and Best Use of Animation – Stanislaus County; Best Use of Special Effects – Monterey County; Best Use of Experience – Calaveras County; Best Design – Amador County; and Superintendent's Award – Santa Clara County. CSAC congratulates these counties and applauds all counties that participated in the exhibit display.

AROUND NACO

NACO COLLECTING BEST PRACTICES INFORMATION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY EFFORTS

Is your county a leader in energy efficiency and clean energy efforts? The National Association of Counties (NACo) is supporting a project to collect local-level best practices in the United States and share the information with developing nations. With funding and support from the U.S. Department of State, the most innovative and successful local government programs will be summarized in a guide to allow senior U.S. officials to share effective clean energy initiatives with officials from China, India and other countries. For more information, contact Kelly Zonderwyk at 202/942-4224, or kzonderwyk@naco.org.

WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, DEADLINE OCTOBER 5

Counties have about a month to apply for the Corrections Standards Authority's "federal formula grants," which support a systems reform effort to reduce the overrepresentation of youth of color coming into contact with the justice system. Funding is made available through the release of two solicitations. The first, Enhanced DMC-Technical Assistance Project II, supports probation departments in the education and identification of the overrepresentation of youth of color in the juvenile justice system. The second, DMC Support Project, supports the continued progress and sustainability of those county probation departments that have had an active DMC effort under way for 18-months or longer and that are working to reduce disparity within the justice system. RFPs and instructions are posted on the Corrections Standards Authority's [Web site](#). Only counties are eligible to apply for these funds and each county must designate the Probation Department as the implementing agency of the project. Proposals are due to the Standards Authority by 5 p.m. on October 5. For questions, contact Shalinee Hunter at 916/322- 8081, or Shalinee.hunter@cdcr.ca.gov.

ROSE INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOSTS FORUM, OCTOBER 15

The Rose Institute of State and Local Government is hosting a forum on October 15, at Claremont McKenna College, on the legal, financial and representational issues associated with the 2010 Census and 2011 state and local government redistrictings. The conference – titled “Redistricting, The 2010 Census, and Your Budget: Changes and Challenges for California Governments” – is geared toward elected officials, general managers, general counsel, financial officers and elections officials. A new Rose Institute study will be released at this conference, previewing California’s 2011 Congressional redistricting and its politics. CSAC is a sponsor of this event. Click [here](#) to register. An agenda can be found by clicking [here](#).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGERS CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 28-30, LAKE TAHOE

There’s just one week left to get the advance registration rate for 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. 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. Advance registration ends September 19. For more information, visit www.mmanc.org.