

California Counties Audit Chiefs' Committee Southern California Training

“Control Self-Assessment”

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Letter from Director Peter Hughes



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TO: California Counties
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FROM: Dr. Peter Hughes, CPA, Director
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Hi!

I am pleased to share with you our CSA successes and insights. We first embraced CSA as a way to help management help themselves. We researched the literature and found many versions of CSA, and picked the most labor-intensive and demanding version of CSA – the facilitated workshop, hosted by the Orange County Internal Audit Department.

The adage that “you get back what you put into something” proved very true for us. Our CSA “auditor-facilitated” workshops were enthusiastically embraced by the entire County and proved to be the single most popular and highest rated service we provided.

We conducted over 100 workshops Countywide in almost every single County department. In fact, they were so popular, we returned as many as three times to some departments at their insistence.

I hope our presentation proves interesting and helpful to you.



Part 1 – Introduction

1. Different types of CSA
2. Methods of CSA used by OCIAD
3. Introduction to CSA

Part 2 –CSA Workshop Demonstration

1. Post-It Note exercise (referred to as “Situation Appraisal”)
2. Voting on level of agreement with various statements and subsequent discussion (referred to as “Control Appraisal”)

Part 3 – CSA Workshop Summary