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President's Message

Jesse Takahashi



Winter Wonderland

December is here, and with it signs of winter. There is no better proof of that than my recent trip to Alaska. I had the pleasure of visiting this great state for the first time to attend the AGFOA conference in Anchorage. It is truly a beautiful place. Being a native Californian, there was a noticeable chill in the air as temperatures dipped to between -5F and 10F degrees most days.

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Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE

Happy December everyone!

I don't know about you, but I'm having trouble accepting that the year went by so fast. Actually, I'm having trouble with the passage of time in general. I was looking on Facebook this morning and it showed me a memory that I posted six years ago—a picture of me, my husband and our then-five-month-old Claire at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.



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Fed's Pace of Tightening More Significant Than Timing?

By David Schiffman - Senior Financial Strategist, First Empire Securities

Speculation about when the Federal Reserve will increase its benchmark interest rate from near zero has been prevalent for the better part of the last 18 months, if not longer, and the Fed's decision in October to delay a pickup in rates did little to settle the uncertainty.

While the timing of the increase is obviously important as it will mark a shift from policies that stemmed from the financial downturn of more than seven years ago, it is more likely that the trajectory, or pace, of ensuing rate increases will have a more significant impact on the economy as well as the long-term management of an institution's investment portfolio.

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THE 2016 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS!

President-Elect:

Drew Corbett,
City of San Mateo

Board Member North:

Jimmy Forbis,
City of Monterey

Board Member South:

Chu Thai,
City of Monterey Park



Welcome New Members!

Check out the 40 new members that joined CSMFO last month.

Chapter Meetings

Sacramento Valley Chapter Meeting

- 10 December 10:00pm - 1:30pm

- *Speakers: Kathleen Kelleher, Sacramento County Assessor & Diane Parro, Chief Innovation Officer at City of Davis*

Monterey Bay Chapter Meeting Holiday Event

- 10 December 10:30am - 2:30pm

Channel Counties Chapter Meeting

- 16 December 11:45am - 1:30pm

- *Speaker: Curt de Crinis - C.M. de Crinis and Co., Managing Director*

Orange County Chapter and CMTA Division IX

- 17 December 11:00am - 1:30pm

- *What's Next For The Economy?*

Presented by

Jordan Levine, Beacon Economics

Joint CMTA/CSMFO (Northern California) Holiday Luncheon

- 18 December 11:30pm - 2:30pm

Career Center

Accountant, City of Monrovia

Salary Range: \$66,181 - \$88,690/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Principal Accountant, Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Salary Range: \$86,621 - \$105,289/year

Application Deadline: December 31, 2015

Deputy Director of Finance, Rancho Palos Verdes

Salary Range: \$90,575 - \$153,365/year

Application Deadline: December 15, 2015

Accounting Manager, City of Newark, CA

Salary Range: \$8,081 - \$11,721/month

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Senior Accountant, Ventura County Transportation

Salary Range: \$24 - \$40/hourly

Application Deadline: January 15, 2016

Finance Manager, City of Buena Park

Salary Range: \$97,488 - \$118,109/year

Application Deadline: January 8, 2016

Accountant I/II, City of Santa Cruz

Salary Range: \$4,711 - \$7,014/month

Application Deadline: December 10, 2015

Accounting Manager, Bell Gardens

Salary Range: \$6,431 - \$7,818/month

Application Deadline: December 17, 2015

Accounting Manager (Controller), Belmont

Salary Range: \$8,399 - \$10,719/month

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Customer Success Analyst, OpenGov.com

Salary Range: DOQ

Application Deadline: Open until filled

Accounting Assistant I, American Canyon

Salary Range: \$3,351 - \$4,073/month

Application Deadline: December 11, 2015

Controller, Santa Margarita Water District

Salary Range: \$108,487 - \$149,538/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Finance Director, Lemon Grove

Salary Range: \$8,154 - 9,911/month

Application Deadline: December 4, 2015

Financial Services Manager, Daly City

Salary Range: \$7,639 - \$9,286/monthly

Application Deadline: December 8, 2015

AND MORE!

Coaching Corner



Looks like the **Grinch** tried to steal computer access to the City of Roseville last week! Is YOUR agency safe from the Grinch (and other hackers)?

Join us this Wednesday for our latest webinar:

What Finance Officers Need to Know about Cyber Security - December 9, 10:00am - 11:30pm

- *Presented by: Phil Bertolini, Deputy County Executive/CIO, Oakland County, MI*

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:



SOMETHING NEW IS ON ITS WAY!

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



A POEM

The turkey is done and you've likely returned
To work and your emails, the paycheck you've earned
The next holiday looms and with it your list
Of to-dos and to-buys and—well, you get the gist.
Add in meetings and calls and the CAFR that's due—
The stress of December can sure get to you.
But there's one thing you can do, in a flash and a wink
And that's click on the CSMFO conference link
Sign up for tickets and sessions galore
Cross it off your list; don't wait one minute more!
Get this task done and out of the way
Before the holiday season takes most of your day
In March the Happiest Place on Earth will be
The destination for 'A Finance Life for Me'!