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TO: VENTURA COUNTY MEDIA

**SUBJECT: VENTURA COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY
AUDITORS**

Christine Cohen, Ventura County Auditor-Controller, has been named President of the State Association of County Auditors. Ms Cohen has served on the Association's Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, Accounting Standards and Procedures Committee, and Government Relations Committee, as well as a Historian of the Association.

The State Association of County Auditors works to promote both development of, and the continued support for, accounting and auditing practices in counties that are in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and auditing standards applicable to governmental agencies. It also strives to create a better understanding and utilization of legislation and its impact on the financial aspects of county government, as well as on matters which directly affect the funding, workload, and statutory duties of the County Auditors, Controllers, and Finance Officers. Ms Cohen is dedicated to encouraging communication and cooperation between the State and local governments in dealing with financial issues affecting county governments.

Ms. Cohen was installed Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Association's annual conference which was hosted in Ventura County. She looks forward to serving the Association with a particular focus on government relations and the professional development of the members of the organization through programs related to accounting, auditing, and public finance.

Ms. Cohen joined the Auditor-Controller's Office in 1979, was appointed Auditor-Controller effective January 1, 2001 and was first elected to the position on March 5, 2002 and re-elected in 2006. She is also a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, and the Association of Government Accountants. She also serves as the Director of Club Administration of the Camarillo Rotary Club, is a former Director for United Way of Ventura County and a member of the Camarillo Health Care District Leadership Advisory Panel.