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## President's Message

Laura Nomura, *City of Riverside*



### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope all of you had an amazing holiday season. Even though I worked most of the holidays (newbie at the job), I really had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's surrounded by my family and close friends.

The holidays and the New Year are a time for reflection and introspection. I reached out to three leaders in municipal finance who "retired" at the end of 2012 (I put that in quotations because I really don't think we have heard the last from these talented individuals). I posed two questions to them:

- 1) Serving as a Finance Director/Administrative Services Director in municipal government, what has this meant to you?
- 2) What words of wisdom do you have for our up and comers?

Zane Johnston has served thirty years in municipal finance; the last twenty-seven with the City of Tracy (different titles over the years: Finance Manager, Finance Director, and Finance & Administrative Services Director). ... [Continue Reading](#)

## Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, *CAE*



### Happy New Year!

Can you believe it's already a new year?? It seems hard to believe that the holidays are already over...I was musing a few weeks ago that, for me, Christmas gets shorter and shorter each year. When you're a kid, the holidays seem to fill the entire month of December—school projects, letters to Santa and countless hours spent dreaming of Christmas morning. These days, I'm lucky if I get two whole days off to focus on the holidays. And then when I do—BAM! It's over, and we're back to the grindstone of just another workweek.

I like to start my new year of MiniNews messages to you with my resolutions for the coming year...this year, my resolution—in my personal life as well as with work—is to take the time to appreciate what I have when I have it. ... [Continue Reading](#)

## Professional Analysis and Reporting Remains Vitrally Important

Jason Stilwell, City Administrator of Carmel-by-the-Sea

As our communities begin to limp out of the most recent economic downturn, our residents are beginning to recognize the ongoing impacts the budget cuts and service level reductions are having on their community. At the same time we are seeing an increase in acceptance of revenue increases to maintain community services and quality of life. The financial analysis and reporting prepared by staff remain a vitally important link between diagnosing a community's health and setting the stage for voter approval of new revenues.

### Voters are approving

The November 2012 election was a turning point for many governments in California. Voters approved Proposition 30 which promises to provide some stability to the state budget. ... [Continue Reading](#)



## COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

David Cain, *Formerly  
with Moulton Niguel  
Water District  
(Now retired)*

## Career Center

**Administrative Services Director, Stanton**  
Salary Range \$116,256 – \$141,312/year  
Application Deadline: January 17, 2013

**Finance Director, City of Burlingame**  
Salary Range \$146,419 – \$177,945/year  
Application Deadline: January 18, 2013

**Administrative Services Director/Director  
of Finance City of Dublin**  
Salary Range \$148,056 – \$185,076/year  
Application Deadline: January 21, 2013

**Accountant, City of Santa Rosa**  
Salary Range \$5,853.00 – \$7,121.00/month  
Application Deadline: January 22, 2013

**Senior Accountanting Technician, Mojave  
Water Agency**  
Salary Range \$39,936 – \$55,908/year  
Application Deadline: January 22, 2013

**Senior Accountant, Capitola**  
Salary Range \$6,113 – \$7,431/month  
Application Deadline: January 24, 2013

**Finance Director, City of Baldwin Park**  
Salary Range DOQ  
Application Deadline: January 24, 2013

**City Clerk/ Finance Director, Ripon**  
Salary Range \$9,487 – \$11,531/month  
Application Deadline: January 31, 2013

**Budget & Planning Manager, City of  
Vancouver, WA**  
Salary Range \$84,552 – \$103,752/year  
Application Deadline: February 10, 2013

**Financial Analyst, Placer County Water  
Agency**  
Salary Range \$61,320-\$78,262/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

**Chief Financial Officer, Canyon Lake  
Property Owners Association**  
Salary Range \$90,000 – \$110,000/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

**Director of Finance/Treasurer, Moulton  
Niguel Water District**  
Salary Range \$11,751 – 14,689/month  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

**Management Analyst – Finance  
Department, Desert Hot Springs**  
Salary Range \$5,694.78 – \$6,922.04/month  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

**Senior Accountant, Otay Water District**  
Salary Range \$78,712.19 – \$98,389.87/year  
Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

## Welcome New Members!

Check out who joined CSMFO during the month of December.

## Be a Host for CSMFO's Accounting and Fiscal Policy Classes

Do you want to be more involved with CSMFO? Consider hosting one of our classes in 2013! In case you didn't know, CSMFO offers Introductory, Intermediate Governmental Accounting and Fiscal Policy Training classes throughout the year. [Continue Reading](#)

## Conference Registration Open!

*California Finance...And All That Jazz*



**February 20-22, 2013**

Marriott City  
Center Hotel and  
Convention Center  
**Oakland, CA**

### Highlights Include:

- Alan Milligan, *Chief Actuary, CalPERS*
- Michael Coleman, *League of California Cities' Principal Fiscal Policy Advisor*
- Tim Schaefer, *Founder and Principal Owner – Magis Advisors*
- Christopher Thornberg, *Founding Partner – Beacon Economics*
- 36 concurrent educational sessions
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## Chapter Meetings

### Central Coast Chapter Meeting

– January 10

### Pension Reform and the Latest Developments

- Marcus Wu, Partner,  
*Hanson Bridgett, LLP*

### East Bay (S.F.) Chapter: Joint CMTA/ CSMFO Business Meeting

– January 11

### Item 1: AB340 Actuary Perspective – Discuss the Current Facts About AB340

- John Bartel, *Bartel Associates, LLC*

### Item 2: AB340 & GASB 67/68 Update Auditor Perspective – Discuss AB340 and the new Pension GASBs.

- Justin Williams – *Mann, Urrutia,  
Nelson, LLP*

### San Gabriel Valley Chapter Luncheon

– January 16

### GASB Update

- Eric S. Berman, *Brown Armstrong  
Accountancy Corporation*

### Inland Empire & CMTA Div 8 Meeting

– January 17

### 2013 Inland Empire Economic Outlook

- John Husing, Ph.D

## Education Opportunities

### Strengthen Your Financial Management Skills

– January 14

*(Two Half-Day Training Programs)*

Each of these half-day training programs will provide you with practical tools on how you can strengthen your agency's financial condition and improve fiscal decision-making through ...

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## Coaching Corner

### "Start Now to Make 2013 be Your Best Year Yet"

**Don Maruska, Director, CSMFO  
Coaching Program**

– available at [www.csmfo.org/coaching](http://www.csmfo.org/coaching)

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