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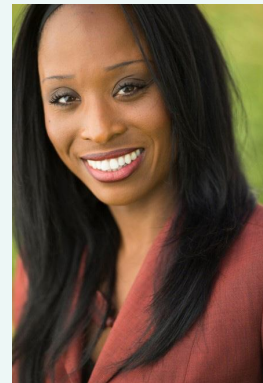
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A Message From ILG's Executive Director

Greetings from ILG!

Our team is excited about the warmer weather we're seeing up and down the state. However, as you know, warmer weather means higher risks for some California communities.

As jurisdictions brace for the challenges that come with the change in seasons, the team at ILG knows local agencies will need resources to prepare for the unknown. We also know that increasing resilience in the face of a year-round fire season will require a new level of engagement, coordination and cooperation. That's why in the coming months, you'll see us add more content to our existing suite of adaptation and resiliency resources. As always, our goal is to help you -- our partners -- get the tools and information you need to navigate some of the complex issues you're facing.



Along those lines, in this issue you'll find information about new funding opportunities from the Governor's Office to promote emergency preparedness in vulnerable communities. Resilience is about making communities stronger for the benefit of all residents. This new source of funding will help accomplish that.

We also have a new "Solution for Success" as well as some special event, scholarship and workshop updates from our partners. Last but not least, our signature Beacon Awards program is still accepting submissions. We know that many local agencies are working hard and doing their part to move the needle on climate. ILG wants to celebrate your success. We encourage you to submit an application and highlight the important work you're doing to build a healthy, sustainable community.

With enthusiasm from everyone at the Institute for Local Government,

Erica L. Manuel
CEO & Executive Director

PS. For more information about how you can create a more resilient community, visit our [Climate Adaptation and Resilience Resource Center](#). We'll be making updates regularly throughout the summer.

Solutions for Success - Community Choice Aggregation Drives Economic Development



The concept of community choice aggregation (CCA) has gained a lot of momentum since the enactment of California's CCA-enabling legislation, AB 117. Under the CCA model (also known as a community choice energy model), cities and counties buy and/or generate electricity and make key decisions about rates, what types of electricity to purchase and which programs to offer customers.

Reducing electricity costs and providing cleaner energy options for residents and businesses were the initial drivers leading cities to pursue CCA, elected leaders are now also looking at it as a means of economic opportunity and job creation for their communities. [Read more.](#)

Last Chance to Get Recognition for Your Agency's Sustainability Efforts! Beacon Award Deadline Extended

For over a decade, ILG's Beacon Program has provided a framework to help local governments implement energy and climate action initiatives in their communities as well as recognize local governments for these efforts. Last year, ILG honored over 40 cities and counties with awards at the League of California Cities' Annual Conference in Long Beach.



The application window for 2019 award consideration has been extended to July 1st. Participating cities and counties can apply for awards in the following categories: Energy Savings, Natural Gas Savings, Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions and Sustainability Best Practices.

[Apply for a Beacon or Spotlight Award here!](#)

New Deadline to Apply: July 1st

Become a Participant Anytime

Local agencies are always welcome to participate in the Beacon Program. Participants have the opportunity to share, learn and connect with other local agencies that are implementing sustainability best practices, saving energy and reducing GHG emissions. ILG provides resources and technical support to assist participants on their journey. There is no deadline to apply to participate in the program. [Learn how to become a participant here.](#)

CSDA's Annual Student Video Contest - Create a Video for a Chance to Win a Scholarship!



For over 100 years special districts have kept our lights on, our water flowing, and our communities thriving. California special districts are much more than just local service providers. They are created by local residents to meet their community's needs in the most efficient and effective manner.

CSDA wants to see videos about how "Districts Make the Difference" and students with the five highest scoring videos will receive a scholarship.

Entry Deadline: September 30

[Learn more about how to submit a video here.](#)

Funding Opportunity - California For All Emergency Preparedness Campaign

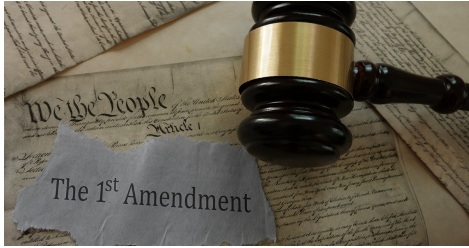
Governor Newsom's California For All Emergency Preparedness Campaign is a new effort to boost disaster preparedness by connecting over one million of the most vulnerable Californians to culturally and linguistically competent support.

The campaign empowers local communities to engage California's diverse and vulnerable populations around emergency preparedness. The \$50 million effort will invest directly in targeted regions and communities to help transform and improve how Californians get prepared.

The first phase of the joint effort between California Volunteers and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to select partners and begin implementation by summer 2019. California Volunteers is overseeing the distribution of \$30 million, including:

- CERT Support Grant
- Fire Safe Councils Support Grant
- Cultural Creative Experience
- Public Outreach & Education Preparedness Campaign Support Team
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News from Our Partners



Webinar: Social Media Meets the First Amendment

ILG Partner Best Best & Krieger is hosting a webinar on June 18 to discuss how the First Amendment interacts with social media platforms and how to apply newly issued federal and California court rulings to every day practice.

[Read more](#)
www.bbklaw.com



2019 SEEC Forum

This year's forum will be held June 26–27 in Long Beach. The forum is offered at no cost to CA local government leaders. The event will feature updates from state agencies and highlight innovative energy and sustainability approaches and projects.

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