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President's Message

Pamela Arends-King, *City of Tustin*



This fall I have attended the Washington Finance Officers Association (WFOA) and the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association (OMFOA) conferences and I look forward to attending the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association conference this month in Anchorage. The conferences I have attended have been excellent and the people I met very gracious and welcoming.

One subject that was discussed at both conferences and also at the PERS conference last week was cyber security. The gentleman teaching the cyber security courses at WFOA talked about a city where its direct deposit funds for payroll (over \$400,000) were deposited into accounts throughout the mid-west instead of into employee bank accounts and those funds were immediately transferred from the mid-west accounts to...[Continue Reading](#)

Executive Director's Message

Melissa Dixon, CAE



If you haven't already, you'll soon be receiving your membership renewal notices for 2015. I hope you find value in CSMFO, and you continue to support your professional organization.

Want to make the most of your membership? Now is the time that President-Elect Jesse Takahashi will start thinking about his committee appointments for 2015...[Continue Reading](#)

Vote Now for Your 2015 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

- **John Adams, City of Thousand Oaks**
- **Margaret Moggia, West Basin Municipal Water District**

Northern California

- **Karan Reid, City of Concord**
- **Stuart Schillinger, City of Brisbane**

Southern California

- **Brent Mason, City of Riverside**
- **Rick Teichert, City of Moreno Valley**

Good luck to this year's nominees!

Vote Today!



2015 CSMFO Annual Conference
February 17-20, 2015

REGISTER NOW!

The CSMFO 2015 Annual Conference should be on your calendar! Networking, sessions and fun are all part of the plan. Come early and stay late to take advantage of all the offerings in the Monterey area.

The overall educational plan is almost final at this point. For the preconference on Tuesday, there are now two sessions being offered...[Continue Reading](#)



Welcome New Members!

Check out the 26 new members that joined CSMFO during the month of September.

COMMITTEE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jason Al-Imam,
City of Los Alamitos,
Vice Chair of
Professional Standards
and Recognition
Committee

Chapter Meetings

San Gabriel Valley Chapter Meeting
– November 19

**Data Security and PCI Compliance -
What Your City Should Be Thinking
About**

*-Speakers: Paul Dawkins, Government
Banker and JP Morgan*

**Inland Empire & CMTA Div 8 Chapter
Meeting**

– November 20

Year-End GASB Updates

-Speakers: Eadie & Payne, LLP

**Channel Counties Chapter Meeting–
November 20**

**"A Special Thanksgiving Message:
Expressing Thankfulness in the
Workplace"**

-Speaker: Neil Kupchin

Education Opportunities

Intermediate Governmental Accounting

– Shafter, CA

– November 13, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

• Susan Mayer

CAPPO - RFP Development Seminar

– San Luis Obispo, CA

– November 14, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

• Direct Questions to - Brad Wilkie,
Management Services Director, Lompoc

**Power of Fiscal Policies / Long Term
Financial Planning - Highland, CA**

– January 27, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

• Bill Statler

Career Center

Chief Financial Officer, Monterey Regional
Water Pollution Control Agency

Salary Range: Up to \$156,452/year DOQ

Application Deadline: November 17, 2014

Senior Accountant, Palo Alto

Salary Range: \$77,750 - \$116,646/year

Application Deadline: December 5, 2014

Debt Administrator, San Jose

Salary Range: \$93,263 - \$131,779/year

Application Deadline: November 16, 2014

Internal Auditor II, San Mateo County

Salary Range: \$5,217 - \$6,521/month

Application Deadline: November 6, 2014

Accountant III, Oakland

Salary Range: \$5,956 - \$7,314/month

Application Deadline: November 7, 2014

Finance and Technology Director, Avery
Associates

Salary Range: Up to \$177,262/year DOQ

Application Deadline: November 28, 2014

Finance Director, Avery Associates

Salary Range: \$150,000 - \$180,000/year

Application Deadline: November 24, 2014

Senior Accountant, City of Grass Valley

Salary Range: \$55,188 to \$82,776/year

Application Deadline: December 1, 2014

Accountant, San Juan Water District

Salary Range: \$69,264 - \$83,124/year

Application Deadline: November 21, 2014

Senior Finance Officer, Big Bear Fire Authority

Salary Range: \$140,000-\$180,000/year

Application Deadline: December 1, 2014

Financial Specialist, Koff & Associates

Salary Range: \$70,824 - \$86,076/year

Application Deadline: November 10, 2014

Director of Administrative Services, City of
South Gate

Salary Range: \$132,516/year

Application Deadline: November 10, 2014

Payroll Systems Analyst, Santa Monica

Salary Range: \$7,309 - \$9,024/month

Application Deadline: November 13, 2014

Manager, Budgets (2 Positions), San Mateo
County Transit District

Salary Range: \$97,627 - \$141,558/year

Application Deadline: November 7, 2014

Fiscal Services Manager, Fullerton

Salary Range: \$85,643 - \$109,305/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Payroll Supervisor, Stockton

Salary Range: \$4,909 - \$6,345/month

Application Deadline: November 10, 2014

Coaching Corner

Upcoming CSMFO Webinar

**"Interpreting the New PERS
Actuarial Reports"**

– November 20, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Webinar Topics:

- What's new in the reports?
- Where can you see the impact of all of the recent changes in assumptions, new methods, and pooling?
- What resources are available to address additional questions?

**"Creating and Managing Reserves
for Your Agency"**

– December 17, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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.

Keeping Governmental 457(b) Plans on Track

As government agencies consider freezing their defined benefit plans or withdrawing from state plans, many are turning to 457(b) and 401(a) defined contribution plans to help their employees prepare for a financially secure retirement. One example of this new defined contribution trend is the STARS program (www.STARScal.org)...[Continue Reading](#)

Fiscal Manager, County of Butte

Salary Range: \$63,643 - \$85,287/year

Deadline: November 14, 2014

Utility Analyst, Rancho California Water
District

Salary Range: \$34.28 - \$41.15/hour

Application Deadline: November 17, 2014

Senior Accountant, Capitola

Salary Range: \$6,248 - \$7,595/month

Application Deadline: November 20, 2014

Chief Financial Officer, Port of Los Angeles

Salary Range: \$142,206 - \$184,140/year

Application Deadline: November 21, 2014

Deputy Director Finance - Treasury, CRAgency,
Inc.

Salary Range: Up to \$159,168/year DOQ

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Payroll Administrator, South San Francisco

Salary Range: \$70,200 - \$85,342/year

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled