

California Municipal Treasurer Association

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WHAT IS GOING ON IN DIVISION 4

We had our first meeting of the 2008 calendar year on February 7, 2008. We had a special 3-part Real Estate meeting. The first topic was How bad is the local housing industry? How tight is money? What is happening with foreclosures? Will recent changes help avoid a future collapse? We had an excellent speaker from our local First National Bank speak.

For the second topic, Mary Joe Walker, the Santa Cruz County Auditor Controller spoke to our group. She provided a state of the local real-estate market through the eyes assessed valuation and property tax revenue. She engaged the attendees with plenty of graphs and charts and information on their specific City/County.

Lastly, we had Pamela Becker from Municipal Capital Management Inc. speak in regards to the subprime market reached in Government Debt issues. We heard about the current status of the insurance company rating downgrades and how this will affect local government's ability to issue debt. Some attendees had recent experiences with this new dilemma.

PLANNING FOR DIVISION 4

On May 16, 2008 we will be having a meeting discussing the State of the State (Deanna Sessums, League of Ca Cities) & Sales Tax (Bret Harmon, Muniservices). On August 15th, Solutions for public funds investors (Ben Finkelstein, Stanford Public Funds Group) & (Brian Perry, Chandler Asset Management).

BANKING

Our bank balance remained at \$1,758.28.