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## President's Message

Jesse Takahashi - "Enjoy It While It Lasts!"



Have you heard the saying, "Enjoy it while you can because it won't last forever?" Last month, CSMFO had a webinar featuring Beacon Economic's Director of Research, Jordan Levine, who presented the latest economic update for California. It was a fact-filled webinar with the bottom line message that the economy is firing on all cylinders right now and appears that it will continue, at least in our state, for the foreseeable future. This is welcome news as it should afford our cities the ability to accumulate additional financial resources to pay for enhancing or creating new programs and services as well as to catch up on much-needed deferred maintenance and capital projects. Some of the highlights from the presentation were that calendar 2014 ended on a strong note with payroll and employment numbers still increasing, consumer spending at favorable levels and job growth better than anticipated. It has been a broad-based recovery since 2010 with the San Francisco-San Jose region leading the way with 20% growth compared to 12% statewide; however ...[Continue Reading](#)

## Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE



The 2016 Annual Conference Host Committee is meeting at the Disneyland Hotel on May 28. Unfortunately, I won't be extending this trip to allow for any play-time, but I will get to go into the parks--on a tour with some Disney representatives to show us where we might hold a private event for Thursday night at our Conference. The Committee has been throwing around some ideas, including:

- Doing the event completely at the hotel
- Having dinner at the hotel and then doing desserts in one of the parks
- Doing the event completely in one of the parks (depending on location, this may have to take place after the park closes)

What are your thoughts on this? If you could plan the Thursday night event, what would it look like? If you'd like to have a private event in one of the parks, would you rather Disneyland or California Adventure? Any preference regarding where in the parks--Cars Land, Adventureland, Mad T Party, Big Thunder Ranch, something else?

I'd love to hear your thoughts on this in advance of the meeting later this month. ([melissa.dixon@staff.csmfo.org](mailto:melissa.dixon@staff.csmfo.org)) I look forward to sharing your thoughts with the Committee!

## MGO SURVEY RESULTS

By Scott P. Johnson, Partner, MGO Advisory Services

It was great seeing everyone at the 2015 CSMFO Conference in Monterey. We appreciated spending time with familiar faces, meeting new colleagues, and discussing the issues and opportunities facing our industry. There was quite a bit of interest in our survey on Government Sustainability, that MGO conducted, so we decided to share a brief summary of the results.

**GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY: Challenges & Solutions**

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## Welcome New Members!

Check out the 16 new members that joined CSMFO last month.

## Chapter Meetings

### Monterey Bay Chapter Meeting

– May 20, 10:30am - 2:30pm

– Presentations: Michael Coleman, "Governor's May Budget Revision" & Mary Beth Redding "State of the State and the State of Local Government" - "How to Manage or Take Control of Your PERS Rates" and "GASB 68 Update"

### San Gabriel Valley Chapter Meeting

– May 20, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts Including Current Issues with CFD's and AD's

– Speaker: Dennis Anderson, Director, Public Finance, Harris & Associates

### Inland Empire & CMTA Div 8 Chapter Meeting, Riverside Convention Center

– May 21, 11:30am - 1:30pm

Everything You Wanted to Know about Rates, Fees & Special Financing Districts (SFD), But Were Afraid to Ask

– Speaker: Tim Seufert, NBSDay & Company, LLP HdL Companies

### Channel Counties Chapter Meeting

– May 28, 11:45am - 1:30pm

Coleman Update

– Speaker: Michael Coleman, Fiscal Policy Advisor for League of California Cities & CSMFO

## Education Opportunities

### Intermediate Governmental Accounting, City of Beverly Hills

– May 7, 8:00am - 5:00pm

– Instructed by Susan Mayer

### Power of Fiscal Policies / Long Term Financial Planning, City of San Diego

– May 27, 8:30am - 4:30pm

– Presented by Bill Statler

## Career Center

Financial Analyst, City of Dublin  
Salary Range: \$7,880 - \$9,850/month  
Application Deadline: May 18, 2015

Financial Analyst, Placer County Water Agency  
Salary Range: \$63,798 - \$81,426/year  
Application Deadline: Open until filled

Principal Accountant, Orange Country Transportation Authority  
Salary Range: \$71,448 - \$109,470/year  
Application Deadline: May 20, 2015

Accounting Supervisor, City of El Cerrito  
Salary Range: \$7,593 - \$9,491/month  
Application Deadline: May 15, 2015

Budget Manager, City of Milpitas  
Salary Range: \$93,143 - \$122,604/year  
Application Deadline: May 15, 2015

Section Manager III-Accounting Operations, Orange County Transportation Authority  
Salary Range: \$80,329 - \$122,616/year  
Application Deadline: May 11, 2015

Utilities Senior Analyst, Riverside Public Utilities  
Salary Range: \$5,900 - \$7,906/month  
Application Deadline: Continuous

Senior Budget Development Analyst, City of San Diego  
Salary Range: \$31.39 - \$37.95/hour  
Application Deadline: May 11, 2015

Assistant County Administrative Officer, County of Calaveras  
Salary Range: \$106,204 - \$129,126  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

DEBT MANAGER, METRO  
Salary Range: \$88,171 - \$132,246/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Senior Financial & Administrative Manager-Analyst, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District  
Salary Range: \$77,533 - \$95,191/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accountant, Platinum Consulting Group  
Salary Range: DOQ  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Manager, City of La Puente  
Salary Range: \$6,172 - \$7,502/month  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

## Coaching Corner

### "Reducing Unfunded Liabilities"

May 13, 2015 - 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Finance, Huntington Beach

- Why you need a plan for unfunded liabilities.
- Benefits of a plan.
- How to develop a successful plan to reduce liabilities.

Presenter: Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Finance, Huntington Beach

CSMFO Color Commentator: Mary Furey, Finance and Administrative Services Director, Saratoga

Audience: All local government finance professionals

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