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Annual Conference Registration is Now Open!
Early Bird Registration Savings of \$50

It's not too early to register to attend the League's 2015 Annual Conference & Expo. This year's conference will run from Wednesday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 2 at the San José Convention Center. *For more, see Page 2.*



Ed Mendel Presents Overview of CalPERS Volatility and Risk Reduction Proposals
Reminder: Webinars on Wednesday and Thursday to Cover CalPERS Options to Reduce Risk and Volatility

With a great deal of attention on the stability of California's pension systems, Ed Mendel, of Calpensions.com, published an article yesterday on his blog examining the California Public Employees Retirement Systems' (CalPERS) consideration of a long-term rate hike in an effort to decrease risk. Mendel, a Capitol reporter with decades of experience, now focuses on CalPERS and the California State Teachers Retirement System. *For more, see Page 2.*



Application Period Now Open for 2014-15 Museum Grant Program
Submit by Tuesday, Sept. 1

The California Cultural and Historical Endowment announce the release of its guidelines and application solicitation for the FY 2014-15 Museum Grant Program. *For more, see Page 2.*

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You can register your city to attend and your voting delegates through the [League's website](#). Registrations received before Aug. 5 will receive the Early Bird Discount and save \$50 on each registration. Housing options will be in the registration confirmation email.

Don't miss out on the League's premiere educational and networking event for city officials and staff! With over 60 sessions to choose from, there are sure to be multiple topics and issues that you can learn about and bring back to your communities. Is there an issue your city is facing that is not covered in a session? You have approximately 2000 colleagues and exhibitors to network and share experiences with.

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In Mendel's [June 1 post](#), he examines how CalPERS is looking at a series of small rate increases for employers and employees in response to recent significant investment losses and the fact that the system is expected to have more retirees receiving benefits than active workers paying into the system. The piece provides background and includes a chart to illustrate the forecasted ratio of actives to retirees in the coming decades. Mendel also covers how CalPERS' leadership is currently looking at two possible strategies to ensure the system's long-term stability.

Webinars Offered June 3 and 4

CalPERS this week is [offering two webinars](#) to brief members on the strategies. The 90-minute sessions, on June 3 and 4 from 1:30-3 p.m., will include both speakers and Q&A.

The League strongly urges cities to sign up for one of the webinars.

[Register online](#).

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Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB 482 in 2013, which authorized creation of a specified competitive grant program to support small capital projects in museums including the acquisition of real property, or construction projects at museum facilities or venues.

Funding is currently available from Proposition 40 bond funds for two cycles of \$2 million each. Proceeds from the new [Snoopy Special Interest License Plate](#) are planned to fund the program in future years. Snoopy License Plates may be purchased [online](#) to support California museums.

Please read the guidelines, application and forms in their entirety for important information on project eligibility, evaluation criteria and application submission requirements. Guidelines and application are available [online](#).

Technical Assistance Workshops

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one of the four Technical Assistance Workshops which provide help in preparing grant applications. Please RSVP by one week before the workshop.

Bay Area
June 18
1–5 p.m.
Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd, Oakland, CA 94619
[Parking](#)

San Diego
June 25
1–5 p.m.

Natural History Museum
1788 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101

[Parking](#)

Sacramento*

July 2

1–5 p.m.

Crocker Art Museum

216 O St, Sacramento, CA 95814

[Parking](#)

Los Angeles

July 9

1–5 p.m.

Museum of Tolerance

9786 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90035

[Parking](#)

*The Sacramento workshop will also be available via webcast. When submitting an RSVP for the Sacramento workshop, please specify if you will be attending in person or through the webcast. Updates regarding instructions for the July 2 webcast will be posted online. The audio and video links to the webcast will likely become active 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

For questions on the Museum Grant Program or to RSVP, please call (916) 653-2812 or email mgpcoordinator@resources.ca.gov.
