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**Fw: CSAC**

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Hi, Here is a debrief from CSAC leg. Let me know if you have questions or need more info, most of the agenda packets can be found on the CSAC website but I have included some of the content from the Supervisors Roundtable as well.

#### State Budget & Unfunded Mandates

CSAC leadership, including the CEO and officers, met with the Governor to continue pushing on issues we've raised, especially the State's budget posture leading into the May Revise. We emphasized that while homelessness funding is coming from the State, not all of it is County-allocated—and the cumulative impact of unfunded mandates is overwhelming. The "Meeting the Mandate" report (available electronically, p. 37) spotlights newly adopted but unfunded mandates.

#### Justice & Public Safety

The Prop 36 panel is grappling with major gaps in funding, especially in Behavioral Health. There's growing pressure on counties without adequate resources or workforce, and concerns over MediCal reimbursement persist. Data collection will be critical to identifying service gaps. There's also a projected \$200 million shortfall in VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding.

#### Health & Human Services

We're seeing Family Foster Agencies across the state shut down due to insurance issues. CDSS is exploring a shift from regional to cost-of-care reimbursement for child care. Additionally, Prop 1 implementation is lifting expectations on Behavioral Health, yet again without adequate funding. The SUD Workforce Development Initiative is ongoing.

#### Finance, Workforce & Liability

AB 218's fiscal impact on county liability and insurance is significant, and discussions suggest a closed session might be needed to address Prism's law enforcement cost increases.

#### Housing, Telecom & Infrastructure

Concerns remain about AB 52 and the efficacy of current telecom regulations, especially with regard to the carrier of last resort. We were also encouraged to share any lost federal funding with CSAC to aid in advocacy.

#### Federal & Regional Strategy

Federal funding continues to be unreliable—even when allocated—due to staffing cuts at the agency level. Congressional contacts like Reps. Valadao and Kim are key. HR 1333 also brings fiscal implications, particularly around SRS funding. CSAC also discussed regionalizing jail medical services to reduce cost and liability.

#### Mendocino County Report

I shared that our Psychiatric Health Facility and the Behavioral Health wing of the jail should be open by the annual meeting. We continue to face underfunded road needs and workforce shortages. We're working with the Army Corps of Engineers, Sonoma County, and a local tribe to finally move forward with long-overdue capacity improvements at Lake Mendocino (through IWPC).

CSAC unveiled a new website I would encourage you to take a look around and sign up for updates.

<https://www.counties.org>

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