

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 20, 2008
CSAC Conference Center, Sacramento

M I N U T E S

Presiding: Richard Gordon, President

1. ROLL CALL

Alameda	Keith Carson	Orange	absent
Alpine	Terry Woodrow	Placer	Jim Holmes
Amador	Louis Boitano	Plumas	absent
Butte	absent	Riverside	absent
Calaveras	Merita Callaway	Sacramento	Roger Dickinson
Colusa	absent	San Benito	Reb Monaco
Contra Costa	absent	San Bernardino	absent
Del Norte	David Finigan	San Diego	Greg Cox
El Dorado	James Sweeney	San Francisco	absent
Fresno	Henry Perea	San Joaquin	absent
Glenn	Tom McGowan	San Luis Obispo	Harry Ovitt
Humboldt	absent	San Mateo	Richard Gordon
Imperial	Gary Wyatt	Santa Barbara	Joni Gray
Inyo	Susan Cash	Santa Clara	Liz Kniss (via audio)
Kern	Jon McQuiston	Santa Cruz	Tony Campos
Kings	absent	Shasta	Glenn Hawes
Lake	absent	Sierra	absent
Lassen	absent	Siskiyou	Michael Kobseff
Los Angeles	absent	Solano	Mike Reagan
Madera	Bigelow/Dominici	Sonoma	Valerie Brown
Marin	Susan Adams	Stanislaus	Dick Monteith
Mariposa	Dianne Fritz	Sutter	Larry Munger
Mendocino	Michael Delbar	Tehama	Bob Williams
Merced	absent	Trinity	absent
Modoc	absent	Tulare	absent
Mono	Vikki Magee-Bauer	Tuolumne	absent
Monterey	Fernando Armenta	Ventura	Kathy Long (via audio)
Napa	absent	Yolo	Mike McGowan
Nevada	Ted Owens	Yuba	absent

The presence of a quorum was noted.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 15, 2007 were approved as previously mailed.

3. CSAC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2008

Staff outlined the draft 2008 CSAC State Legislative Priorities as contained in the briefing materials. The Executive Committee previously considered and approved the draft priorities.

The Board requested the addition of a bullet under the "State Budget" section regarding timely disbursement of payments.

Motion and second to adopt the 2008 State Legislative Priorities with the additional bullet regarding timely disbursement of payment. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff presented the draft 2008 Federal Legislative Priorities as contained in the briefing materials. The Executive Committee previously considered and approved the draft priorities.

Motion and second to adopt the 2008 Federal Legislative Priorities as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The adopted version of the State and Federal Legislative Priorities is attached.

4. SB 375: GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

SB 375 by Senator Steinberg provides a legislative approach to achieve the greenhouse gas emission reductions established by AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. SB 375 would rely on long-range transportation plans to meet targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the automobile and light truck transportation sector. It only requires metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) or regional transportation planning agencies (RTPAs) in air quality non-attainment areas to comply with the requirements of the bill. However, other regional entities may voluntarily comply and in return their member agencies may be eligible for relief under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for specific infill projects.

The CSAC Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee and Climate Change Task Force met to consider a position on the legislation and recommended a "Support if Amended" position to the Board of Directors. A list of proposed amendments was contained in the briefing materials.

Motion and second to approve recommendation and encourage staff to continue working with the author to address county concerns. Motion carried. (22 in favor/11 opposed).

5. PAROLE REALIGNMENT TASK FORCE

One of the elements contained in the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) Alternative 2008-09 State Budget Proposal is a recommended realignment of supervision for certain lower level prisoners from state parole to county probation. Under the LAO's proposal, approximately 71,000 state prison parolees would be transitioned to county probation. Counties would receive \$495 million – a \$12 million increase over what state parole currently receives for this responsibility – to supervisor and provide transitional services at the local level. Using 2005 figures, the LAO's analysis estimates that counties' adult probation population would increase from 344,000 to 415,000. Additional details of the proposal were contained in the briefing materials.

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors appoint a Task Force on Parole Realignment to

analyze the fiscal, operational and practical implications of the LAO's alternative budget proposal to realign responsibility for certain parolees to county probation.

Motion and second to approve the formation of a CSAC Parole Realignment Task Force.
Motion carried unanimously.

President Gordon encouraged any Board of Directors members who are interested in serving on the task force to contact CSAC staff member Elizabeth Howard.

6. ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' CANDIDATE FOR 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

President Gordon discussed CSAC's participation in the campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President. Last year CSAC supported Judge Glen Whitley of Texas who ultimately lost to Teresa Altemus of Virginia. Judge Whitley has decided to run again this year and has requested CSAC's support. The other candidate this year is Lou Magazzu from New Jersey. Both candidates were invited to make a short presentation to the Board. Following their presentations, a discussion took place regarding whether or not to wait until the California Caucus in July before taking action. The decision was made to take action at this time.

Motion and second to support Judge Glen Whitley for 2008 NACo 2nd Vice President and adhere to the unit rule provision. Motion carried unanimously.

7. INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORT

JoAnne Speers, Director of the Institute of Local Government (ILG) provided an update on ILG activities. ILG launched its California Climate Action Network (CCAN) in 2006. The program provides resources and fosters information sharing to support local government action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use in their communities. As part of that effort, ILG is developing an award program to recognize local leadership and achievement. The Collaborative Governance Initiative hosted a statewide web dialogue for city and county youth commissions to share information and gain additional skills to enhance youth engagement in local policymaking. The Communities for Healthy Kids program is continuing to move along. Ms. Speers distributed a publication titled *Understanding the Basics of County and City Revenues*, which ILG recently published.

8. CSAC HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING DEFICIT WORK GROUP REPORT

Supervisor Roger Dickinson, chair of the Human Services Funding Deficit (HSFD) Work Group, provided an update. The group's purpose is to develop multiple strategies for building support within the Legislature and Administration to resolve the problem. They have met six times and engaged in discussions ranging from how to frame the issue effectively within four main areas – political, media, grassroots, and legal – to identifying opportunities and approaches for future efforts. The HSFD group will also explore the ramifications of the Governor's proposed 2008-09 budget on county administrative funding for human services programs. An educational outreach package for all county supervisors to use locally was contained in the briefing materials. It included a memo, talking points and county-by-county deficit figures.

9. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) REPORT

The NACo Legislative Conference was held in Washington, D.C. on March 1 – 4. The NACo Rural Action Caucus held their annual "Fly-In" immediately following the conference which focused on Secure Rural Schools and Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funding. The NACo Western Interstate Region (WIR) conference will take place in St. George, Utah on May 21-23.

Supervisor Roger Dickinson, Chair of the NACo Task Force on Children Aging out of Foster Care, announced that a task force meeting was held during the NACo Legislative conference and the group will meet again at the NACo Annual Conference in July.

10. CSAC FINANCE CORPORATION REPORT

Supervisor Cox, a member of the CSAC Finance Corporation Board of Directors, provided an update on Finance Corporation activities. Tom Sweet was appointed Executive Director, replacing Norma Lammers. CalTrust, an investment pool for public entities now has 55 participants. The first closing on the Transportation Road Improvement Program (TRIP) will take place this month. The Finance Corporation has hosted eight "Green Purchasing" seminars throughout the state to provide procurement officers with information on how to purchase low cost, environmentally friendly products and services.

Supervisor Valerie Brown suggested that the CSAC Finance Corporation assist counties who are unable to pay their NACo dues this year.

11. STATE BUDGET/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Staff reported on major components of the Governor's proposed budget. In order to offset the estimated \$14.5b deficit, the Governor proposed 10% across-the-board cuts for state agencies and departments, \$3.3b in Economic Recovery Bonds, deferrals of county social service and gas tax payments, and early release of some parolees. The Legislative Analyst's Office is recommending no suspension of Proposition 1A or 1B, no 10% across-the-board cuts, and the creation of a Parole Realignment Task Force to look at revenues and program design. Budget committees in both the Senate and Assembly have already begun meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding county programs that are currently unfunded or underfunded by the state. President Gordon invited members to contact Paul McIntosh with suggestions for types of mandated programs that counties wish to eliminate.

AB 1491, the court facilities transfer legislation, is moving through the Legislature. Staff has been working to mitigate county concerns. The bill is expected to reach the Governor's desk in April.

12. HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE

Staff reported on a number of health care reform bills which were introduced this year:
AB 1 (Laird) and SB 32 (Steinberg) – would expand Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Program eligibility for children to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty level;
AB 2 (Dymally) – guaranteed issue for high risk populations with pre-existing conditions through the Managed Risk medical Insurance Board;
AB 1945 (De La Torre) – would require plans to seek approval from regulators prior to each effort to rescind, cancel or modify coverage;
AB 2474 (Galgiani) – creates a statewide obesity prevention program;
AB 1440 (Kuehl) – requires health care service plans and health insurers to expend no less than 85% of revenues obtained from subscribers on patient care;
SB 1522 (Steinberg) – creates five tiers of coverage in which health plans would be classified;
SB 1533 (Lowenthal) – would compel health plans to increase access and simplify claims, among other things.

In addition to the legislation, a ballot initiative to provide health insurance to all children at or below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty level through a 37 cent per pack tobacco tax is pending at the Attorney General's Office. Three constitutional amendments are currently in the

signature-gathering phase: The California Health Security Plan; The Inalienable Right to Afford Health Care; and the Right to Health.

13. EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM UPDATE

The two eminent domain measures, Homeowners Protection Act (Proposition 98) and the California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act (Proposition 99) have both qualified for the June 2008 ballot. The coalition is focused on a strategy to ensure passage of Proposition 99 and defeat for Proposition 98.

Staff reported that the CSAC Political Action Committee (PAC) Task Force has been appointed to look at campaign funding issues. Supervisor Gary Wyatt was appointed chair and members include: Supervisors Judy Case, Kathy Long, Mike McGowan, Ted Novelli and John Tavaglione.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

Board members were encouraged to attend the special Agriculture and Natural Resources policy committee meeting regarding Bay-Delta water issues being held on March 28 in Sacramento.

New CSAC staff members Eraina Ortega, Employee Relations Legislative Representative, and Faith Conley, Employee Relations Analyst, were introduced.

The CSAC Legislative Conference will be held in Sacramento on May 21-22. President Gordon encouraged members to register and make hotel reservations.

Meeting adjourned.

