

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 29, 2018

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MINUTES

Presiding: Leticia Perez, President

1. Pledge of Allegiance

President Perez led the Board of Directors in the Pledge.

2. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Leticia Perez, *President*

Virginia Bass, *1st Vice President*

Lisa Bartlett, *2nd Vice President*

Keith Carson, *Immediate Past President*

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, *Past President County Counsels Association, Sonoma County*

Larry Lees, *California Association of County Executives President, Shasta County*

Alameda	–	Scott Haggerty	Orange	–	Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	–	Terry Woodrow	Placer	–	Jim Holmes
Amador	–	Richard Forster	Plumas	–	Lori Simpson
Butte	–	Bill Connelly	Riverside	–	Chuck Washington
Calaveras	–	Michael Oliveira	Sacramento	–	Susan Peters
Colusa	–	Denise Carter	San Benito	–	Jamie De La Cruz
Contra Costa	–	John Gioia	San Bernardino	–	Absent
Del Norte	–	Chris Howard	San Diego	–	Greg Cox
El Dorado	–	Sue Novasel	San Francisco	–	Absent
Fresno	–	Buddy Mendes	San Joaquin	–	Bob Elliott
Glenn	–	Keith Corum	San Luis Obispo	–	Lynn Compton (remote)
Humboldt	–	Estelle Fennell	San Mateo	–	Carole Groom
Imperial	–	Raymond Castillo	Santa Barbara	–	Das Williams
Inyo	–	Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	–	Absent
Kern	–	Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	–	Bruce McPherson
Kings	–	Craig Pedersen	Shasta	–	Leonard Moty
Lake	–	Moke Simon	Sierra	–	Lee Adams (remote)
Lassen	–	Chris Gallagher	Siskiyou	–	Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	–	Mark Ridley-Thomas	Solano	–	Erin Hannigan
Madera	–	Brett Frazier	Sonoma	–	James Gore
Marin	–	Damon Connolly (remote)	Stanislaus	–	Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	–	Marshall Long	Sutter	–	Dan Flores
Mendocino	–	Carre Brown	Tehama	–	Robert Williams
Merced	–	Lee Lor	Trinity	–	Judy Morris
Modoc	–	Patricia Cullins	Tulare	–	Amy Shuklian
Mono	–	John Peters	Tuolumne	–	Sherri Brennan
Monterey	–	Luis Alejo	Ventura	–	Kelly Long
Napa	–	Diane Dillon	Yolo	–	Jim Provenza
Nevada	–	Ed Scofield	Yuba	–	Doug Lofton

The presence of a quorum was noted.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2018 & October 11, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes from September 6, 2018 and October 11, 2018 made by Supervisor Carson. Second by Supervisor Fennell. Supervisors Gallagher and De La Cruz abstained from the October 11 minutes. Supervisor Connolly abstained from both. The minutes were approved as previously mailed with a majority vote.

4. Making the 2020 U.S. Census Count in California & Counties

Ditas Katague, Director of California Census 2020 addressed the Board of Directors on the importance of the upcoming Census. The Goal of the 2020 Census is to ensure that everyone is counted once, only once, and in the right place. California has a complete county mission, in hopes of ensuring that Californians get their fair share of government resources. The Census will be done digitally, which will pose more challenges. Supportive language support and online videos will be made available to support as many demographics as possible, with the objective to encourage as many people to self-fill before the census sends people door to door to count. With so much at stake, including power, money and the potential to lose congressional seats, the census is looking to engage on the ground early on to ensure everyone is accounted for.

5. CSAC Institute Credentials

Supervisors Heidi Hall (Nevada County) and Amy Shuklian (Tulare County) were recognized among other county personnel for receiving the Institute Credentials.

6. Federal Issues Update

Federal lobbyist Joe Krahn from Paragon Government Relations addressed the Board of Directors on the upcoming Federal Issues. The deadline to have a Fiscal Year 2019 budget in place is December 7, 2018. Lawmakers are in the process of negotiating a new multi-year Farm Bill reauthorization package, along with several other programs that are expiring and will need to be addressed. Some victories for California in 2018 include direct federal funding being allocated through FEMA's disaster relief fund, participation in the new federal-state environmental reciprocity program created by the *FAST Act*, two years of funding for the SRS program, a comprehensive water resources infrastructure package, and many others. Paragon will continue to work with and update CSAC on any changes from the Capitol.

7. Election of 2019 Executive Committee

In addition to the new CSAC Officers (President Virginia Bass, 1st Vice President Lisa Bartlett, 2nd Vice President James Gore, Past President Leticia Perez), the following members were elected to serve on the CSAC Executive Committee for 2019:

SUBURBAN SECTION

Luis Alejo, Monterey County
Bruce McPherson, Santa Cruz County
Leonard Moty, Shasta County
Erin Hannigan, Solano County (alternate)

RURAL SECTION

Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou County
Terry Woodrow, Alpine County
Craig Pedersen, Kings County (alternate)

URBAN SECTION

Keith Carson, Alameda County
Carole Groom, San Mateo County
Kelly Long, Ventura County
Buddy Mendes, Fresno County
Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County
Chuck Washington, Riverside County
Bob Elliott, San Joaquin County (alternate)

ADVISORS

Bruce Goldstein, County Counsels Association, Past President, Sonoma County
Birgitta Corsello, California Association of County Executives, President, Solano County

A Motion to approve the Executive Committee nominations made by Supervisor Holmes; second by Supervisor Fennel. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CSAC Policy Committee Reports

a. Administration of Justice

Supervisor Kelly Long updated the Board on the Administration of Justice Policy Committee meeting. The committee received reports on the California Bail Reform Act and the legislation surrounding pretrial assessment and SB10 and its impending implementations. The committee approved the following priorities: Mental Health Diversion, Bail Reform, Trial Court Security, Implementation of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs and Juvenile Hall Repurposing.

A motion to accept the Administration of Justice committee report made by Supervisor De La Cruz; second by Supervisor Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources

Supervisor Bruce Gibson reported on the AENR policy committee meeting. The committee's main discussion, moderated by Michael McCormick from the Governor's office of Planning and Research, was on building safer communities when it comes to planning, preparing and recovering from disasters. The group had a wide range of well-organized discussion and the priorities proposed by staff passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources report made by Supervisor Mendes; second by Supervisor Frazier. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Government Finance & Administration

Supervisor Erin Hannigan recounted the GFA Policy Committee Meeting that took place during the annual conference. The committee approved two action items, including the staff recommended platform changes as well as the committee's 2019 WorkPlan, which contains the 2020 census, economic development and various legislative cleanup efforts. Representatives from the US Census Bureau spoke about the importance of the upcoming census count. An employment attorney spoke about recent Supreme Court decisions and their impact on county operations. The committee also received an update from Paragon Relations, the Federal Lobbying Team.

A motion to approve the Government Finance and Administration policy committee report made by Supervisor Gioia; second by Supervisor Flores. Supervisor Marshall Long abstained; the motion carried with a majority vote.

d. Health & Human Services

Supervisor Das Williams presented an update on the HHS policy committee. The committee hosted a panel discussion on realignment which CSAC staff provided an overview of 1991 Realignment and the LAO staff presented on recent realignment. CAO

David Twa informed the committee on necessary changes to sustainability for In-Home Supportive Services. The committee passed adding language regarding guardians and conservators to IHHS. Homelessness and poverty will remain top priorities for the committee in 2019.

A motion to approve the HHS policy committee report made by Supervisor Holmes; Second by Supervisor Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Housing, Land Use & Transportation

Chris Lee of CSAC Staff reported on the housing, land use and transportation policy committee meeting. The committee reviewed the efforts that took place in 2018, mainly the defeat of Proposition 6, and plans to streamline project development including sponsored legislation in 2019. They discussed the continued efforts for housing affordability and the need to educate the incoming administration on CSAC's priorities and policies on tribal intergovernmental relations and tribal gaming. Paragon Relations provided a federal affairs update to the committee. Ben Metcalf, the Director of the California Department of Housing & Community Development, addressed the committee on County Funding Opportunities for Land Use Planning and Affordable Housing.

A motion to approve the HLT policy committee report made by Supervisor Haggerty; Second by Supervisor Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

9. CSAC Executive Director's Report & Resolution Authorizing Conduct of CSAC Business

Graham Knaus thanked the CSAC Officers and staff for their hard work in 2018 and noted that despite the difficult legislative year and multiple staff changes, CSAC has remained successful in representing the 58 counties of California. He noted that Kiana Valentine and Cara Watson will be leaving CSAC at the end of the year. Graham stated that as California transitions to a new governor, we will face significant changes that will require us to pivot and explore advocacy in creative ways to continue to partner with the Legislature. Staff will continue to have strategic conversations about the year ahead and advocacy priorities and will move them forward to the Executive Committee and the Board. Staff is finding opportunity in the midst of transition, along with the significant challenges and wants to continue to reflect county priorities in Sacramento and Washington DC.

It was requested that the Board approve the annual resolution authorizing the Executive Director to conduct day-to-day business on behalf of CSAC.

A motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to conduct CSAC business made by Supervisor Cullins; Second by Supervisor Long. Motion carried unanimously

10. CSAC Conflict of Interest Policy

Jennifer Henning, Executive Director of the County Counsels Association and Legal Counsel to CSAC, addressed the Board and reminded the members that CSAC is a not for profit corporation, governed by state and federal non-profit laws. The IRS requires each state association to provide their members with the Conflict of Interest Policy. Supervisors were asked to sign the policy and return to CSAC, with reminders that as the governing body of CSAC, each member has an obligation to report any potential conflict of interest.

11. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Leonard Moty, President of the CSAC Finance Corporation announced that the organization is doing financially well and continues to support and contribute to the success of CSAC. Alan Fernandes, Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Corporation, updated the Board members on the current programs that the FC is working with, including Easy Smart Pay, the Cannabis Authority, 211 California and CalTRUST to name a few. CSAC FC continues to be strategic with its partnerships and is constantly looking for new ones.

Eric Westrom from Synoptek spoke about the cyber security partnership with CSAC. Synoptek provides IT services to CSAC and has recently joined up with CSAC FC. 60% of counties are most concerned about phishing, staff training & awareness. The new cyber security program intends to address those issues and more.

12. Caucus Reports

a. Rural

Supervisor Virginia Bass presented that the rural caucus is looking at changing their rules for Executive Committee membership to include staggering of members. Each county was able to voice their concerns and the caucus is looking at CSAC priorities to extend the conversation at future meetings.

b. Suburban

Supervisor James Gore reported on the suburban caucus meeting during the annual conference. The caucus discussed the future makeup of its membership as some counties are moving into the urban caucus based on population. The group discussed how best to deal with this. The focus will remain on leveraging connections to work with the incoming legislature, with the goal is to be proactive with the administration.

c. Urban

Supervisor Lisa Bartlett reported that the urban caucus meeting included voting in new members for the Executive Committee.

13. Operations & Member Services Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr. reported on the operations and membership services at CSAC. He noted that the support staff has been integral in advocacy efforts at the capital. Social Media has been a great tool that has helped amplify CSAC's message around the devastating fires that have taken place. CSAC works to pass on important information during and after the disasters to keep everyone informed. CSAC also uses social media to showcase the great work that counties are doing, such as the challenge awards and their best practices. Regional meetings have proven to be very important ways to bring counties together with a focused forum discussion on emerging topics in California.

CSAC Foundation Update

The Foundation had a board meeting during the annual conference. The Foundation is celebrating 10 years, and staff noted that the success could not have taken place without the hard work of Bill Chiat and Supervisors John Gioia and Ken Yeager. There are two vacancies on the Foundation Board, one for a County Supervisor, whose appointment will be made by incoming president, Virginia Bass; and the other for a County Administrative Officer, who will be

appointed by the County Administrators Association. Staff will be making recommendations to the Board for the use of \$500,000 donation funds from US Communities. The CSAC institute for excellence continues to grow and thrive, with a record number of participants in the past few months. The CSAC Results First Initiative offers technical assistance to counties and recently received a \$500,000 grant to expand into additional counties and move into behavioral health and is working on expanding to other counties and finding additional funding.

14. Informational Items, No Presentation

The briefing materials packet contained reports from the Institute for Local Government, CSAC Institute Class Schedule, and the 2019 CSAC Calendar of events. The CSAC Litigation Coordination Program annual report was distributed separately.

Meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Directors meeting will take place February 14, 2019 in Sacramento.