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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## President's Message

Jesse Takahashi



### OGFOA Conference

During the month of October, I traveled to Portland OR to attend the OGFOA conference. The program included many of the mainstay topics of budgeting and finance you would expect including debt financing, continuing disclosure, capital budgeting, reporting, grants and investments. Heather Johnston, GFOA President, was a featured keynote speaker who shared updates of GFOA's current efforts on financial resiliency, retention and recruitment of finance professionals as well as opportunities for getting involved in the GFOA organization. Apparently, GFOA has had a number of its presidents who originated from Oregon. [CONTINUE READING](#)

## Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE



Anxious to register for the 2016 Annual Conference? I get it. I'm anxious for you to start registering too. Online registration will be open soon, but let me tell you the reason we've delayed it a few days:

We've been told that a lot of you have your administrative assistants take care of registering you, but in order to do that online they would need your usernames and passwords for the CSMFO database. Instead of finding/using those, most of them fill out a PDF form, then send it into our office... [CONTINUE READING](#)

## News from California's Bond Buyer Conference

By Joan Michaels Aguilar, City of Dixon & Dennis Kauffman, City of Sacramento

The Bond Buyer's 25th Annual California Public Finance Conference took place in October in San Francisco with over 800 attendees. The event included a CDIAC pre-conference, general sessions, and focused sessions in three tracks: transparency and disclosure, financing, and infrastructure. It was interesting that most of the educational sessions consisted of a panel of vendor representatives with a moderator asking questions of the panel members. [CONTINUE READING](#)

## The Challenges & Opportunities of Medical Marijuana Taxes and Regulations

By Scott Johnson, Partner, MGO

As cities and counties across the state face increasing cost pressure, many government executives are turning to the Medical Marijuana business as a source of additional tax revenue. At a minimum, this strategy is the logical choice for meeting the unique cost burdens driven directly by the marijuana industry. At a maximum, it has the potential to help ease cost pressures in other areas of the budget. Regardless, the potential benefit of medical marijuana taxes come with their own unique risks and challenges. [CONTINUE READING](#)

## Welcome New Members!

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

## Education Opportunities

### Intermediate Governmental Accounting, San Bernadino

– November 6, 8:00am - 5:00pm

– Instructed by Susan Mayer

### 2015 CSMFO Annual Weekend Training

– 20 - 22 November 9:00am - 12:00pm

## Chapter Meetings

### Central Coast Chapter Meeting

– 12 November 12:00pm - 1:30pm

– Speakers: Brad Wilkie, Management Services Director, City of Lompoc

### San Gabriel Chapter Meeting

– 18 November 11:30am - 1:30pm

– Speakers: Leisa Reid, Productive Learning

### Central Valley Chapter Meeting

– 19 November 11:30am - 1:30pm

– Speakers: David Pollino, SVP Fraud Prevention Officer – Bank of the West

### Inland Empire Chapter Meeting

– 19 November 11:30am - 1:30pm

– Panelists: Todd Corbin, General Manager, Jurupa Community Services  
Stephen Dunn, City Manager (Retired), Upland  
Andy Okoro, City Manager, Norco  
Bob Hartwig, Assist General Manager, WESA

## CSMFO HAS MOVED!

As of November 1, 2015, CSMFO's address will be:

700 R Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Please update your records accordingly!

## Career Center

Deputy Finance Director, Burlingame  
Salary Range: \$9,169 - \$11,146/month  
Application Deadline: November 15, 2015

Accounting Manager, Lomita  
Salary Range: \$6,772 - \$8,388/month  
Application Deadline: December 14, 2015

Junior Accountant / Payroll Specialist, Phelan Pinon Hills CSD  
Salary Range: /year  
Application Deadline: November 10, 2015

Budget Analyst I, City of Sunnyvale  
Salary Range: \$86,370 - \$101,611/year  
Application Deadline: November 23, 2015

Assistant Director of Finance, Marin County  
Salary Range: \$130,062 - \$158,059/year  
Application Deadline: November 25, 2015

Accountant, North of the River Rec and Park District  
Salary Range: \$71,169 - \$110,407/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

HS Assistant Auditing Chief, San Bernardino County  
Salary Range: \$67,849 - \$93,433/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

County Treasury Administrator, County of Santa Clara  
Salary Range: \$130,906 - \$167,974/year  
Application Deadline: November 13, 2015

Administrative Services Director, City of Poway, CA  
Salary Range: 128,784 - 170,700/year  
Application Deadline: November 22, 2015

Senior Accounting Technician, City of Sunnyvale  
Salary Range: \$62,046 - \$79,188/year  
Application Deadline: November 12, 2015

Accountant, Torrance  
Salary Range: \$28.98-\$36.06/ hour  
Application Deadline: November 16, 2015

Dean, Community Education, Jobelephant.com  
Salary Range: \$106,690 - \$138,989/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Accounting Services Supervisor, Rohnert Park  
Salary Range: \$5,952 - \$7,234/month  
Application Deadline: November 13, 2015

Accountant, City of San Bruno  
Salary Range: \$69,756 - \$85,596 /year  
Application Deadline: November 13, 2015

Accountant, City of Napa  
Salary Range: \$69,136 - \$83,524/year  
Application Deadline: October 18, 2015

AND MORE!

## Coaching Corner

"Implementing the State Controller's Internal Controls Guidelines" - Webinar  
2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Sponsored by CSMFO Coaching Program

Avoid disasters with effective internal controls. Learn how with guidance from the State Controller's Office and concrete examples from local governments in California.

**Advance registration required for this no-charge webinar.**

"What Finance Officers Need to Know about Cyber Security" - Webinar  
10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Sponsored by CSMFO Coaching Program

Are you spending scarce government dollars on cyber security technologies that may or may not protect your organization's data? Do you feel like you have been throwing dollars at the wall to see what will stick? Do you have a strong cyber security plan and want to validate your investment? Are you trying to be transparent and safe at the same time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this webinar's for you.

**Advance registration required for this no-charge webinar.**

## Vote now for your 2016 Board of Directors!

Each year the CSMFO membership elects a Northern California Board member, a Southern California Board member and a new President-Elect. This year the nominees are:

### President-Elect

Joan Michaels Aguilar, City of Dixon

Drew Corbett, City of San Mateo

### Northern California

Jimmy Forbis, City of Monterey

Robert Harmon, City of Tracy

### Southern California

Steve Heide, Chino Valley Fire District

Chu Thai, City of Monterey Park