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President's Message

Pamela Arends-King, *City of Tustin*



I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. This fall has been very busy with attending the Washington Finance Officers Association conference in September, the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association conference in October and in November I attended the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association conference in Anchorage.

It was very interesting to be in Alaska in the late fall. I have been to Alaska in the summer when it is basically bright twenty-four hours a day, but with winter round the corner the sun came up around 9:30 am and set around 4:30 pm. Luckily I was able to attend the conference during a "heat wave". Normally in November there is at least six feet of snow on the ground, but due to the hurricanes Anchorage was experiencing temperatures were in the high 30s and 40s Fahrenheit...[Continue Reading](#)

Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, *CAE*



Happy December everyone! I've always looked at December as my month... my birthday is right before Christmas, so I like to imagine all the lights and decorations are at least partly for me. (Takes the sting out of December birthdays being an afterthought!) I love this time of year, and I hope you're all enjoying it too.

I wanted to make you aware that the Membership Committee has created an online [volunteer form](#)...[Continue Reading](#)

CSMFO 2015 Board of Directors Election Results!

- **President-Elect:** John Adams, City of Thousand Oaks
- **Board Member North:** Karan Reid, City of Concord
- **Board Member South:** Brent Mason, City of Riverside

Conference Scholarship Program - Dec 8 Deadline!

The CSMFO 2015 Annual Conference Scholarship Program submission deadline has been extended to December 8, 2014. To be eligible for consideration recipients must meet the following requirements...[Continue Reading](#)



2015 CSMFO Annual Conference
February
17-20, 2015

Registration is Open for the 2015 CSMFO Annual Conference

Registration is now open at www.csmfo.org/csmfo-2015-annual-conference/ for the 2015 CSMFO Annual Conference, running from February 17-20, 2015.

The educational plan for the conference is robust, including many preconference options...[Continue Reading](#)

Welcome New Members!

Check out the 58 new members that joined CSMFO during the month of September.

Chapter Meetings

Central Los Angeles & South Bay Chapters Holiday Luncheon
– December 10

Long-Term Infrastructure Planning
– *Speaker: Dennis Klingelhofer, PE, VP Community Services & Public Finance*

Orange County Chapter and CMTA Division IX
– December 18
Maximizing Your Leadership Skills
– *Speaker: Neil Kupchin*

Education Opportunities

Power of Fiscal Policies (Morning) - Highland, CA
– January 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
• *Bill Statler*

Power of Fiscal Policies / Long Term Financial Planning - Highland, CA
– January 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
• *Bill Statler*

Long Term Financial Planning (Afternoon) - Highland, CA
– January 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
• *Bill Statler*

Career Center

Accounting Supervisor, City of Mill Valley
Salary Range: Up to \$5,449/month DOQ
Application Deadline: December 17, 2014

Senior Investigator Collector, San Jose
Salary Range: \$75,587 - \$92,164/year
Application Deadline: December 20, 2014

Debt Administrator, San Jose
Salary Range: \$77,838 - \$99,344/year
Application Deadline: December 17, 2014

Accountant I/II, Mountain View
Salary Range: \$70,982 - \$92,167/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accountant I/II (Payroll), City of Mountain View
Salary Range: \$70,982 - \$92,167/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Manager, Vista
Salary Range: \$7,968 - \$9,685/month
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director, City of Hughson
Salary Range: \$66,941 - \$81,367/year
Application Deadline: December 15, 2014

Director of Finance, City of Carson
Salary Range: \$11,432 - \$14,589/month
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accountant, Goleta Water District
Salary Range: \$5,576 - \$6,687/month
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Senior Accountant, San Mateo
Salary Range: \$7,327 - \$8,741/month
Application Deadline: December 12, 2014

Assistant General Manager-Administrative Services, Water Employee Services Authority
Salary Range: \$147,160 - \$193,066/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Grants Accountant I, Metrolink
Salary Range: \$55,786 - \$71,471/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Assistant Director of Finance & Administrative Services/Finance Manager, City of Cypress
Salary Range: \$109,140 - \$144,060/year
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Assistant Chief Fiscal Officer, Marin County
Salary Range: \$7,729 - \$9,400/month
Application Deadline: December 8, 2014

SEC Promises More Municipal Market Enforcement

In the last few years, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), has engaged in several specific initiatives to combat what it describes as “widespread violations of the federal securities laws” by municipal issuers. In July 2012, the SEC issued a comprehensive report that signaled its increasing interest in municipal disclosure practices. This report outlined various recommendations to enhance the disclosure provided to investors in the municipal securities market. Such recommendations included legislative, regulatory, and municipal market initiatives – all aimed at improving disclosure practices...[Continue Reading](#)

Coaching Corner

Upcoming CSMFO Webinar

“Creating and Managing Reserves for Your Agency”
– December 17, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Water agencies across California are re-evaluating their reserve policies in an effort to determine the types of reserves best suited for their agency and the funding levels for those reserves. Learn from practitioners and experts about how your agency can use reserves effectively.

Webinar Topics:

- How to create and use reserves in your water agency.
- Types of reserves commonly implemented, when they are suitable, and the appropriate levels.
- Other strategies to consider, including emergency and drought surcharges.