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## The latest on California politics and government

Assembly Republicans have chosen their next leader.

Assemblywoman **Kristin Olsen**, R-Modesto, will take over as head of the caucus from Assembly Republican leader **Connie Conway**, R-Tulare. A spokeswoman for Conway said the transition will take place after November elections.

First elected in 2010, Olsen has served as vice chair of the Assembly Education Committee. After Republicans voted to retain Conway as leader in the wake of sweeping election losses last year, Olsen [was relegated to a smaller office](#) amid speculation that the move was tied to leadership maneuverings. Conway will leave the Assembly due to term limits after this year.

Olsen's selection marks the latest in a series of leadership turnovers in the Legislature. Senate Democrats have voted to make Sen. Kevin de León, D-Los Angeles, their next leader, effective in October, while Assemblywoman **Toni Atkins**, D-San Diego, now leads Democrats in the lower house.

*PHOTO: Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen, R-Modesto speaks, as the California Legislature votes on the budget bill the State Capitol Sunday June 15, 2014 in Sacramento, Calif. The Sacramento Bee/Paul Kitagaki Jr.*

