



Western Intergovernmental AUDIT FORUM

FISCAL DISTRESS: Knowing The Signs

—*California State Auditor*

Session Agenda

- **What Is The Local Government High Risk Program**
- **What Are The Signs of Fiscal Distress**
- **Why an Online Dashboard**
- **What Does It Look Like?**
- **Questions**

Introduction

- **Cities Facing Challenging Times**
- **Local Governments – Bankruptcies**
- **State High Risk Program Already in Place**
- **AB 187, Statutes of 2011-12**

What is the Local Government Agency High Risk Program?

- **Local Government Agency High Risk**
 - **Special Districts**
 - **Counties**
 - **Cities**

How Does the High Risk Program Work?

- **Analytical Review**
- **Initial Assessment of Risk**
- **Audit Proposal to JLAC**

Why An Online Dashboard?

- **Transparency:** Residents, state and local officials can assess the fiscal health of cities throughout California
- **Accountability:** Stimulates questions regarding management of city resources
- **Engagement:** Provides information for various types of users

What Are The Signs of Fiscal Distress?

- Liquidity
- Debt Burden
- General Fund Reserves
- Revenue Trends
- Retirement Obligations

What Does It Look Like?

- **Access Through auditor.ca.gov**
- **Navigating the Dashboard**
 - Website
 - Indicators
 - Regional Maps