

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

1. Roll Call of the Executive Committee

OFFICERS

Virginia Bass | President
Lisa Bartlett | 1st Vice President
James Gore | 2nd Vice President
Leticia Perez | Past President (remote)

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Executive Director
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | Deputy Executive Director,
Operations & Member Services
Darby Kernan | Deputy Executive Director,
Legislative Services

ADVISORS

Bruce Goldstein, County Counsels Association

SUPERVISORS

Luis Alejo | Monterey County
Keith Carson | Alameda County
Bob Elliott | San Joaquin County
Carole Groom | San Mateo County
Erin Hannigan | Solano County
Kelly Long | Ventura County
Bruce McPherson | Santa Cruz County
Buddy Mendes | Fresno County (remote)
Leonard Moty | Shasta County
Craig Pedersen | Kings County
Ed Valenzuela | Siskiyou County
Chuck Washington | Riverside County
Terry Woodrow | Alpine County
Ed Scofield | Nevada County (Treasurer)

2. Installation of the 2019 CSAC Board of Directors

The CSAC Constitution indicates that each county board shall nominate one or more directors to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors to serve a one-year term, commencing with the Annual Conference, Staff presented a list of nominees received from counties for the representatives and alternates.

A motion to approve the nominated members to the CSAC Board of Directors made by Supervisor Moty, Second by Supervisor Hannigan; motion carried unanimously.

3. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Alameda	– Keith Carson	Orange	– Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	– Terry Woodrow	Placer	– Bonnie Gore
Amador	– Richard Forster	Plumas	– Lori Simpson (remote)
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– Susan Peters
Colusa	– Denise Carter	San Benito	– Absent
Contra Costa	– John Gioia	San Bernardino	– Janice Rutherford
Del Norte	– Chris Howard	San Diego	– Greg Cox (remote)
El Dorado	– Sue Novasel	San Francisco	– N/A
Fresno	– Buddy Mendes (remote)	San Joaquin	– Bob Elliott

Glenn	– John Viegas (remote)	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– Absent	San Mateo	– Carole Groom
Imperial	– Raymond Castillo	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths (remote)	Santa Clara	– Susan Ellenberg
Kern	– Zack Scrivner (remote)	Santa Cruz	– Bruce McPherson
Kings	– Craig Pedersen	Shasta	– Leonard Moty
Lake	– Absent	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– Absent	Siskiyou	– Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	– Absent	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– Absent	Sonoma	– Absent
Marin	– Damon Connolly (remote)	Stanislaus	– Vito Chiesa (remote)
Mariposa	– Marshall Long (remote)	Sutter	– Dan Flores
Mendocino	– Carre Brown (remote)	Tehama	– Robert Williams
Merced	– Lee Lor (remote)	Trinity	– Judy Morris
Modoc	– Patricia Cullins (remote)	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Karl Rodefer
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– Belia Ramos	Yolo	– Jim Provenza
Nevada	– Ed Scofield	Yuba	– Doug Lofton

The presence of a quorum was noted.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 29, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes from November 29, 2018 made by Supervisor Forster; second by Supervisor Moty; Calaveras County abstained; motion carried with a majority vote.

5. Presentation of Distinguished Service Awards

CSAC honored Senator Bill Dodd with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award for his bipartisan effort to prevent changes to Wildfire Liability that would have devastated local government and for coordinating with staff and leadership to bring a comprehensive deal which brought reforms and funding for forestry and fire prevention projects. CSAC also honored Assemblymember Jim Wood with the Distinguished Service Award for his partnership in developing wildfire prevention legislation, which was a major step forward that will protect counties, fire victims, and rate payers while keeping utilities fiscally sound and protecting against future fire events.

6. Report on the Governor’s Budget

Staff presented on the Governor’s budget, which was delivered on January 10, 2019. CSAC staff is working with the administration and Legislature on getting issues addressed before the May Revise.

7. State Budget Impact on Counties

The CSAC Legislative Representatives presented on the budget impacts for their different policy areas.

a. Administration Of Justice

Staff presented that realignment numbers are up and that the numbers will be presented to counties within the next few weeks. No action pertaining to bail reform can be taken at this time. The budget contains \$75 million for Judicial Council to give pretrial services. CSAC is doing outreach to criminal justice analysts to gauge county interest and push for more money in the budget. Juvenile Justice has been moved from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Healthcare Services. CSAC has created a Juvenile Justice working group. The AOJ team is also focused on making Trial Court Security more functional. After the 2011 realignment, Trial Court Security was realigned to counties, but the amount of funding provided has not kept up with personnel and security costs.

b. Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources

CSAC continues to work with the administration on climate and resiliency funding after the passage of SB 901. Staff is working on influencing the allocation of the funds, including additional equipment to CalFire, public radio operability and tree mortality assistance, to name a few. CSAC continues to fight against PG&E alongside counties. On the environmental side, CSAC is working with the Legislature to introduce new clean drinking water proposals to fund the clean-up of contaminated drinking water systems in disadvantaged communities. The Governor has proposed \$1 billion in cap and trade spending, \$25 million of which will go to waste aversion funds. The focus will be on the development of infrastructure to manage organic waste material. CSAC has requested the establishment of a commission to focus on the National Sword "blue sky" policy initiated by the Chinese government. We currently export 80% of our plastic and paper overseas and this new policy will drastically decrease that number. CSAC is working closely with the administration on additional resources for local jurisdictions to expand domestic markets in California.

c. Government Finance Administration

The Governor's budget proposal included money for property tax backfills as a result of the wildfires and disasters. It seems apparent that the Governor's office is committed to ensuring that all affected counties are fully reimbursed for property tax backfills for the year of the disaster as well as the following fiscal year. CSAC is working with the administration on situations affecting counties that go beyond property tax backfills, such as water systems. The GFA policy committee is committed to ensuring a complete count for the 2020 Census.

d. Health and Human Services

CSAC dedicated significant time negotiating a provision that required the Department of Finance to Realign In Home Supportive Services (IHSS). The Realignment is positive for counties as it provides a reduced county commitment through revising the IHSS MOR and reduces the inflation factor from 7% to 4%. CSAC will remain focused on leading the effort to develop long-term sustainability for counties to administer IHSS and other programs on behalf of the state. The governor's budget had a major focus on childhood poverty and early education. The CMSP proposal, the long term JPA that counties use to contribute to their health realignment funding as a group to have medical services provided in their communities, was folded into the IHSS proposal. It included locking in the amount of funding that each pot gets, such as social services and mental health services. CSAC is unhappy with the proposal, which only offers a three month reserve, and is working with the CMSP Board and CHEAC to finalize. The CMSP Proposal also included expanding medical care to undocumented young adults ages 19-25 and increasing the sharing ratio for counties/state. The current sharing ration under AB 85 is 60% of health realignment funding that goes back to the state and 40% gets kept for the public health department – the proposal changes the sharing ration to 75%/25% respectively. The governor wants regions to work on homelessness. CSAC will remain at the table to ensure that the budget is useful to counties. There is also a prescription drug effort where state and county entities that purchase prescription drugs may be able to join a collaborative and purchase the drugs in bulk, bringing prices down. Counties will be able to opt in or out. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recouped \$180.7 million from California as a result of erroneous claims for service originating from county mental health plans in 2014, based on a recommendation by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General (OIG). CSAC staff has sent out documentation detailing the final results of the audit.

e. Housing Land Use and Transportation

The housing affordability and homelessness crisis is a high-priority issue for 2019. There have been proposals to allocate additional resources to the housing supply, such as offering funds and incentives. Proposals include \$750 million in one-time funding, \$250 million of which would be used for planning activities and coming up with new short-term housing production goals. The rest would be allocated as incentives for local jurisdictions that see an increase in housing production plans. The governor wants to create a separate housing production goal at the local level. CSAC is keeping an eye on trailer bill language on the proposal and will continue to hold conversations with counties and the legislature to educate the legislature about the value of SB 1 funding. The

Housing, Land Use & Transportation team continues to educate delegations about what county responsibilities are.

8. State & Federal Legislative Priorities for 2019

Staff presented the CSAC 2019 legislative priorities, which serve as a guide-map of major issues that staff will focus on. The 2019 core priorities are on wildfire, housing, in-home supportive services, behavioral health and the 2020 census. The Board was given a detailed report on the legislative priorities that staff will focus on in 2019.

A motion to approve the CSAC 2019 Legislative Priorities as presented by staff made by Supervisor Long; second by Supervisor Rodefer; motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Platform Changes

The CSAC Policy Committees meet during the Annual Conference and review/make changes to the Legislative Platforms, which act as a guide to the issues that staff can then advocate for on behalf of counties. The committees presented the changes to their Legislative Platform Chapters for approval by the Board of Directors.

a. AOJ

The committee added data collection language, modified bail language to ensure local flexibility and changed alcohol and drug treatment services to alcohol and substance use disorder treatment in section two of their Legislative and Executive Matters: General Principles for Local Corrections. In the section four, the Judicial Branch Matters, they changed alcohol and drug treatment services to alcohol and substance use disorder treatment. In Section five, Family Violence, a statement was added that family violence disproportionately impacts disadvantaged communities.

b. AENR

The committee proposed a language changes in chapters three, section twelve, dealing with enforcement and prevention of environmental incidents. Formatting changes were also made in chapter three to promote consistency across the chapters, including incorporating previously adopted medical marijuana policy into the chapter. Formatting and organizational changes were also made to chapters four and seven.

c. GFA

The committee provided some reformatting and grammatical changes to chapters five, nine, twelve, and thirteen. In Chapter eight, the committee incorporated language to the Public Retirement Section, incorporating language regarding CSAC's opposition of divestment mandates.

d. HHS

The committee proposed the removal of out-of-date language from chapter six to help streamline the platform. Grammatical and formatting changes were also made. Chapter eleven included reformatting and grammatical edits, as well as the removal of out-of-date language.

e. HLT

The committee proposed an addition to section six of chapter seven to facilitate the development or funding of affordable homes by counties and cities. The rest of the chapters did not include any substantive changes, other than minor formatting and grammatical edits.

A motion to approve the Legislative Platform Changes proposed by the policy committees made by Supervisor Rodefer; Second by Supervisor Gibson. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Institute for Local Government (ILG)

CSAC serves as one of three parent companies for ILG along with League of Cities and Special Districts Association. ILG going through a substantial transition to be more responsive. They have just welcomed a new Executive Director, Erica Manuel, who comes from SMUD and will address the Board of Directors at a later meeting. ILG does FPPC & Ethics work related to elected officials.

10. Federal Update

CSAC's Federal Lobbyist Joe Krahn from Paragon Government Relations gave the Board of Directors an update on the Federal Budget. The budget that was proposed following the longest government shutdown is expected to be signed by the President, keeping the government open or the rest of the session. The final budget deal (HJ RES 31) provides \$1.38 billion in spending for 55 miles of new fencing along the Rio Grande Valley for the US-Mexico border. The agreement also includes funding for other border security measures, including investments in technology, personnel and equipment. HJ RES 31 also provides funding for a number of key programs that are important to California's interest, including Wildland Firefighting, HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants, Highway and Bridge Discretionary, State Criminal Alien Assistance Program and Payments-in-lieu-of-Taxes. Paragon will prepare a comprehensive analysis of the final fiscal year 2019 spending package and will distribute it to the Board of Directors.

11. CSAC Finance Corporation Update

CSAC FC President Supervisor Leonard Moty and CSAC FC CEO Alan Fernandes updated the Board on the Finance Corporation. The corporation completed their elections and are excited to welcome their Board Members: Supervisor Richard Forster from Amador County, County Administrative Officer, David Twa from Contra Costa County, Vernon Billy, Executive Director of the California School Boards Association, and Elba Gonzalez, the Executive Director of Children's Health Initiative in Napa County. The Corporation is financially in good shape, and will give further details after the annual meeting. Six counties have joined the California Cannabis Authority, the Joint Powers Authority that allows local governments to develop and manage a statewide data platform to assist with regulating commercial cannabis activity. The participating counties include Humboldt, Mendocino, Monterey, Yolo, Inyo, and San Luis Obispo.

CSAC has 33 Platinum Partners that provide \$25,000 or more annually to the CSAC Finance Corporation. The Board was addressed by one of the Platinum Partners, Jim Freeze from Aon. Aon is a professional services firm that works with counties on risk management, health services, pension benefits, and other areas. Aon's partnership with CSAC is focused on retiree healthcare plans.

12. Communications Update: Supporting our 2019 Legislative Priorities

The communications team has been committed to working alongside the legislative staff to get CSAC's message out to counties and state-wide. Staff continues to do great work on informing the membership on a regular basis through the weekly Bulletin, Social Media, Email Correspondence, Regional Meetings, and major conference. Registration for Legislative Conference will go live next week.

13. California Counties Foundation Update

Supervisor Amy Shuklian from Tulare County was announced as a new California Counties Foundation Board member. The Foundation continues to focus on Excellence in County Governance through the CSAC Institute as well as the Results-First partnership with the Pew Charitable Trust. The Board was provided a schedule of upcoming courses offered through the CSAC Institute.

14. NACo Western Interstate Region 2020 Conference

The CSAC Member Services team is working closely with Mariposa County in securing a host role for the 2020 NACo WIR Conference for May 13-15, 2020, which generally brings between 500-600 participants. Requirements are stringent and CSAC is working with Mariposa staff to secure the location. CSAC is interested in partnering with RCRC to co-host. The WIR Board will make a decision by next week. Hosting in 2020 would be important for California since Supervisor Kevin Cann from Mariposa County will be president of WIR, providing a good opportunity for California to lead in his area during his term.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board meeting will be April 25th in Sacramento, CA.