



## January 2018

### News from the Institute for Local Government

#### New TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab



Local governments throughout California are applying a variety of public engagement strategies and approaches to address issues ranging from land use and budgeting to climate change and public safety. We have developed a framework any city can use to plan and implement its public engagement efforts. The TIERS Public Engagement Framework for Local Governments and

TIERS Learning Lab support city officials and staff's use of deliberative planning to better engage the public.

ILG will be holding a TIERS Public Engagement Learning Lab in Sacramento on March 13-14. By participating in the TIERS Learning Lab, staff and electeds will learn how to utilize, customize and implement the TIERS tools and processes. The TIERS Learning Lab will help you build and manage successful public engagement in order to support local government work, stakeholder input and project success. [Click here to learn more about registering for the March Learning Lab.](#)

[Find the complete framework and information about future training opportunities here.](#)

#### Ethics Training in San Bernardino County



On Jan. 29, ILG is partnering with the San Bernardino County LAFCO to hold an ethics training for the county and special districts and cities in the county.

The workshop will focus on increasing transparency in variety of ways including conscientious observance of transparency laws; concerted efforts to share information with the public about local agency operations and decision-making process; and a commitment to engaging the public.

Attendees will learn tips to implement these strategies and increase the level of transparency in their communities. The workshop is free and will take place from 10 am-noon at the Mojave Water Agency in Apple Valley. For more information and to register [click here](#).

#### Looking for more ethics training?

Here at ILG, we offer a number of resources to help local officials and their staff to promote ethics and transparency. Each year we hold a number of AB 1234 training's, including one this month at the New Mayors and Council Members Academy. For more information about our ethics webinars, trainings and resources, [click here](#).

**Two New Beacon Champions!**

Both the Community Environmental Council (CEC) and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments have joined us as Beacon Champions! The Community Environmental Council works to identify, advocate, raise awareness and develop effective programs to solve environmental issues that affect the Santa Barbara region. To learn more, [click here](#).



The Gateway Cities Council of Governments is a joint powers authority of 27 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of our area. To learn more, [click here](#).

Being designated a Beacon Award Champion means that the organization or agency helps to promote and/or support the activities of cities and counties participating in the Beacon Program or is actively working to encourage cities and counties to participate. To learn more, [click here](#).

## 2018 Scholarships for Special Districts



[The Special District Leadership Foundation \(SDLF\)](#) has just released **\$59,500** in scholarships for 2018 - to provide access to CSDA professional development programs or increase transparency among special districts. The next scholarship deadline is February 15, 2018.

### [Five Star Bank 2018 Special District Emerging Leaders Scholarship](#)

- Covers registration fees for CSDA's 2018 General Manager Leadership Summit

### [2018 Special District Website Scholarship](#)

- Provides 15 months of website service on the Streamline platform

### [Dr. James Kohnen, Special District Leadership Academy, Scholarship](#)

- Covers registration fees for the Special District Leadership Academy Conference or Governance Foundations module

### [John Yeakley, Special District Administrator, Scholarship](#)

- Covers registration fees for continuing education related to special district governance and operations

### [Education Allowance Fund](#)

- Provides funds for CSDA continuing education opportunities

[Click here](#) to view the 2018 CSDA Professional Development Catalog!

## News from Our Partners



### **BBK Webinar: What's New in Environmental and Special Districts Law**

This webinar series will cover a variety of topics and updates that are critical to professionals who work in the special districts and environmental fields. In this free series, Best Best & Krieger LLP attorneys will discuss emergency contracting, elected officials' and staff's roles, solar energy projects and the latest updates to CEQA. Be ready for 2018 and beyond - register today!

All webinars are noon - 1 p.m. PT/3 - 4 p.m. ET unless indicated otherwise. For more information or to register, [click here](#).



### **Annual Public Sector Employment Law Conference**

Liebert Cassidy Whitmore's Annual Public Sector Employment Law Conference is a valuable educational opportunity to gain knowledge from our expert speakers. Attendees will learn about important employment law trends and network with public sector professionals.

Their 20th Annual Conference takes place in San Francisco on Monday & Tuesday, February 26-27, with an optional post-conference session on Wednesday, February 28. For more information, [click here](#).



## MMANC Winter Forum 2018

Start thinking about your future and what you can do to shape it by attending the Winter Forum. Gain leadership insights from Frank Benest and Greg Larson on how soft skills produce hard results and learn how to make your organizations future ready with the Big Sort workshop facilitated by Nijah Fudge with the Alliance for Innovation.

**[Registration available here.](#)**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
8:30 am – 3:30 pm

West Sacramento Civic Center Galleria  
1110 West Capital Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

## MMASC Winter Forum 2018

The Winter Forum is the first of premiere annual events of the year provided by MMASC and its partners. This one-day conference includes professional development sessions on important topics facing the profession, as well as networking opportunities for MMASC members and sponsors.

**[Registration available here.](#)**

Wednesday, February 28, 2018  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Long Beach Convention Center  
300 E Ocean Blvd  
Long Beach, CA 90802

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